

*Foothills Subarea Plan
Questionnaire Report*



January 2007
Presented to
Whatcom County Foothills Advisory Committee

January 23, 2007

Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee (FSPAC)
c/o Whatcom County Planning & Development Services
5280 Northwest Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98226

Subject: Questionnaire Response Report

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is an evaluative summary of the responses we received from the questionnaire distributed in October 2006. The appendix includes raw numbers and open-ended responses to the survey. This questionnaire served as another way to gather information from Foothills residents about issues that are important to them. The responses, along with the information gathered at previous public meetings, will serve to further strengthen and guide the content of the Subarea Plan.

Please feel free to e-mail me at bgrimes@studiocascade.com to discuss this report in more detail. I look forward to hearing from you and to meeting with you in the near future to plan our direction from this point forward in more depth.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William Grimes', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

William Grimes, AICP, Principal
Studio Cascade, Inc. 114 W. Pacific Ave, Ste 200 Spokane, WA 99201

Contents

The Questionnaire	4
Overall Findings.....	5
Part One – Location.....	6
Part Two – Preferences.....	7
Community	7
Sewer/Water.....	7
Land Use/Housing.....	7
Recreation	8
Economy	8
Transportation.....	8
Emergency Preparedness	9
Part Three – Tradeoffs and Priorities	10
Part Four – Vision	11
Part Five – Respondent Comments.....	12

The Questionnaire

In early October, the County sent out 4,751 questionnaires to landowners within in the foothills area. The Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee (FSPAC) members handed out an additional 500 questionnaires. Later, the FSPAC members handed out 300 Russian language questionnaires to members of the Russian and Ukrainian community. Respondents were asked to return the questionnaire to the County planning department by October 20th, 2006 with the deadline ultimately extended into the second half of December. The County collected 379 completed questionnaires.

Instrument

The questionnaire went through a number of drafts, each one more specific and stronger than the last. The CAC members worked to revise the instrument so that it gathered information from respondents essential for drafting the Subarea Plan.

The questionnaire was broken into five parts:

- Location
- Preferences
- Tradeoffs and Priorities
- Vision
- Respondent Comments

Part One – “Location” asked participants to indicate on a map where they owned property, worked and lived within the Foothills Subarea with a corresponding “O”, “W” and “L.” Part Two – “Preferences” asked respondents a series of questions about the following subject areas: community, sewer/water, land use/housing, recreation, economy, transportation, and emergency preparedness. Answers allowed in this section were limited to strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree or no opinion. Two questions in this section allowed open-ended responses and two other questions allowed multiple responses. Part Three – “Tradeoffs and Priorities” asked respondents to rank common policy choices in order of most important (1) to least important (10). In this section, participants were allowed to add their own policy choice if it was not listed and rank its importance. Part Four – “Vision” was a series of open-ended questions asking participants what they liked most about the area and what they’d like to see in the next 20 years. In Part Five – “Respondent Comments,” people were allowed to express anything that the survey hadn’t covered.

Statistical Inference

This questionnaire was not controlled or designed to be statistically valid. The results, however, provide information about issues of concern to Foothills residents. The questionnaire serves as an additional form of public comment from a group of residents and landowners that may not have participated in the public meetings.

For this reason, the data collected from this survey are included in the subarea plan and helped guide the vision, goals and policies presented in that plan.

Data Compiling

The bulk of the questionnaire was analyzed using a program called SPSS. This computer program is generally used to easily analyze large quantities of data collected in surveys and questionnaires. It helped make some important connections between questions and quickly gauge the importance of some issues to the respondents. Scaled questions – “strongly agree” through “strongly disagree” or “no opinion” – were entered into the program and analyzed individually for frequencies. Open-ended questions and additional comments were captured in Excel spreadsheets and analyzed for patterns and frequent responses. These frequencies are located in the Appendix of this document along with the open-ended responses we received in conjunction with this questionnaire. The Appendix does not include actual text of longer communication – in the form of letters and comment sheets attached to the questionnaire – we received from respondents. Those comments, however, were included in our analysis.

This report presents an evaluative summary of the responses and various comments by respondents, to help the advisory committee and the community translate this and other information into a plan that reflects the community’s sentiment, hopes and aspirations.

Overall Findings

Through comments in and responses to the questionnaire, respondents made it very clear that they love living in the Foothills and they love the area’s rural character. Part Four – Vision, was the most common place for respondents to list rural character as the thing they liked most about living in the Foothills. Also, “Rural Character” ranked number 1 in Part Three – Trade Offs and Priorities. Responses to other questions in the survey indicate the desire to preserve rural character. In the Land Use/Housing section, 76 percent of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the area “should continue the type of single-family and rural residential patterns” that currently exist in the area. And, later in the same section, 68 percent strongly disagree that increased housing density should be allowed in the Foothills.

The economic climate of the Foothills also drew some strong responses from respondents. Regardless of the job category, it seems like economic development and job creation is important to residents. Every thing from cottage industry to resource-based industry drew strong support from respondents. In response to the question about new employment opportunities, respondents listed a number of ideas for employment categories not listed in the questionnaire; these included service-based employment like medical/dental services, legal aid, and tourism and guiding services.

Respondents also had much to say about the two main roads that travel through the Foothills: Kendall Road (State Route 547) and Mount Baker Highway (State Route 542). In the transportation section, the questionnaire

asked for “road improvements (respondents) would like to see.” Responses requesting bike lanes and pedestrian paths along the major routes were common and many comments centered on improving the safety of the 542/547 intersection in Kendall. Suggested safety improvements for this intersection included installing a roundabout, decreasing the speed limit, or a turn lane on 542. Other comments were directed at general improvements for Mount Baker Highway like widening the road, keeping the lines painted, more passing lanes and more law enforcement patrols.

Another issue that seems to be of concern to respondents is the possibility of increased low-income housing in the area. It appears that there is a perception among respondents that the area, specifically Peaceful Valley and Paradise, have enough affordable housing. Some respondents said they are concerned that more affordable housing means an increased need for services and more people. Sixty-one percent of respondents said they disagreed or strongly disagreed that land use policy should be revised to allow more affordable housing in the Foothills. This question also received many unprompted comments in the margins in which respondents claimed that the Foothills already had the most affordable housing in the county. And, in Part Three – Issues and Priorities, respondents ranked “affordable housing” number 10 out of all policy choices.

Overall, the questionnaire was able to tease out many issues that we already knew about but it gave us more information about how important each of these issues are to respondents. While the issues mentioned above are the highlights of the analysis, each section brought out interesting thoughts and ideas from community members and all are useful as we draft the Subarea Plan.

Part One – Location

Respondents were asked to place an “L” for where they lived, a “W” for where they worked, and an “O” for where they owned property on the map provided on the first page of the questionnaire. Not everyone answered this question, but of those who did, the majority of the 199 respondents who indicated where they resided, lived in the Columbia Valley/Kendall area as delineated on the map in Appendix B. Of the 91 people who indicated the location of their work, the highest number (19) worked in the Columbia Valley/Kendall area. Eighteen people worked in the West-Southwest Quadrant of the map, which included Bellingham, Skagit County, and other places to the south and west. Of the 222 people that indicated where they owned property, 69 of them were within the Columbia Valley/Kendall area. Glacier came in second with 52.

Part Two – Preferences

Community

Residents generally responded that they wanted more opportunity to interact with each other. Nearly half of respondents wanted more multicultural interaction. Although there are high populations of Russian and Ukrainian residents in the Columbia Valley area, comments from the open-ended questions in the questionnaire indicate that these populations are relatively insular and their neighbors are not easily able to mix with this group socially. Only 5 of the questionnaires we received were from Russian-speaking respondents.

The questionnaire also asked residents “places to gather in (their) community.” Responses ranged from existing locations – schools, Peaceful Valley Clubhouse, or church – to locations they hope to exist in the future – Community Resource Center, parks, or dining establishments. The most common responses were in reference to existing public schools like Kendall Elementary and Mt. Baker High School. The second most common response was the proposed community resource center.

Sewer/Water

Protecting water quality is very important to the residents of the Foothills. About 96 percent of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that protecting the water in the area was important. When asked why they thought conservation was important, 75 percent of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed that conservation was important “for protection of fish habitat.”

For further analysis of the information in this section, the question about protecting water quality was compared to the question about the availability of public sewer. Most respondents agreed or strongly agreed that protecting high quality of water was important to them. In regards to sewer, a majority disagreed or strongly disagreed that “availability of public sewer” was important. Analyzing answers to this question side-by-side showed that respondents did not directly see the connection between sewer and clean water. The question of connecting to sewer, however, is not as simple as a desire to protect clean water. In the Foothills, some places are more suited for sewer while others have low population densities and could not support a community sewer system. The discrepancy in answers is likely due to the location of respondents homes and the feasibility of connecting to a sewer system if it were offered rather than a lack of understanding about septic systems affect on ground water supplies.

Land Use/Housing

As in other places in the survey, respondents showed strong support for retaining rural character within the Foothills. Results showed that residents were strongly opposed to increased density (41 percent “strongly disagree”) and strongly in favor of “retaining the rural character of the Foothills area” (68 percent “strongly agree”). Affordable housing was also considered in this section of the questionnaire. Respondents were largely opposed

to land use policy revisions that would help make housing more affordable in the Columbia Valley/Kendall UGA. When asked where affordable housing “is best located”, respondents listed Deming and the Columbia Valley/Kendall UGA as logical places. Other suggestions included Bellingham and surrounding communities.

Also, respondents were asked whether they wanted to continue “single-family and rural residential patterns” currently predominant in the Foothills. A majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the continued support of this development pattern.

Recreation

Results from questionnaire analysis show that respondents are in favor of more parks and recreation opportunities for residents. Responses did not indicate whether there was a need for more active recreation (ball fields, basketball courts, etc.) or more passive recreation (natural areas, traditional parks). In Part Four – Vision, people often said that the thing they liked most about the Foothills was the natural environment and in the transportation section, people requested more bike and pedestrian trails between communities. It is likely that both types of recreation are worth considering in development of Foothills recreation opportunities.

We compared the question asked in the community section of the survey about places to gather with the question about additional parks in the Foothills. The high responses in favor of both of these concepts suggests that parks may be one way to satisfy the need for more public spaces in the community. Within the policy choices section at the end of the questionnaire, however, people generally listed recreation as a middle-of-the-road priority. This suggests that while recreation is more important than other issues, it is not likely one of the main issues for respondents.

Economy

The majority of respondents want more employment opportunities in the Foothills. All three of the listed employment categories – light industry, technology-based business, and retail – drew considerable support. Additionally, people listed tourism-based industry, social service and food service as additional employment categories they would like to see in the area. The respondents strongly supported home-based or cottage industries and resource-based industries in the Foothills.

Additionally, even with the perceived large amount of affordable housing opportunities in the area, a large number of respondents indicated they lived “in the Foothills area by choice and not because of economics.” This may be due largely to the high quality of life and rural character that residents talk about in Part IV of the survey.

Transportation

Results in this section showed strong support for bicycling and walking opportunities within the Foothills area as well as using alternative modes of transportation to connect to other communities. Respondents supporting public

transportation (45 percent) were only slightly more numerous than those who disagreed or strongly disagreed (39 percent) with the following statement: "I would use public transportation if it were more available."

Road improvements listed were generally about making Mt. Baker Highway and Highway 547 safer for both pedestrians and vehicles. Respondents frequently mentioned the intersection of the two highways as an unsafe area that should be improved. Some respondents suggested a roundabout while others who also agreed the intersection needed work, said they didn't want a roundabout. Also, a large number of comments related to bike trails near or lanes on Mt. Baker Highway.

Throughout the survey, respondents frequently mentioned rural character's importance to residents of the Foothills. There appears to be a satisfaction with the distance from Bellingham and other towns in the area and that an easier connection to these places is not necessary. Less than half of the respondents said they would use public transportation if it were more available and 16 percent had no opinion. Sixty-eight percent of respondents did say that they would like a stronger pedestrian and bicycle link between communities which indicates that if there were to be a stronger connection needed anywhere, it is between population centers in the Foothills.

Emergency Preparedness

High numbers of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that they were concerned about all emergency services across the board. Although there is a sheriff's deputy living in the Kendall area, people are still concerned about the response of police. The concern about medical availability is probably due to the distance from any major medical facility as well as the large number of older residents that responded to the questionnaire. The question about cell phone and radio communication drew many unprompted comments in the margins about how important cell phone coverage is to the residents of the Foothills area. Many stressed that cell phone coverage was very important to the residents while a few mentioned that people shouldn't use cell phones while driving on the highway anyway.

Part Three – Tradeoffs and Priorities

Common throughout the questionnaire, respondents expressed an appreciation for the Foothills' rural character. When asked to rank a list of policy choices in order from one to ten with one being the most important, again the residents ranked "rural character" as the most important policy issue. "Water quality" came in a close second and "environmental protection" third. This question, and the preceding ones, showed the community's great appreciation for the environment, natural resources and the rural atmosphere of the area. Not surprisingly, based on responses in the Land Use/Housing section, the least important policy issue to the community is "affordable housing" which is likely in response to the perceived large supply of affordable housing in the Paradise and Peaceful Valley area of the Columbia Valley UGA. Only slightly more important was "convenient access to urban areas" coming in at number nine on the list. This placement is echoed in open-ended responses about what residents value about living in the Foothills: "rural character", "quiet", and "natural beauty." The desire to be away from urban areas is also reflected in the number and percentage of respondents who "live in the Foothills by choice and not because of economics" – 289 "strongly agree" or "agree" combine to equal 81 percent of respondents.

Part Four – Vision

Comments in this section were in response to five questions:

1. What do you value about the Foothills?
2. What changes would you most like to see?
3. What changes would you least like to see?
4. What are your hopes for the Foothills in the next 20 years?
5. I would like to see the following local community services provided in my community:

Respondents often responded to these questions with quick answers but others took more time and described in detail their concerns and values. Among both of these types of answers, for question one, respondents listed rural character, natural beauty, small population, and neighbors as some of the things they most valued about the Foothills. Another common answer was the desire for quiet and access to nature.

Respondent answers to question two were diverse and broad. Some respondents focused on facilities and services like cell phone reception, public transportation, roads, commercial development, and others. Other answers were geared toward keeping the area rural and limiting (or even reducing) the residential population. A number of respondents wished for a reduction in blight properties, drugs, and crime in the area.

In question three, respondents often said that they would least like to see more people in the area. Other answers included more low-income housing, smaller lot sizes, and losing natural beauty of the environment.

Question four's answers often echoed the ideas in question one. Respondents requested that the area stay the same or clean up and get better. They wished for lower population, good planning and controlled growth. Other ideas included improved services and more local jobs so people wouldn't have to commute so far to receive help and find work.

In the final question, most respondents requested some sort of medical facility in the area that would serve their general health and dental needs. Other comments were directed at recreation for all age groups and better police protection.

Part Five – Respondent Comments

Very few comments were left in this section of the questionnaire. Generally, respondents thanked the county for asking for their input. Other comments covered a broad range of issues considered throughout the survey. Some respondents made a case for cleaning up blight properties others took time to discuss the natural beauty of the area. A few respondents discussed their hope that the Foothills remain the same for future generations. The text of these comments is included in Appendix G.

Appendices

Appendix A – Foothills Subarea Plan – Public Questionnaire (Frequencies)

Appendix B – Part I – Location Map: Live, Own, Work

Appendix C – Part II – Preferences: Suggested Gathering Places

Appendix D – Part II – Preferences: Suggested Road Improvements

Appendix E – Other Responses

Appendix F – Part IV – Vision

Appendix G – Part V – Respondent Comments

Appendix H – Miscellaneous/Unprompted Comments

Appendix A
Foothills Subarea Plan – Public Questionnaire (Frequencies)

Foothills Subarea Plan Public Questionnaire

A **citizen advisory committee** and **Whatcom County** are preparing an update to the **Foothills** subarea portion of the countywide comprehensive plan. This is an opportunity for you to **comment** early on in the process, influencing the direction the plan takes and identifying important considerations the plan must address. The community's comments, goals, and priorities will help to determine the **direction** of the Foothills Subarea Plan.

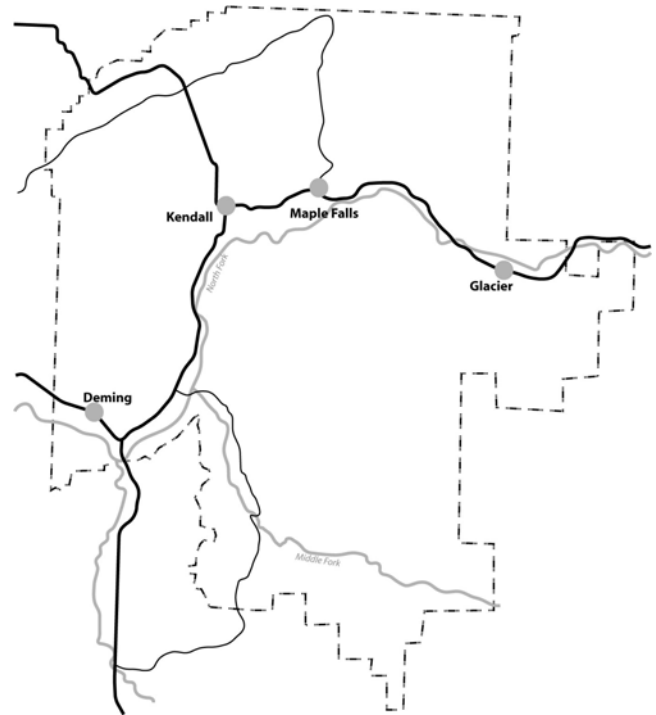
Please contact Matt Aamot or Sharon Digby at Whatcom County Planning (360) 676-6907 if you have any **questions** about this questionnaire or if you would like to know more about this planning process and how you can get **involved**. This questionnaire is also available on line and in **Russian**. Feel free to encourage family and friends to participate, too! For additional information, visit the project Web site at:

www.co.whatcom.wa.us/pds/planning/FoothillsSubareaPlanUpdate.htm

Please **return** this questionnaire to the County planning department by **October 20, 2006**.

Part One – Location

Please indicate on the map on this page approximately where you live with an “L” and, if appropriate, where you work (with a “W”) and where you own property (with an “O”).



Part Two – Preferences

Using the scale on the right, please indicate with an “X” to what degree you agree with the statements below.

Note: The bold numbers and letters before each question (ex. 1a or 3g_1) are a reference for use with Appendix H Miscellaneous/Unprompted Comments.

Community	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
1a. I would like to see more places for Foothills residents to gather.	70 18.9%	137 37.0%	57 15.4%	37 10.0%	69 18.6%
1b. I would like to see increased multicultural interaction in the Foothills.	45 12.2%	135 36.6%	51 13.8%	46 12.5%	92 24.9%
1c. I would like to know people in my community better.	41 11.3%	176 48.5%	44 12.1%	21 5.8%	81 22.3%
(See Appendix C) I suggest the following as places to gather in my community:					
Sewer/Water					
2a. The availability of public sewer is important to me.	82 22.8%	73 20.3%	92 25.6%	77 21.4%	36 10.0%
2b. Protecting the high quality of water in Foothills is important to me.	254 68.3%	104 28.0%	6 1.6%	2 0.5%	6 1.6%
I think water conservation is important because:					
2c. My well goes dry periodically.	19 7.6%	20 8.0%	46 18.3%	65 25.9%	101 40.2%
2d. My water quality degrades periodically.	20 7.8%	33 12.8%	60 23.3%	68 26.4%	77 29.8%
2e. For protection of fish habitat.	142 45.7%	89 28.6%	14 4.5%	27 8.7%	39 12.5%
(See Appendix E) Other: _____	23 67.6%	9 26.5%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	2 5.9%
Land Use/Housing					
3a. I support encouraging population density while preserving open space.	86 24.6%	106 30.3%	72 20.6%	76 21.7%	10 2.9%
3b. I think we should continue the type of single-family and rural residential patterns we now have in the Foothills.	144 39.2%	136 37.1%	45 12.3%	20 5.4%	22 6.0%
3c. Variety in housing types is a good way to make housing more affordable (defined as housing costs not to exceed 30% of household income).	45 12.6%	145 40.6%	54 15.1%	52 14.6%	61 17.1%
3d. I think we should revise land use policy and zoning to help make housing more affordable in the Columbia Valley/Kendall Urban Growth Area (UGA).	31 8.7%	69 19.4%	100 28.1%	117 32.9%	39 11.0%
3e. I support increasing housing density in the Columbia Valley/Kendall Urban Growth Area beyond what is currently allowed.	30 8.3%	57 15.7%	98 27.0%	149 41.0%	29 8.0%

3f. I support retaining the rural character of the Foothills area.	237 68.3%	85 24.5%	14 4.0%	4 1.2%	7 2.0%	
Affordable housing is best located in which of the following locations (please circle one or more):	3g_1 Deming 152 40.2%	3g_2 Columbia Valley/ Kendall UGA 133 35.0%	3g_3 Maple Falls 67 17.7%	3g_4 Glacier 28 7.4%	(See Appendix E) Other 81 21.4%	3g_6 No Opinion 72 19.1%
Recreation	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	
4a. I think additional parks should be identified and set aside for recreational purposes.	150 41.8%	112 31.2%	50 13.9%	33 9.2%	14 3.9%	
4b. I would like to see the Foothills area continue to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitors.	197 53.8%	132 36.1%	15 3.9%	7 1.8%	15 3.9%	
Economy	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	
5a. I would like to see new employment opportunities in the Foothills.	93 25.5%	141 38.6%	55 15.1%	39 10.7%	37 10.1%	
5b. The ability to start a home-based or cottage business in the Foothills is important to me.	114 30.6%	133 35.8%	36 9.7%	22 5.9%	67 18.0%	
5c. I think resource-based (forestry, mining, fisheries) industry should continue to be an important component of the Foothills' economy.	106 28.7%	161 43.6%	59 16.0%	21 5.7%	22 6.0%	
5d. I think agriculture should continue to be an important component of the Foothills' economy.	157 42.5%	176 47.7%	12 3.3%	2 0.5%	22 6.0%	
5e. I think tourism should continue to be an important component of the Foothills' economy.	142 38.4%	171 46.2%	22 5.9%	12 3.2%	23 6.2%	
5f. I live in the Foothills area by choice and not because of economics.	211 59.3%	79 20.8%	21 5.5%	5 1.3%	40 11.2%	

New employment opportunities I would like to see (circle one or more):	5g_1 Light industry	5g_2 Technology-based business	5g_3 Retail	(See Appendix E) Other (please list):
	118	142	147	94
	31.2%	37.6%	38.9%	24.9%

Transportation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
6a. I would use public transportation if it were more available.	66 18.2%	97 26.8%	85 23.5%	56 15.5%	58 16.0%
6b. I think we should make bicycling and walking more attractive transportation options.	139 38.1%	126 34.5%	37 10.1%	35 9.6%	28 7.7%
6c. I would walk and use my bike more if safe trails between communities were available.	146 39.7%	104 28.3%	39 10.6%	37 10.1%	42 11.4%

(See Appendix D) Road improvements I would like to see are (please list):

Emergency preparedness

I am concerned about emergency response times for:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion
7a. Police	164 45.4%	123 34.1%	34 9.4%	9 2.5%	31 8.6%
7b. Fire	130 36.5%	125 35.1%	51 14.3%	15 4.2%	35 9.8%
7c. Medical	146 40.6%	131 36.4%	39 10.8%	11 3.1%	33 9.2%
7d. Natural Disaster	117 34.5%	111 32.7%	50 14.7%	10 2.9%	51 15.0%
7e. I am concerned about the ability to communicate by cell phone or radio in the Foothills.	217 59.3%	74 20.2%	31 8.5%	23 6.3%	21 5.7%

Part Three – Tradeoffs and Priorities

Making policy choices involves tradeoffs. There are ten topics listed here, including a “wild card” that you can fill in. Please rank them (1 through 10) in order of importance to you, with “1” being the most important. It’s supposed to be difficult.

	Rank		Rank
8a. Local jobs	7	8f. Rural character	1
8b. Improved levels of service	6	8g. Convenient access to urban areas	9
8c. Housing affordability	10	8h. Environmental Protection	3
8d. Water quality	2	8i. Emergency response and law enforcement	4
8e. Recreation	5	(See Appendix E) Other:	8

Part Four – Vision

These questions encourage you to tell us about your relationship with the Foothills. You can attach additional sheets if necessary for your response. **(See Appendix F)**

1. What do you value about the Foothills?

2. What changes would you most like to see?
3. What changes would you least like to see?
4. What are your hopes for the Foothills in the next 20 years?
5. I would like to see the following local community services provided in my community:

Part Five – Respondent Comments

This is your opportunity to make additional comments or clarify your responses to any of the above questions. You can attach additional sheets if necessary.

(See Appendix G)

9. How old are you? *(Optional)*

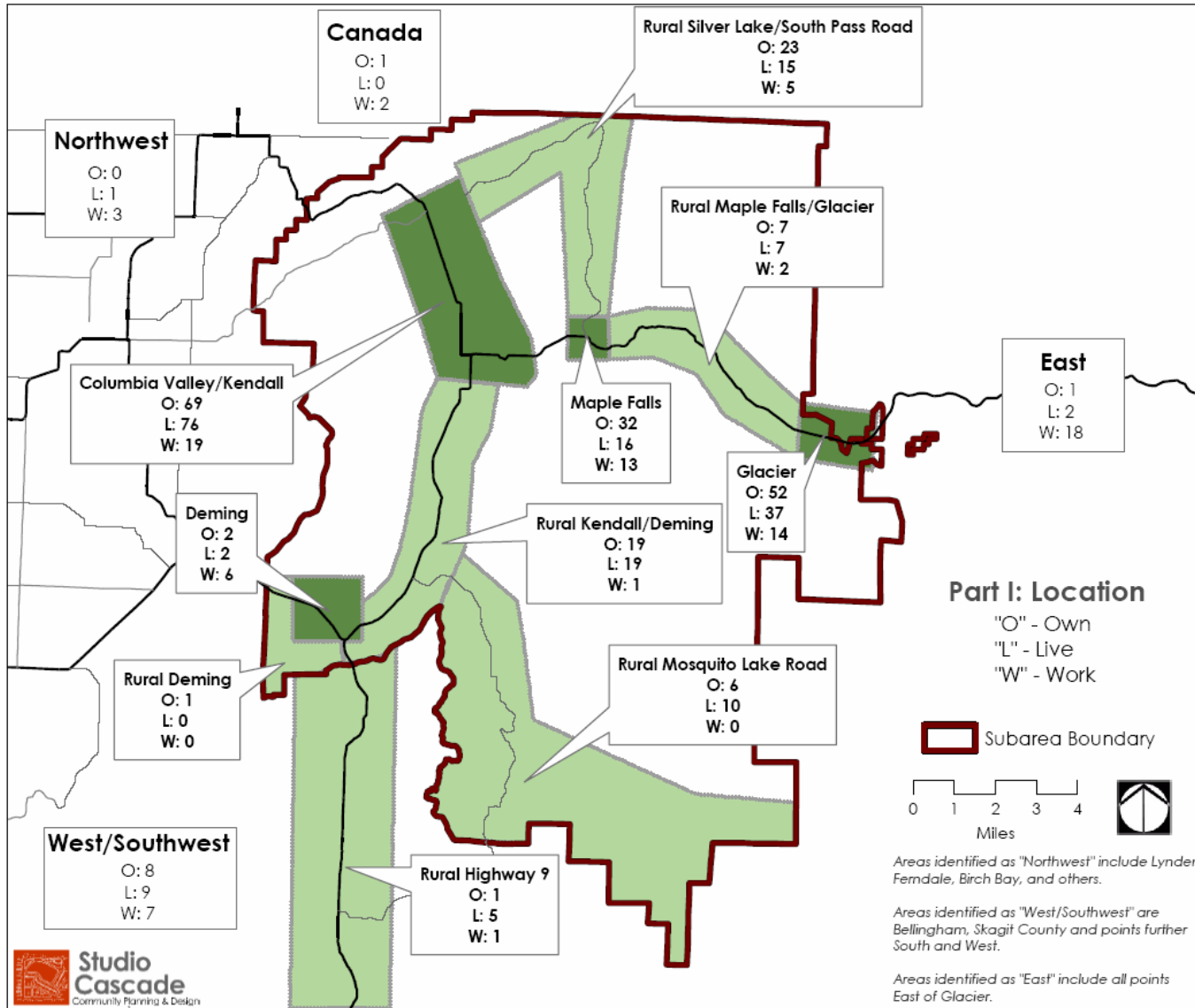
Less than 18	0	45 to 59	163
19 to 29	18	60 to 74	101
30 to 44	75	75 or older	25

Thank you for your participation!

Return this questionnaire to:

Whatcom County Planning and Development Services
Attention: Sharon Digby
5280 Northwest Drive
Bellingham, WA 98226

Appendix B Location Map



Appendix C Part II – Preferences: Suggested Gathering Places

“I propose the following places to gather in my community.”

A centrally located community center (i.e. intersection of Hwy 542 and 547) complete with library, ball fields, meeting space and community services.
A community center located in the existing Kendall small town commercial area.
A community park in each small community
A community park in Kendall STC area; A restaurant or coffeehouse in Kendall; A large room for rent like a town hall or grange in Kendall for classes or social groups to meet.
A gym, ball field, playgrounds
A library, pool, community center
A new community center w/out added community. I live rurally to live rurally, but the kids need a safe place. Safe place, not a new bigger city.
A new grocery store, park -- kids toys -- a new community center.
A park, pool, fitness center, proper walking trail.
At Mt. Baker School
At the school
Balfour Village.
Bellingham
Boys and girls club
By the river with a scotch and a cigar.
Cafes, community hall, larger library w/ meeting space, park/playground for adults/children, a market similar to the Public Market in Bellingham, indoor playground like Tube Time, a recreational complex w/ swimming pool, racquet courts, exercise rooms, ect., restaurants an a central park/square centrally located w/ benches, water fountains, pathways, trees, flowers and shrubs that

would have a gazebo or stage for local music and events (4th of July, Christmas, ice cream socials, etc.).
Christ the King Church Sunday 10:00, Peaceful Valley Country Club
Church and Boys and Girls Club
Church, library, Frosty's
Church, library, public schools, existing taverns
Church, town meetings
Church. We have a moral deficiency in our community.
Church/schools, restaurants, Mt. Baker, Silver Lake
Churches, schools, "grange hall" or other.
Churches, schools, library: our taxes and donations already pay for these
Coffee shop, wine bar, retreat center, plant nursery, fine dining, bookstore, deli, art and music gallery.
Community center
Community center and meeting halls.
Community center at 542 & 547 Hwys
Community center or library
Community center, parks, public square style area for community fairs, etc.
Community center, town center.
Community center.
Community center/library
Community hall
Community hall for bingo, dances, dinner, parties.

Community hall/library, fire stations, schools, churches
Community resource center
Community resource center (at Kendall center, not Balfour)
Currently, the school and Maple Falls Town Hall. In the future, new library and community park facility at intersection of Hwy 542 and 547.
Deming
Deming High School, Deming library, Kendall Elementary, Maple Falls library. We need no more expenses to the State or county. The schools are already there and should be available for use.
Deming Library, Everson, Glen Echo.
Deming library, Mt. Baker H.S.
Deming library, Van Zandt Community Hall and Josh Vander Yacht Park, Silver Lake County Park, Mt. Baker High School.
Deming library. Dodson's IGA -- hey -- it's where friends meet friends. Holy Smoke #2, Beer Shrine.
Echo Glen
Existing Maple Falls library, Glacier library, Kendall elementary school, Silver Lk Park
Farmer's market at crossroads, the elementary school
Fire hall, MF Library, Kendall school
Gather for what purpose? Informal conversation and small group interaction: Library, a restaurant and/or coffee house with clean, pleasant atmosphere, Maple Falls Businesses, Local churches, school.
Glacier rec and community center. Grahams. Milano's. New restaurant? Hotel? Bar?
Glacier, Maple Falls, Silver Creek Park.
Glen Echo CC
Glen Echo Community Club
Glenn Echo community hall
Grahams restaurant and store, Glacier library, Glacier fire hall
High school, Kendall, Maple Falls, Library
Homes, schools, libraries.
I can move back to Kent, WA if I want this. With all the new crime that came in! Same problems with cheap housing.

I don't see as we can comment as we don't live in the area. We own property at the Glen.
I like more development in the Maples areas around the Maple Falls post office.
If you plan to increase the population of the Foothills Subarea Plan area, you must upgrade the Mt. Baker Highway
In current us are: The Inn at Mt. Baker, Kendall Elementary, Silver Lake Boat House. We are planning to add the Resource Center and the Welcome Center with meeting space.
In our home and fields until we are told we couldn't get together without a permit and we couldn't level out a place for neighbors to play ball. We used to. How the county and state says our old life style was bad for us and the land. Wonder why it is worth saving if we were such bad stewards.
Kendall
Kendall community center/Mt. Baker Foothills Visitor's center
Kendall elementary
Kendall elementary school or Mt. Baker high school
Kendall elementary school, Kendall fire hall, Silver lake
Kendall Elementary School, Maple Falls Library
Kendall elementary, presently member of St. Peter's Church. We have service and meet in St Peter's Hall. Mt Baker High School
Kendall grade school
Kendall School
Kendall school fields (when school's out), Silver Lake Park, Nooksack River
Kendall school gym and pool at Peaceful. The only 2 places I know of.
Kendall school, Maple Falls library, Gerdrum house, Silver lake park
Kendall School, Mt Baker H.S., Deming Library, Maple Falls Town Hall
Kendall school, Peaceful Valley Clubhouse
Kendall school, Silver Lk Park, Church bldgs. We have enough space, lets use it!
Kendall, Maple Falls
Kendall, swimming pool/gym facility, community building.
Large Kendall community center centrally located.

Libraries, Maple Falls, Glacier, Fire halls, School Kendall
Library -- community center
Library or Kendall Elementary
Library, church, school, senior centers
Library, Kendall school; Grahams; outside on trails.
Library, schools, well, I guess that's it!
Library/meeting rooms at Kendall by Fire Station. Park at Kendall by Fire station.
Library/post office/water district bldg -- Glacier
Living in South Fork Valley. I feel like there is an existing sense of community among certain people. It would be nice to include other "groups" -- ex. Mexican, Native American, Russian, etc -- in community gatherings: Van Zandt Community Hall; Welcome Community Hall (needs improvement); Schools. Somewhere in Acme? Library. Deming
Maple Falls and Kendall
Maple Falls Library
Maple Falls Library bldg could be expanded inexpensively. Also, Kendall area
Maple Falls Library, vacant school
Meeting rooms as part of a library in Kendall
Milanos -- Glacier, Northfork Brewery -- Between Kendall and Deming.
Mt Baker High School
No more taxes.
No new buildings.
None, our town hall is Maple Falls seems fine.
North fork tavern!
Not a big enough space in Glacier for people to gather indoors.
Not in areas like Paradise
Old elementary school -- Maple falls, Kendall Elementary, PVCC club house
Old elementary school in Maple Falls
Old Maple Falls elementary

Old school in Maple Falls could be used as a community center, added on to, improvements, updates, tennis courts, baseball field, or basketball court, or skateboarding area for kids, anything! Pool?
Parks -- community centers. Bike and walking trails.
Parks
Parks w/ pavilions, sports areas, community center
Parks, community center
Parks, especially in the neighborhoods that already exist now -- Peaceful and Paradise.
Parks, open air concerts, a nice lodge/golf
Parks/footpaths/library
Peaceful Valley Clubhouse
Peaceful Valley clubhouse; community center (new!); a skate board park; roller blade trail; hiking trails; more churches; an old fashioned general store and bakery w/ great coffee! and a big pot bellied wood stove (oh, joy!)
People may gather in their homes or in existing commercial locations.
Proposed community center, Balfour Village, Visitor center, churches, schools
PVCC club house
PVCC Club house
Resource center
Resource center, village commons, parks
Restaurants.
Same old places -- Milano's, Glacier library
School, church, community hall
School, clubhouse, homes, new center (if possible): Event would drive the location such as: Easter egg hunt, baseball games/picnics, festivities -- multicultural, potlucks, car shows or like horse shows or events -- That fit area interests.
School, Texaco, Bars
Schools
Schools, libraries, resource centers, restaurants, churches
Schools, Van Zandt Community Center

Silver Lake Area
Small town squares with craft/farmers' market. Possibly shops around the perimeter.
St. Peter's, Grade School
Starbucks
Strengthen up the old Maple Falls school for Senior Center and place for kids to go to play.
The closed golf course would be nice.
The idea of a community center in Paradise is just no good for the rest of us. Most of us have watch the bad idea of Peaceful Valley/Paradise go from bad to worse. They steal our cars, break into our homes. Their kids tax the schools and the families use all the services. Now they county wants to give them more. No!
The new library with its community facilities. More outlets for kids. Not in Balfour Village.
The new public facilities being built at the 547/542 highway intersection. You know, the new swimming pool, shuffle board, basketball, bowling, ice rink communities center that brings together both young and old, retired, working and youth. That includes meeting rooms for groups up to 200-300 people next to the amphitheater.
The only place available in the Columbia Valley now is the school. We are sorely lacking in such places as coffee shops, restaurants, even a grocery store or retail shops become places to meet and socialize. These things could go a long way to help create a sense of community.
The proposed community resource center would be a good place.
Their own homes. Mt Baker High School has a large auditorium. Kendall Elementary surely has adequate meeting facilities.
There aren't any suitable places now; it would be nice to have a community center on the new development (Balfour Village) and a computer lab in the Kendall school in evenings.
There aren't really any great gathering places except the schools,

libraries and the Van Zandt Hall. We need more. We especially need playgrounds/picnic type areas for families. A great model is the Van Zandt Hall and Josh Vaner Yutch Park.
There is a crowd of obnoxious mean people that wreck the whole area for me.
There is a parcel of property behind the Peaceful Valley/Paradise Lakes Estates communities that has had a rezoning application submitted by potential developers. A portion of this land should be set aside for the development of a park and community center. It is easily accessible by both communities and would go a long way towards meeting needs in this are.
There is no place here except for the club house at Peaceful Valley and Kendall School.
They can gather wherever they please! Common interests? Tastes? Freedom!
This is not the province of gov't to get into the socialization of residents.
Top of Bald Mtn, Black Mtn, Red Mtn, Sumas Mtn, Church Mtn, Szide Mtn: The roads were built for logging -- if people want habitat instead, provide a way for them to enjoy it.
Town hall in Maple Falls, Kendall Fire Station
Town hall is okay in Maple Falls
Utilizing the lodges at the ski area for performing arts or community events. Farmers markets in Kendall and Glacier.
We live there to be away from crowds.
Welcome Senior Center
Welcome Senior Center is all we have.
Welcome Senior Citizens Facility. Welcome Fire Station

Appendix D Part II – Preferences: Suggested Road Improvements

“Road improvements I would like to see are:”

35 mile per hour speed limit through Kendall including the Mt. Baker Hwy, Better shoulders or bike lanes.
35 mph zone through Kendall on Mt. Baker Hwy and Kendall Rd. Big shoulders in Kendall like they have in Maple Falls and Glacier for biking and walking.
4 lanes on St Rt 542 before the 650 housing development in the Kendall area is started.
542 -- too many cars. High schoolers drive too fast.
542/547 intersection lower speed limit on 547. Better snow removal by county.
542/547 Intersection.
547 and 542 intersection revised
7 car delay illegal signage
A light where the Mt. Baker Hwy and Kendall Rd connect.
Add bike lane to 542
At the intersection of Kendall Rd and Mt. Baker Hwy.
Better lighting, bigger, see-able signs, fewer pot holes
Better maintenance
Bicycle lane
Bicycle lanes
Bicycle lanes, bus service to Acme -- South Bay -- Glen Haven.
Bicycle paths
Bicycle/pedestrian path along SR 547 for families to walk or bike to Kendall school.
Bike and/or horse road shoulder paths from Silver Lake park to Kendall junction.

Bike lane from Acme to Deming, Improved safety of turn from Hwy 9 onto Hwy 542
Bike lane next highways, stop wasting money on chain of trails.
Bike lanes
Bike lanes on public highways including 542
Bike lanes within 5 miles of communities to encourage less road traffic.
Bike lanes, plowed off of the Mt. Baker Hwy or Kendall Rd
Bike lanes, wider shoulders
Bike path on Silver lake Rd to the Park
Bike path on Mt Baker Hwy
Bike paths for kids and adults on Kendall-Sumas Hwy.
Bike trail along river or at least broaden Hwy.
Bike trails between Glacier, Maple Falls, Kendall and Silver Lake
Bike trails on or parallel to Hwy 9 and 542 and 547 to Lynden.
Bike trails separated from the road by a burm or space. Not just a shoulder.
Bike/pedestrian path along Mt Baker Hwy, separated from road.
Close Mt. Baker Hwy during the winter unless Mt. Baker Rec pays for the plowing. Stop costs of opening Artist Point in the summer.
Cut down on the speeds effectively.
Design features to keep speeds down such as narrowing, more curves, dense tree planting beside road.
Do something about the Kendall corner.
Eliminate s-curves at Kendall Lakes.
Expand Kendall/Sumas Hwy by adding safe bike lanes to Kendall

Elementary
Exploit more views of Mt Baker along Hwy 542. What ever happened to amorphous timber harvest patterns?
Fix Kendall corner
Fix the intersection in Kendall
Forest service roads repaired.
Glacier communities into town
Gravel and grade Thompson Creek Rd
Guard rails at Milepost 51 (fatalities)
Guard rails on cliff drop off on SR 542 going to Mt. Baker Ski Area
Have more law enforcement patrols between 5am - 8 am and 4pm - 7pm on Mt. Baker Highway to get drivers to slow down and drive more cautiously.
Heady Rd paved in place of gravel. Creates a dust problem.
Highway improvement. Grade and horizontal curves, left turn lanes were congested. Bike paths between Snowline community and Glacier. Bike path to Mt. Baker (someday).
How about the idea of widen Mt. Baker Hwy a lot more than it is. What a concept! They have only been telling everyone this was going to happen for the last 25 years or more! What a concept!
Improve intersection at Kendall Rd. and Mt. Baker Hwy (maybe round-about)
Improve speed limit.
Improve Tom Brown's curve on Mt. Baker Hwy. Dangerous spot.
Improved Mt. B. Hwy for bicycles
Improved Sprague Valley drive - repaving.
Intersection Hwy 9 at Mt. Baker Hwy.
Intersection of 542/547 needs to be changed to make it more safe.
Intersection of Kendall and 542
Intersection of Mt Baker Hwy and Kendall Rd
Intersection of Mt. Baker Hwy and 547 needs to be changed. 547 by PVCC and Paradise need speed limit reduced to 45 mph.

Junction of 542 and 547. Lower speed on 547
Junction of Hwy 542 Kendall/Sumas Junction -- Dangerous area for traffic. Stores, church and fire dept.
Keep road crooked to keep speed down. Open rails to trails access for horses and bicycles.
Kendall corner
Kendall corners -- traffic revision and limitation of number of vehicles. Traffic regulation at Nugent's Corner -- Not a roundabout.
Kendall highway intersection
Kendall Rd -- safety wires by the school.
Kendall Rd and Mt. Baker Hwy. Make Mt. Baker Hwy 3 lanes or reduce the speed!
Kendall school intersection area -- whole area
Kendall Y is dangerous
Less traffic all around
Light where Kendall road merges into Mt. Baker Hwy. More guard rails on Mt. Baker Hwy.
Lights on streets w/ populations of children. Fix the suicide left from Mt. Baker Hwy to Kendall Hwy.
Lower speed limit (547) if more homes in along 547, make a left turn land from 542 to 547 (Not a roundabout)
Lower the speed limit on the Kendall Rd (35 mph) with clearly marked crosswalks. Also, street lights along Kendall Rd. for pedestrians.
Make safe bike lanes on highway and more lights on streets; it's hard to see people walking on the road.
Make them wider.
Maybe the roads (Hwy Kendall-Sumas) Should 1st be improved. Especially the s-corners near Sprague creek. (Transcriber uncertain) was supposed to take s-curves out. He never did. Typical developer.
More "BOTS DOTS" (reflective dots) on Mt. Baker Hwy.
Straighten/widen "dead man's curve" on Mt Baker Hwy just east of Welcome.
More guard railing on Mt. Baker Hwy.
More reflectors: keep lines painted
More safe intersection triangle at Mt. Baker and Kendall

More turnouts for slow traffic to pull over and a bike lane on Mt. Baker Hwy.
More WSP and Whatcom County Sheriff presence.
Move the telephone pole just before Maple Falls back away from the edge of the road (Heading N on 542).
Mt Baker Highway
Mt Baker Hwy
Mt Baker Hwy at 547 and Kendall Elementary school zone.
Mt Baker Hwy intersection at Kendall
Mt Baker hwy widened. Bike lanes on hwys
Mt Baker/Kendall road intersection. Bike lane from Maple Falls to Silver Lk Park.
Mt. Baker Hwy
Mt. Baker Hwy grooves between Welcome and (Transcriber uncertain) cause hydroplaning.
Mt. Baker Hwy, during ski season. More housing = more traffic = more danger on Hwy.
New turn lane at Kendall corner, widen.
No road improvements
No roundabouts!
None -- Very good roads at present
None
None, improvements are fines as they are.
None/no more taxes.
Nugent's Corner stop light
Okay for now
Paint lines on highway that are visible
Passing lane where app. on MBH
Pave shoulders for bikers
Paved wider shoulders for bicycle riders on all county roads.
Peaceful Valley annexed into the county so my tax dollars can go to

my roads.
Public transport.
Put a stop light at Kendall grocery triangle. This is a very dangerous intersection. Widen Silver Lake Road for walking and biking.
Rail road connect to bike/walk paths.
Reduced speed limit at intersection of Mt. Baker Hwy and Silver Lake road to 30-35. Widen road in that area w/ better lighting.
Rest area between North Fork Beer Shrine and Welcome
Road shoulders increased and passing lanes installed.
Road shoulders widened to six feet each side of R-o-Way
Road shoulders, better visibility on corners
Roads are fine. What we need is bus service -- especially bus service that leaves Bellingham later at night.
Roads wide enough to accommodate bicycle and pedestrians on major roads like Mt. Baker Hwy, etc so it is safer.
Roundabout placed at Kendall 547, 542 intersection.
Safe left turn lanes at Mt Baker Hwy and Kendall Rd and Mt Baker Hwy and Mitchell Rd.
Safe, separated paths/trails from B'ham to Glacier along shortest route possible.
Safer drivers, more patrols and low enforcement.
Scenic route using Canyon Creek Rd over Bald Mtn to Boulder Creek Rd. Straighten 547 between Sumas and Kendall
Separated bike paths.
Shoulder for bikes, etc on Mt. Baker Hwy.
Shoulders
Sidewalks
Sidewalks along major routes.
Sidewalks and turn lanes.
Slower/lower speed limits
South Pass
South Pass Rd! Bike lane on the Hwy. (Keep them safely away from

motor traffic/corners, etc!)
Speed limit lowered on Kendall Rd to 35 mph; Clearly marked crosswalks on Kendall Rd
Speed limit on Kendall Hwy lowered.
SR 247
Stoplight @ y intersection going north to Maple Falls or turn to Hwy 547
Straighten out some curves.
The greatest failing of all current state and county governments is adding and improving our roads. Strong vibrant roads are vital and needed.
The roads I drive on have all, just recently, been repaved.
The roads need work down on Oregon Trail
The traffic is increasing on Mt. Baker Hwy so much and people are always in a hurry -- it needs to be addressed for turning lanes? Wider roads and more policing.
Too many accidents due to speeding and not enough sheriffs, etc to patrol our roads.
Turn lane and or light at junction of Kendall Hwy and Mt. Baker Hwy at the highway split.
Turn lane at Sumas-Kendall Mt Baker Hwy intersection.
Uncontrolled dogs in the county are a huge issue!
Wide shoulders for walking, bikes, pull outs, etc.

Widen (additional lanes) Mt Baker Hwy and Kendall Hwy
Widen Mt. Baker Hwy
Widen Mt. Baker Hwy for bike use.
Widen Mt. Baker Hwy to include a bicycle lane between Deming and Ski Area. New bridge between Maple Falls and Glacier over Nooksack.
Widen roads for bikes and walking.
Widen roads.
Widening between Kendall and Glacier.
Widening of Mt. Baker Highway to include bike and walking lane.
Wider shoulder, slower through s-curves, passing lanes.
Wider shoulders for biking safely.
Wider shoulders in Kendall -- Mt Baker Hwy, etc.
Wider shoulders on MBH
Wider shoulders on Mt. Baker Hwy for bikes.
Wider shoulders on 542 and 547
Wider with shoulders -- similar to the Deming area.
Wider.

Appendix E Other Responses

“Affordable housing location: Other, describe”

	Number
Acme	1
Acme area	1
Anywhere.	1
Anywhere. I guess it depends on what a person spends.	1
Bellingham	23
Bellingham! Close to jobs and services.	1
Bellingham, Lynden	1
Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale (Where the jobs are!)	1
Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale, etc.	1
Bellingham, Lynden, Ferndale.	1
Bellingham, Seattle, California	1
Blaine and Birch Bay	1
Close to jobs -- wherever that may be.	1
Close to jobs, i.e. Bellingham UGAs	1

Closer to Bellingham	3
Columbia Valley outside of UGA.	1
Everson	1
I don't have enough info	1
In areas that have employment and jobs.	1
In cities	1
Just not here	1
Needed everywhere.	1
North Dakota	1
Nugent's Corner	1
Spread in all communities	1
Sumas	2
The Foothills	1
Welcome Valley	1

“New employment opportunities: Other, describe.”

Affordable brewery
Agriculture
Agriculture, tourism, ecology
Any of the list.
Anything.
Artist galleries
Banks, public services
Bowling alley, arcade, nice restaurant/lounge
Business at Mt. Baker more business development at Mt. Baker.
Care facilities
Community center where people could give classes, pay small fee.
Construction
Cottage-based
Cottage industries
Cottage industries only!
Cottage industry
Cottage industry only.
Day care, lawn and garden
Doctor.
Eco-tourism and tourism
Forestry and agricultural. Environmentally friendly
Free market! (Any/all)
Full grocery store
Gas station -- Glacier, Tool shop, lumber.
Grocery
Grocery store
Grocery store, Fast food

Guide services -- water, hunting, winter sports, horse riding
Health care
Health services, fitness facility
Home-based business should be more flexible and expanded to include Light Industrial and Retail.
Home-based or cottage business
Hotel/motel/restaurant
Lodge/golf facility
Maybe a farmers market or local artisans venue.
McDonalds
Medical
Medical center
Non-polluting
None, go to Bellingham
None, let people drive to their work -- don't bring the city to us.
Nothing needed if county preserves rurality
Outdoor, recreation jobs
Public transit to exiting commerce centers.
Recreation
Recreation based, mountain adventures, organic farming
Recreation.
Recreational, visitors lodge or center
Resource
Restaurant
Restaurants
Restaurants. Small independent movie theater.
School/childcare facilities

Schools, educational facilities
See Questionnaire
Self employed artists.
Service
Service industry
Services
Services, doctors, legal aid, banks, etc.
Services.
Services; bank; doctor; dentist; college.
Small home-based businesses
Small town jobs.
Solar generators, wind power, dams.
Tourism-based, restaurants, parks, RV Parks, B&Bs

Tourism
Tourism.
Tourism/hotel, restaurant
Tourist/parks
Tourist/recreation based
Tourists
Unique gift shops, artists studios, organic farm stands.
Value-added products
Value added agriculture. Improving existing housing stock: energy and water conservation; living roof technologies.
We need a few more stores so people don't have to drive to Bellingham
Web-based business

“Policy Choices: Other Describe”

Ability to afford existing lifestyle w/out having to conform to conventional economics. Drive the corporate wagon; scratch the bureaucratic dog.
Absentee owners, immigrant, criminal content.
Access to medical
Allowing landowners to be free of government infringement in what we do with our land.
Alternative energy sources.
Available housing and land for our children and grand children.
Balance economy w/ environment!
Balfour Village.
Better bus service.
Bicycles off road
Bike trails along MB Hwy.
Business (small) growth plan
Cell phone availability
Cell phone coverage.
Cell phone reception for emergencies.
Cell phones
Churches
Clean up before expansion
Commercial zoning in Glacier
Communicate by cell
Communication - cell phone/internet
Community
Community center
Community gathering places -- parks, libraries
Community spaces (on q1)

Control arrivals
Day care
Drugs, sex offenders, dogs. Real #1: garbage, junk cars, and other unsightly things cleaned up.
Ease of bldg permits.
Education
Elimination of blighted properties.
Entertainment
Flood protection
Forestry
Freedom
Get rid of the drug dealers and thieves.
Getting rid of all the clutter and wrecked cars in front of properties.
Health care
High density.
High speed internet/cable
Highway safety
Home based business
Improve Mt Baker Hwy
Improved Hwy.
Improved/expanded public transportation.
Increased public transportation to Bellingham and around Foothills.
Keep government regulations and interference out of our lives.
Keeping things unchanged.
Kid's safety
Large grocery store in Maple Falls.
Less Helicopter traffic

Library improvements.
Light industrial zoning
Low density population
Low taxes.
Lower traffic on 542
Minimize through traffic.
More unnecessary services/taxes.
Need to clean up neighborhoods. Too many trashy trailers and garbage.
No more low cost housing and no more illegal residents.
No more taxes.
No new housing subdivisions
No Secret Harbor "mental health" institution
Public transit and/or bike paths.
Public transportation
Quality of living. People cleaning up their already owned property.
Quality schools
Quiet.
Retail stores, health clinic, activities for kids

Retail, community facilities
Retention of current densities.
Revise and improve regulations to allow more flexibility in developing and operating home based businesses.
Safe bike and walking opportunities to commute
Safe travel for peds and bikes and motor vehicles.
School and library.
Senior center.
Services from county and port of Bellingham, etc.
Sewer systems
Shopping
Sound -- be airplanes from Abbotsford airport above our home.
Stop down zoning our rural land.
Stop high density developments 1-A like Balfour Village in this area.
Tourist business
Trail system
True old fashioned neighborhoods.
Wilderness

Appendix F Part IV – Vision

1. "What do you value about the Foothills?"

Quiet, privacy, clean air, trees, forest.
Beauty, nature, quiet, clean water and air, wildlife
Clean air and water, nature at its best! Good access.
Great recreation, mountain beauty, rural character
Beauty, affordability
Mostly I value the nature here and the opportunity to live more closely to the land.
It used to be quiet and rural. Now it seems there are more and more low life types, drugs, traffic. I like it better with jobs, a local school, friendly cop
Natural beauty and rural character
Rural character and natural beauty
Privacy
Clean air and water, trees, quiet, fish and wildlife
Rural character
Rural -- removed from lights -- can see stars clearly. Large wild animals; free to roam.
Being in the country isolated from city and suburban sprawl. Schools. Neighbors.
Close to Mt. Baker recreation
Rural nature and affordability
Variety of options small lots to acreage.
Free, un-directed character; self reliant, individual and responsible neighbors
Rural character and low population density.
Isolation

Beauty. Space. Fewer people.
Rural, peaceful, scenic.
Rural character
Tranquility
Quiet, natural settings, agricultural lands, rural setting, sense of community, Deming library, wildlife habitat.
Open space, wildlife habitat, water quality, rural character, sense of local community, volunteer fire departments, Deming library, local farmers markets
Peace and quiet
Beauty
Rural quiet
Recreation, rural feel, away from city
Privacy. Feeling like you're on vacation at home.
Rural character, quiet and the value of community
Open, sanctuary
Peace and quiet. Fresh air. Friendly people.
It's rural, sparsely populated and bucolic character
Clean air and water.
Rural character, low density living
Peace, quiet, fresh air, recreational opportunities
It's nice and quiet
The scenery/mountains/rivers, Mt Baker Ski Area
The trees, the space, nature

Trails, skiing, education potential
Lot sizes, houses are not too close to each other. Wooded areas, quietness.
Beauty, quiet, lack of pollution and congestion.
It's part of the wilderness, with few people, many wild animals, much darkness and quiet and natural scenery. At night, having almost 0 traffic, seeing stars and hearing coyotes.
Living outside a city environment -- lots of open space that already exists in forestry roads.
Safety
Rural character, natural beauty, proximity to mountains, peaceful environment, local churches
Rural natural beauty
Rural character, mixed land use, aesthetic visual landscapes. A semi-intact ecosystem. Hydrologic features with natural function and process not just runoff conveyance.
The friendly atmosphere of most of the people.
Rural character, natural beauty and healthy environment. I enjoy the small town nature of the community.
Beauty, quiet, clean air and water
No stop lights, privacy, no urbanization, clean air, rec at my back door.
Peace and quiet
No cell phones! No sprawl; fewer people
Scenic tranquility -- berries -- forest
Rural living; less population
Feeling like to get away from the city.
Recreational opportunities.
Recreation.
Quiet rural areas outside towns with good dining and basic services.
The natural beauty.
Natural beauty, close proximity to Bellingham without the insanity of the City chaos
The rural character and natural beauty of the land.

Ruralness, beauty, mountains, trees
Keeping it as a rural area. Keeping it a quiet place to live -- this is why I live here.
Preservation of beauty, wildlife, water and privacy.
The recreation
Low population density, forests, beauty. Get away.
Scenic beauty.
The presence of nature.
The natural beauty and wildlife, quiet.
Beauty.
Living where you don't have to look at your neighbor house, but know they are there if you need help.
Natural beauty.
Solitude, lack of structure, beautiful nature setting, outdoor burning.
Quiet
Remoteness
Urban, secluded.
Rural character and friendly people
Rural character, vistas, clean water and air, wildlife, communities.
How rural it is
Rustic, rural, naturally beautiful, good sense of rural community
Scenic beauty, clean air.
Peaceful environment. Recreation access.
Clean air.
Quiet living.
Rural, few people.
Fewer people.
Rural area, privacy.
Sparse population and its beauty.

Quiet.
Clean air, rural area.
The beautiful natural setting and proximity to the mtns that allows easy access.
Rural character, Mountain Views.
Peace and quiet. I moved here to get away from the city.
Rural character.
Less population density.
The openness and people. The availability of trails and recreational aspects. The higher quality of living compared to being in a city environment for me.
Quiet -- trees.
Recreation property.
The great community, nature, the ability to get away.
Natural beauty; little traffic; low crime; great water quality.
Its rural charm.
Rural/not a lot of people.
Rural character, good neighbors.
Privacy!
Peace, recreation.
Unparalleled beauty. Recreation. Remoteness and simplicity of life here.
I value my privacy.
The rural character
How quiet, I wish they were less drugs and taverns (Holy smoke).
Few people.
We chose the foothills areas in which to live because of the very rural and natural environment. These, we believe, should be protected at almost any cost. More subdivisions should be discouraged unless they are part of the presently settled area of the county. Leapfrog development is stupid and costly for everyone.

Remote location.
I do appreciate the rural character of the area and love the closeness to outdoor activities.
It is a nice rural area and there are lots of open spaces.
Natural beauty.
Rural character, trees, owning my own land.
Rural activity, Mt. Baker.
Mother nature.
Rural setting.
Rural, forest.
Beauty -- rural area, quiet, peaceful, low growth.
Rural character, no more dense housing projects.
Its rural nature and sense of community.
Mix of development with natural beauty with outdoor recreation.
Small community character; peace and quiet; short distance to outdoor recreation.
Location to Bellingham, National Park and Canada.
It is still "wild" around the edges.
The rural community.
The rural setting.
The beauty of the environment.
Access to hiking, climbing, skiing.
Rural character, local businesses.
Rural character, pristine environment.
Open space
Because it is the foothills, urban sprawl belongs closer to Bellingham.
Being alone, quiet, peaceful.
Forestry and rural character.
I love the beauty of the area. The trees and natural "feel" strongly

appeal to me.
The trees.
Scenery, quiet.
Remoteness and separation from towns/cities (i.e. Bellingham, Ferndale, Lynden).
Rural character with sparse population; privacy created by same. Quality of life -- slower pace, less pollution than urban areas.
Privacy; beauty, unspoiled.
The distance from Bellingham
Rural character, open space.
71 years old -- my father was raised across the river in a log cabin. Now we have escaped a lifetime in Bellingham and what it's become. Live in heaven in a little log cabin!
Quiet.
Rural atmosphere.
Wilderness areas, river, snow, rocks.
Rural isolated character.
The beauty of the environment.
Quiet, free from urban areas, nature, ability to work from home, small town, little crime (outside of Kendall area), many visitors to area.
The beauty of the nature.
That it is the "foothills" -- not town -- it's quiet out here and we learn to do with is available.
Proximity to National Forest. Fresh air, clean rivers.
Beauty, community.
Love the open land. Very scenic. A beautiful drive.
The environment.
Scenery, walking trails, peaceful attitude.
Clean air, clean water, clean living.
Nature.
Recreation, somewhat remote rural environment.

The beauty, trees, easy access.
The nature -- rural appearance.
Larger lot sizes in Maple Falls, outdoor activities, skiing, hiking, biking, running trails.
Privacy, space, beauty, sparsely populated, undeveloped areas.
The quietness and the ever changing scenery.
The beauty, the trees, the recreation opportunities, the air quality, nice restaurants in Glacier.
Open spaces, recreational activities.
Open space, clean air, safe communities. Because it still feels wild and pristine.
Forest, mountains, rivers, quality of life.
Rural character.
Environment.
Quality wilderness within day trip of big cities.
Environmental conditions, close to nature.
More developing around the Maple Falls post office, which I have the lease on the building.
Rural character. I've been here for 55 years. Already seen too much development.
Rural nature, close to hiking and nature.
Rural character, peace and quiet, access to wilderness.
Solitude, quiet, country living.
Peaceful.
I value having local parks for the youth and families to enjoy. I also value clean air.
Family.
Where I live, the peace and quiet of no neighbors. The beauty of our city/town.
The relaxed uncrowded rural character of the area.
Small, park-like setting.
Mountains, ski area, Nooksack river, parks, Mt. Baker wilderness trails.

Quietness, few people.
I feel a close connection to the earth in the Foothills. I appreciate the peace and quiet. The quiet rural pace of living. I value my warm, friendly neighbors.
Rural atmosphere, open spaces, environmental quality, undeveloped nature.
Tourist business.
Recreation, peace and quiet, nice neighbors.
The environment, the rural character of the area. Quality of life is good.
Proximity to National Forest, rural environment.
Its beauty.
The quietness and serenity and wildlife.
The character of the complementation of rural living with the hills and valleys, trees and river.
The beautiful rural nature of the area. A good commute to Bellingham -- low traffic density -- large lot sizes and acreage.
Open space. Recreational opportunities.
Natural environment. Sparse population. Fresh air and quiet.
The natural beauty and solitude, slow pace life. The people trust each other and help each other.
Rural character, natural beauty, access to outdoor human-powered recreation.
Low population density.
Natural beauty.
Beautiful rural setting, quiet, peaceful.
Rural mentality and peace and quiet.
Quietness and peaceful calm.
Rural character, cross-roads communities, natural beauty, hiking, skiing, no towns, no big stores.
Natural beauty and location. Cultural diversity, many fine people, open space.
Rural character.
The rural native of the area.

I like that it is quiet, small, and natural. I like that it is affordable.
The rural character and quiet.
The natural aesthetic beauty.
I like living out of town. I like my neighbors to be freedom loving, independent and self reliant and creative.
Peace and quiet. Stars at night.
All the trees and wilderness. I love to look out and see the animals.
Rural character -- good values for real estate.
Recreation.
Rural character, farms, lack of density, trees/forest, Mt. Baker/Hike/Ski.
The greenery; beauty; cultural diversity.
Rural character, recreation opportunities.
Rural character -- clean air and water -- natural habitat and wild areas -- recreation -- small community.
The natural beauty.
It's a magnificent ecological jewel shared by a multitude of urban refugees and long time country folks.
That I can go to my land and not see anyone.
Nature, wildlife, birds, cleanliness, no garbage, views, greenness, clean air.
Country setting, quiet.
The beauty of the area.
Quiet -- far from cities.
Rural, peaceful countryside, recreation.
Rural -- no people -- people should stay in Bellingham!
People and beauty of the area.
The need of the residents and the beauty of the area.
I value the relationships I have formed with members of our community and the 'closeness' to nature that is evident here.
Nature and potential for growth in harmony with the land.

Our casual lifestyle (jeans and t-shirts).
Rural character and recreation.
The beauty of nature.
Light traffic.
Rural quality, open space.
The rural character and country atmosphere.
I believe for myself and for most people who live in or have land in the Foothills -- its to get away from the hussle/bussle of the city -- for peace and quiet.
Privacy and seclusion.
Accessibility by road (not air). Two lanes continue.
Open area.
Its purity and nature
Pastoral environment, solitude, quietness, considerate neighbors.
The families (people).
Clean air.
Privacy.
Rural affordability, character.
Privacy, nature, solitude, wildlife, recreation, beauty.
The rural nature.
The present housing affordable which includes mfg. homes. We love the higher (than Lynden) elevation and proximity to Mt. Baker area, Nooksack River, forested land and wildlife.
Rural density.
Rural diversity.
Recreation
The rural nature, quiet and undeveloped mountains.
The peaceful ambiance and friendly people.
Rural lifestyle -- no fast food/strip malls etc...

Housing prices.
Ecology, wildlife, conservative measures, low population density, self preservation.
The rural character. I like it dark at night, and quiet during the day. I love that bears come down to eat apples off our trees. The fact that this area was ever designated as a UGA is ludicrous and was not done with the input or consent of those of us who lived here at the time.
Natural beauty; rural setting.
Economic opportunities, Whatcom Co. must expand in this direction.
The rural character and close proximity of the wilderness -- including all wildlife, hooved, winged, clawed...
The beauty of the area -- the quiet.
Quiet, rural lifestyle and good neighbors.
Quiet.
Peace and quiet. A little closer to nature.
Walking out the front door into nature.
Rural character, recreational use.
Natural environment/trees.
Quiet, rural life, ranches and farms, keep out developers.
The mountains and trees.
Quiet serenity.
Rural character, open space, recreation and public lands.
Peace and quiet and clean air.
Country setting, rural environment.
Recreation area.
Affordable housing.
Conducive to rural lifestyle.
Rural character.
Rural character.
Hunting in mountains/lake fishing.

Beauty, clean air, pure water, recreation.
The grandeur of the mountains.
Isolation, independence, diversity.
Being out in the country and able to raise animals and great place for the kids to grow up.
Rural character.
Fresh air/beauty/wildlife/recreation.
Rural character, beauty, lack of traffic.
Rural character.
It's natural beauty.
Natural environment. Sparse population. Fresh air and quiet.
I was born in Glacier in 1945. I grew up fishing, hunting -- going to school. The loggers, miners and tourists worked together. Parents gave their children an acre or 20 to live on. Now forestry is gone. It is illegal to help your children. Our culture is destroyed.
This area is my home -- where I grew up. My grandfather's homestead. I have lots of memories that I would like to keep real -- So I do not want to see a lot of change along the Silver Lake Road.
Rural character, quiet, peaceful.
I have lived here since 1950. I have seen many changes. Not all for the best.
Rural character!
Privacy.
Rural character, friends, neighbors.
The natural setting that surrounds me.
Character.
Beauty of the setting, excellent water, quality of friendships, recreational opportunities, sense of community, far off the "mainline."
Recreational opportunities.
Views, nature.

The present landscape. Besides the road noise of MBH, we love the peace and quiet as well as the very low crime rate.
Rural character.
Great getaway from I-5. Not too crowded, not urbanized.
Large space with a small population.
We don't get questionnaires like this very often.
No traffic, space, trees, few people.
Scenic beauty, rural character.
Clean air and water and remote location.
Room to expand and grow.
Rural.
Recreation, skiing, hiking.
Scenery, rural feel, wildlife inc. eagles, deer, elk, salmon, raccoons. Clean river.
Quiet and beauty.
Clean air, quiet, cozy community.
Remoteness, a place to get away.
Rural, quiet, low population density.
Being close to nature.
Rural character, forest environment, moderate traffic, peace and quiet, friendliness of community.
Nature and wildlife habitat. It is peaceful and serene.
Everything what is good.
Rural character -- we've lost a lot of it due to zoning changes in Bellingham. They don't live here but they control our destiny.
Natural beauty, rural character
Environmental protection.

2. "What changes would you most like to see?"

Community med. Center, recreation for children.
Easier process for rezoning, building and land use
Cell phone svc, DSL, bike and walking access
Job opportunities
Creating a more vibrant local economy. Better hygiene and water protection, especially in Columbia Valley area, more services and community spaces (a park in Kendall like the one in Van Zandt), better transportation, cleaning up the local drug epidemic, i.e. addressing more root causes, easier access to walking and biking, some more good restaurants.
Get rid of the low balls, police focus on meth and cocaine.
Clean up messy places which offend tourist and property owners.
Improved levels of service
Turn the Nooksack Casino into a farmers market
No shooting in 1 1/2 mile of small towns. No ORV sites.
Keep subdivisions out
None.
Limit growth from anticipated levels. New county gov't.
Mini malls
Clean up of junk homes and local jobs
Incorporation of Kendall-Peaceful Valley area
Less dense growth; tax containment!
Less density
Less Boarder patrol, DEA/Homeland security copters and officers.
Improved cell phone communication, improved safety
More police and fire protection, make Mt. Baker Highway safer.
Control growth
Aid to farmers so they can be economically viable. Reduce clear

cutting, more selective logging. If land is somehow made more affordable, keep zoning at low density. "Don't build it, and they can't come." Increased public transportation.
A decrease in the trend by which open space and ag land becomes single family residential housing (i.e. consolidate any new housing and preserve open space as much as possible).
Better quality grocery store at competitive prices
Better public transportation into town and return. A large grocery, i.e. Cost Cutter. Another golf course like Baker's Edge was.
More agriculture
Cell phones and water
Reduction of traffic on Hwy 542 -- not too likely but at least an effort to reduce through public transportation or through locating houses where the jobs are.
More small retail services.
Cleaning up of the trashy neighborhoods and increased law enforcement.
A better water system and sewer for the developments.
Restrictions to limit high density housing; better safeguards to protect further soil, water, forested areas.
More protected areas, more recreation opportunities
More grocery stores with pharmacy, doctor's office, mall
Kendall "y" upgrade. Planned Parenthood clinic/birth control/counseling, drug rehab, quality child care
A change in the reputation, beautify the run down areas.
Regular transportation links and periodic passing zones to improve traffic flows.
More resources (grocery store, clinic) to avoid driving into B'ham. More law enforcement (drugs, speeding, theft).
Access to a retail center, high speed internet and cell phone service universally available.
Bike lanes on Mt. Baker Hwy and Silver Lake Rd, mark the road through Kendall with a bike lane.
Revision of land use, septic system and building codes to allow more

economic viability for home based businesses.
Keep Staveland (?) out (and his ilk)
Paradise area cleaned up -- safety improvements to traffic flow at Kendall.
Less destructive logging.
I support the idea of a building permit allocation plan and the use of accurate population projections, not numbers cooked by Econorthwest.
Maybe a larger grocery store at decent prices in the area.
A commercial center, traffic problem in Kendall, High-Speed internet
County laws and codes upheld, drug dealers and violators removed, derelict houses mad to comply with law.
More retail/restaurants in Glacier area
No more drug houses -- safety for children
To see Mt. Baker from the turnout with the info board.
More restaurants or things to do at night.
Retail options in Maple Falls
More eating places.
Cell phone nodes!
More cultural places to gather for residents and tourists.
A variety of community service, cell phone accessibility, grocery store, restaurants, possibly a bank
I'd like to see the Balfour Village project go through
We'd like to see the dumpy properties cleaned up, and to see dogs running free through the neighborhood stopped.
Turn lanes on highway -- places for people who need to get there yesterday to pass safely.
Elimination of unlawful acts and generates and dog enforcement.
More enforcement of dangerous passing on highway.
Approval of the Balfour Village development project.
Free garbage to clean up the foothills logging roads.
A meeting place to encourage community gathering for farmer's

market, seasonal festivals, kids and families to recreate.
Stability. Community identity.
Lower taxes for agriculture land, so we can keep them that way.
Crime brought down, neighborhood cleaned up.
Less crime, less drugs, less people.
None.
Protection of water and environment.
Less traffic -- quit changing.
None.
Increased political representation and more direct
Family wage jobs
None. Leave it unspoiled by development.
Some retail, community services, cell phone (Any improvements would be appreciated so that we get something for our high tax \$).
None.
Retail "every day" type stores -- grocery -- hardware, etc.
Develop county owned lands for public rec/use.
Even fewer people.
Fewer people.
None.
Cell phone service.
None.
Small business and light industry with local hiring.
Stabilization of home and land prices.
Cable -- internet access improved.
A park -- a place to take my dog.
Less government employees.
Improved roads -- smoother, straighter, safer. Increased public transportation.

Maintaining more green spaces.
The law to do its job.
A good restaurant/pub.
Better Hwy/sidewalks on Highway/Phone cell coverage.
Concern about environment (trash everywhere, diminishing forests).
Commercial opportunities such as Fred Meyer with satellite services (Balfour Village Proposals); more bust service; more sheriff protection.
Upgrade of water system in Paradise and the end of Evergreen Water Dist. #9's reign of terror! (Specifically -- Gordon, Travis)
A lot less people/more law enforcement.
Less traffic on Hwy. or road improvements.
Close the national forest to tourism.
Road improvement and lower speed limit.
Convenience store. Road improvements.
Very little. This is the country. People should be prepared to travel distances for amenities. We need to encourage small farms and open spaces.
None, where I live.
None.
Less drunk drivers on Reese Hill Rd.
Provision of only enough public transit that can be supported by available funding. As compliment to this it would be desirable to spend funds on development of walking and cycling trails between communities, and along and through naturally appealing environments.
Shopping center, cell phone access.
I believe the Columbia Valley could be developed as a small town which would provide needed services and employment opportunities to the entire foothills area while maintaining the ruralness of the foothills as a whole.
No new boundary developments -- No Aiki Homes!
Public sewer.
Get rid of drug houses.

Public transportation.
Sheriff substation.
Seath Mountain trail.
More services -- cell services, restaurant, bank, hotel, retail shops.
Make urban growth area much smaller.
A stable population without sharp increases and, thus, continued rural nature.
It is important for the Balfour Village development get approval.
Controlled growth and increased awareness of our community needs less litter on Highway and other roads.
Less emphasis on stopping growth by limiting small business. Realistic zoning plan that eliminates free land tax for mining and forestry companies.
Less clustering of poverty as far as possible from jobs and services -- as a firefighter and a teacher, I see the strains placed on our limited resources.
Cell communication, public water/sewer.
Leave it as it is.
High speed internet, cell phone coverage, safer roads.
Better level of services.
Better roads with more lanes to drive on.
Widen roads for bicycle activities.
More law enforcement.
I would like to see housing becoming more affordable again, and especially, that water service would be more affordable.
Crime prevention/sheriff substation. More parks safe for kids.
Get rid of the dumped cars, etc. Stricter rules for keeping properties clean.
Safe separated trails from highway and roads for access between B'ham, Nugents Corner, Deming, Paradise/Peaceful, Maple Falls, Glacier, Van Zandt, and Acme.
More public transit and non-motorized vehicle travel options; improve dangerous road conditions (Kendall Corner). Hold developers fiscally responsible for impacts caused by growth.

Clean up Peaceful Valley
New bridge over Nooksack between Maple Falls and Glacier. More businesses in Maple Falls and Glacier.
RIDA zoning.
None.
None.
Clean up shanty town look of some neighborhoods.
Balfour village -- affordable housing and "urban" center. Everyone speaking English.
Allow families to divide property up between children.
Closer medical assistance/service.
Cell service -- clean up the ugly mess in housing along the highway in Kendall/Columbia Valley.
Better meeting areas and improvement on Kendall highway (junction 542, 547) near school.
People getting along and not being so ugly.
Public transit to Sumas and Bellingham.
None.
Smart community place with spots of increased density surrounded by open/agricultural space. Also, good train/light rail to urban center.
A nice lodge with recreational amenities. Less visible logging.
More people living.
More regulations/restrictions put on property owners who rent out their properties on a month to month basis.
More bike trails, better bus service to ski area.
Very little, except improved infrastructure is always welcome.
Removing all the clutter on properties. Make some rules about it, fire hazards.
Less meth houses and slower/lower speed limits.
More light industrial zoning, cell tower, sewer services.
Safety on roads, reduction in crime, a recognition by the county that "developing" the Foothills area -- i.e. Columbia Valley, etc. -- is foolish.
A place for kids/young adults to go to keep them off the streets and

maybe out of trouble.
More social gathering places and services at Glacier.
Sewer, in Maple Falls if possible, more zoning in the Columbia Valley area for Light Industrial (would help w/ jobs, increased tax base, etc.) More R5 zoning around fringes of Maple Falls. Cell Tower.
Paradise is a mess -- unsafe and trashed. Lets clean up our living spaces.
Controlled, smart growth (comm and res).
No more than 1 dwelling per acre.
Better water quality, less housing construction.
National Forest partnering with recreation based business to develop limited areas of public lands.
Recreation and access between communities, transportation.
More town around the town.
Against the Peaceful Valley development, roads, schools, fire department -- not roads for "extra" population. Fix roads and fire.
1-2 additional dining choices.
None really.
A grocery store and clean up Paradise.
I would like to have cell service in the area and our roads taken over and maintained by the county.
None.
I would like to see our air quality improve, the amount of brush burning, and poorly managed wood stoves, bring our quality of air down.
More sheriffs.
More resistance to large high density development like Balfour Village.
Health dept., law enforcement doing something about our neighbors clean up the dumps they live in.
Shuttle to Mt. Baker ski area (regular runs) Sheriff station, big grocery store, good access to Nooksack River.
Recreation-trails, bike trails.
Lower speed limit to 25 mph through towns. (Maple Falls) An end to ORVs on logging roads. Logging roads replanted.

Reduced emphasis on growth and business development. More on investing in education. We're too worried about business where our schools provide one of the worst educations in the state.
Hotel at Heather Meadows. Improved info center. Restaurant. Improve downtown Glacier.
Cell phone at Glacier.
More rules on putting houses on forest land. It shouldn't happen as much.
Neighborhood clean up, recycling availability, stray and unleashed dogs.
None -- leave as is.
More law enforcement.
More law enforcement -- less drug people.
Planned communities tucked in areas which maintain much of the ruralness.
Protection of our water supply and wildlife.
More commercial retail land available.
Better cell sites, more businesses (i.e. large grocery store and drug store). Small mall for hardware, etc.
More attention to environmental preservation.
Less people.
Land trusts.
Community centers, closer medical/dental services.
Cell and fast internet service in Glacier.
Stores so I don't have to drive all the way to Bellingham to get feed and other stable items.
Preserve open space and view corridors; highest level of environmental protection.
Gentle growth, less "uncontrolled" development, improvement of infrastructure, i.e. Kendall corner.
None.
I don't want any changes. I like it the way it is.
I would like to see the Kendall area cleaned up and improved before more houses are built.

Less people, less traffic, less regulations.
Cell phone reception, cable TV and internet cable!
Less people living here.
Safety. Knowing that if you call for police help, you will get it. Some way for adults and teenagers to make money.
It would be nice to see a small grocery store and a small hardware store but not where they have to move trees. In an already open spot like next to the fire hall.
Water districts merge for economy of scale.
More bike/walking paths along 542
Stop over -- development/urban sprawl.
Safer roads; crime families handled.
Increased population density in existing "urban" areas.
Van service or bus to ski area and Bellingham.
Create affordable housing. Clean up blight properties. Proved additional law enforcement w/ particular emphasis on drug enforcement.
Harmony between hippies and rednecks.
Step back in time 20 years.
Expanded commercial zoning in Glacier in both area and permitted uses.
Stay that way!
Less crime and better control and on the response time (thing are good). Rural character including people.
North of Kendall -- make people clean up their homes and property.
Better law enforcement.
Affordable housing closer to town (Bellingham) where jobs are.
More encouragement of recreational activities privately sponsored.
More businesses to support population and clean up of trash in the area.
I would like to see Balfour Village project completed. I'd like to see more opportunities for kids and teens in this area.
I would like to see Balfour Village development and community

resource center completed.
More jobs and services, tourism oriented.
Security protection, especially increased police forces (police marijuana growers!).
Recycle collection.
More shopping areas.
Zoning that would maintain housing with minimum acreage (i.e. 5 ac).
Zoning that would limit housing to 5 acres minimum.
Minimum re-zoning to increase density of population.
More business in county, less control by county so we can create more jobs.
Preservation in a natural way.
Growth restrictions on Kendall area -- air quality (wood smoke), water district mismanagement, crime problems, all concerns. Restrict mobile structures as permanent housing.
More county \$spent on improvements. Proactive planning that does not waste volunteer time and energy.
More business/stores/food market.
More police presence, speed zones.
Limit lot size to 5-acre minimum.
More grocery/shopping/fuel options. Better public transportation.
None.
Sewer, more police presence.
More personal pride of land ownership: no trash or lack of property upkeep. No more criminal elements: meth labs, etc.
More privacy/need to clean up the garbage houses/drugs, etc.
Less illegal residents/clean up Paradise and Peaceful.
Better retail outlets.
Shopping center that was proposed.
Remove urban growth area designation.
Increased cell phone coverage and emergency services.

Better transportation services to B'ham, Lynden workplaces.
Less smoke from wood burning stoves. Clean up of debris (derelict autos, etc.) from private property in Paradise lake area.
Better use of available land. Not so many absentee owners. More respect for the American language. More severe criminal punishments, less drug/alcoholics, speeders.
Good bike trails. Better cell phone access. Good ordinances to control the effects of any growth -- like traffic safety and light pollution at night.
Mass transit.
Also, pursue Hwy. 9 commercial corridor! Area cleaned up. Old trailers gone, drug dealers gone.
High speed internet for Maple Falls/Silver Lake/ Glacier area to enable home-based technology companies. Bus service that suits people's work hours in Bellingham. An end to clear cuts.
None.
Services available.
I would like low income housing, if it is going to be force upon us taxpayers and home buyers to be in cities closer to social services.
Elimination of high density community in remote, rural setting.
None/except maintenance of hiking trail.
Stability and preservation, water quality improvement.
More support and protection of environment.
None.
A tree cutting bylaw, too many landowners clear cut their property.
Improved levels of service.
Better public transit and safer biking/walking routes around the smaller foothills towns.
Get garbage and junk cleaned up.
Better rural character.
Any development should be for recreation purposes.
Increased business/dr.
Reduce truck traffic -- highway is overloaded with commercial long-distance haulers. Increase traffic patrol.

Stronger law enforcement, better emergency services, removal of substandard housing.
None.
Garbage clean up lots and mountains.
Cell phone capability.
Thoughtful implementation of environmentally friendly public transportation, such as buses and bike/walk paths.
Limited growth -- not letting Secret Harbor move to Mosquito Lake Rd.
Safe roads and access to local business like Sumas -- (there's not much retail there).
Turn lanes at the intersection of Sumas-Kendall and Mt. Baker Hwy. I drive this every day and have had many close calls.
Sustainable transportation/bike paths to B'ham/high speed internet infrastructure.
Better trails for commuting, upzoning of certain R5 areas.
Improve crime rate.
More services, utilities, community.
Fewer people.
I would like to see our grandchildren be able to utilize and enjoy our natural resources.
Increase retail and services in towns; increase cell phone coverage.
More parks.
Slum areas cleaned up.
Well controlled com. development.
None.
More retail, banking, medical services. Fewer rules, more enforcement of present rules.
More services in the UGA to be kept to the UGA in order not to disrupt the rural feeling in the rest of the subarea.
More retail.
Balfour village get underway. Complete community center.
More tourism.

Walking trails.
Environmental protection.
No more drugs, stealing, bad family values.
Services to match the needs already present.
Less questionnaires.
Safety wires by school, areas of Mt. Baker Rd.
Less gov't control, less taxes.
Increased protection of resources, especially attention to degradation of riparian areas by private property owners.
Balfour village commercial proposal allowed.
A lot.
Law enforcement and emergency.
Clean up neighborhoods such as Paradise and Peaceful Valley -- enforce building codes, drug laws and animal control.
More cycle paths.
Concentrated services and community with rural in between.
Growth with a plan.
Not sure (better cell phone service)
Cell phone coverage on the Mt. Baker Highway between Glacier and the Summit for emergencies.
Safer roads -- 2 lane Mt. Baker Hwy. Closer police presence.
More environmental conservation measures, trails, bike paths, public transit, cleaner yards (fines for several broken down cars and piles of trash at peoples homes, fines for dumping in the woods/ alternate dumping places).
Low population growth.
Less development and logging. More law enforcement to ensure community safety.
Make wider hwy 542.
We need markets, stores.
Wider and safer Mt. Baker Hwy.

Less people/more environmental protection -- I know this is impractical but it is what I desire. I will probably move to a more rural area in future because of this area's chaotic growth.

Year-round shuttle to top of 542 (off hwy bike path to Bellingham)

Better emergency sources.

3. "What changes would you least like to see?"

Over population.
Retail development, advertising, sprawl
Degradation. Continued lack of intervention by Sheriff dept. in drug cases.
McDonald's, Wal-Mart and any other big chain businesses. Major sprawl. Housing inaffordability, decrease in water quality, clear cuts, more poverty and violence.
Any more development in Kendall. It was a bad idea in the first place and has just gotten worse. They suck services from the rest.
Tacky strip malls, high-rises and high density
Increased population
More low income housing
Tainted water from typical development -- failing septic, lawn fertilizer polluting surface water. Wildlife displaced by homes.
More subdivision
Development. Fast food chains. More U-Haul places.
High density growth beyond current levels.
Greater zoning
Dense growth, phone attractions, parks, etc.
Increased density
Too much growth too quickly
Too many more houses
Visible big business
Strip malls, traffic lights, "commerce corridor", cell towers, developing farmlands into stores or housing developments. Large population increases. No "secret harbor" (mentally unstable boys in remote area can be dangerous).
Large population increases, degraded environmental (especially water) quality, loss of ag. land. No commerce corridor! No large scale housing sprawl.
No more low income folks who can't or won't keep their home/yard neat.

Growth
Urbanization
Cheap housing developments, apartments
Extreme traffic because housing is in Kendall and the jobs are in Bellingham
New St. Projects (<i>transcriber guess</i>)
Large stores
Increased population growth.
Condominiums -- they're bad news.
More development with high density housing; encouraging residents and squatters to vandalize buildings, etc, by lack of law enforcement.
More development -- I like it here and don't want to see the problems that come with increased density.
Don't want to many people here where we feel overrun with population.
More growth in Columbia Valley. Kendall before the old mess is cleaned up. Schools are already overburdened.
No more low income housing and no more areas like the "paradise" area.
"Upzoning" the Foothills -- We need some density increases and well planned small town growth.
For this area to become a "city", needs to stay a "town". We need more small businesses, but keep the rural look.
Fast food chains, pollution and congestion.
Population influx, turning the area into a town.
Parks -- more land use restriction and bicycle trails.
Staveland in.
New developments of home sin Kendall/Columbia Valley area.
Urban growth.
The doubling of our population that county planning treats as an inevitability.

More drugs in the area due to the affordability of rentals.
Overdevelopment and degradation of environment and natural beauty.
Fast food chains
More housing on virgin tracts of land.
Population growth -- I didn't move to the country for city living.
Bellingham to sprawl out into the foothills.
Increase in population density.
Mobile homes.
Housing Subdivisions
Large industry.
More development outside town centers.
Industry, pollution
Allowing older mobiles to continue to decay and devalue neighborhood properties -- basically letting things go.
Suburban sprawl -- I think it would be a shame if the open spaces were converted into miles of property lots.
More people coming in.
Logging. Now sub-division development.
More people
Increased population.
Make spread out housing that shuts off wildlife corridors and extended hiking trails.
Coal mining.
Homogenization, strip malls, fast food chains
Growth
Changes in zoning every time we turn around.
Maximum density development.
More people, low income housing, restricted property rights.
Growth

Urban development, high density housing
More housing, more people, more traffic
Zoning so restrictive that very few people could live here or could afford to live here. With only about 13% non-forest, non-recreational, non-public, non-mining etc. and many site already occupied, people need to go somewhere.
Multiple housing units.
More housing density, increase in school costs, more traffic
No more housing developments
Increased development and population.
The area remaining in its present condition.
Expansion of housing density by developments and shopping malls!
Losing farmland and timber land for development.
More people.
More people.
Mass population.
More population.
Sprawling urban development with traffic jams. i.e. bedroom community.
The foothills to become large subdivisions with the same style houses, side by side with all the large native trees cut and cleared. Developments like Snowline or Glacier Springs are on quarter acre lots but by keeping lots of trees it retains a natural setting and I feel a more desirable place to live.
Low income housing emphasis without jobs.
More people.
More services, people, crime.
Increased traffic on current road system. Shopping malls.
More developments and houses.
More people.
Slums

Trees cut.
More people.
Businesses like Wal-Mart or McDonalds; Home construction without trails, green spaces, parks, etc.
Don't shove all the unwanted out here from B'ham. I still don't know how come we received all the Russians here?
More housing because of traffic problems.
Development.
None.
Large amounts of traffic.
Development. More businesses, cheap dwellings on reduced acreage that waste land and attract crime.
All the land chopped into small parcels. All the timber gone.
Increased traffic and more developments.
More population.
More growth
I would change prevailing state law as it applies to clear cutting. I support the local timber industry but believe there should be some mechanism developed to encourage "thin cutting" and/or replanting all commercially cut stands with the naturally occurring species. If you cut conifers, replant the area with the same, and you should be required to do so. It seems to me that governments are short sighted if they don't look into the future when, at the present rate, we will be surrounded by deciduous forests where formerly there were conifers. I have sent a letter to Senator Brandland to this effect.
Increase in price of goods.
Uncontrolled growth along the Mt. Baker Hwy. Development that does not seek the benefit of the current local community as a whole.
No! Aiki Homes Developments.
Development.
Having Dep. Langly transferred away.
Population increasing too much.
Housing developments.

Industry, removal of trees.
No multi-family apts or condos. No 4-lane roads, less traffic.
Cluster housing projects.
Housing development.
More 5-acre lots.
Apartment buildings, more traffic, big shopping centers, loss of open space.
"Affordable housing" (slums) without economic growth plan to support population growth.
More of above (less clustering of poverty as far as possible from jobs and services)
Increased density.
Aiki Homes mega housing.
More traffic, big development projects, cutting down trees.
Increased density.
More traffic, franchises.
Affordable housing, increase in lower income population.
Smaller lot sizes, no smaller than 20 acres.
The 650 Housing development in Kendall area.
Zoning changes that put more homes in area.
Increase development at Kendall.
I don't want to see apartments and condos coming in! That changes an area's "character" as well as its population density.
Overcrowding.
That someone like (?) decides to cut down trees along the road, claiming they belong to him!
Increase of population density in areas so far removed from employment. (i.e. Bellingham).
Over-development of the UGA which currently lacks the infrastructure to support housing at the proposed density.
More people.
A trail on the north side of the Nooksack between Maple Falls and Glacier.

Subdivisions, more dense development, more traffic.
More people
Any more traffic on road. Their use of Mosquito Lake Road for rallies: car, bike, cycle, hike.
High density housing.
Too many people.
Industry and more development.
Development, congestion.
Low income housing an a push for diversity.
Big development and growth, environmental damage.
Going to water meters and houses that are packed on tiny lots.
More houses.
No business or towns made.
Rampart development, more roads, sprawl.
Housing developments, strip malls, shopping centers, casinos.
Less crime.
Intense development.
More cars (sad face).
Excessive growth, especially industry.
Sewer line would be very, very expensive.
?
More homes.
Increased density in Maple Falls. I don't like small size lots.
Anything that would bring more people into the area.
Anything that compromises the beauty/environment.
No reductions in commercial zoning in Maple Falls. The current level is fine.
Ballooning house prices, overgrowth and over population. 2nd land owners and too many tourists.

Unchecked development.
Confine clearing of property to maintain as much existing trees and vegetation as possible.
Massive development.
Increased low income housing with no increased job opportunities; Kendall would continue to grow as a cancerous cyst on our county.
Light industry.
Over populated. We don't need a small town here.
Large scale housing, large freeway.
Increased suburban development.
Less housing developments.
Crime increasing with added housing.
Less people.
I would like to see the rural character around here stay the same.
Too many houses being built in our community. Thinking about more traffic on our already poorly patrolled roads.
High density development.
We do not need more low income housing, which creates more crime and more garbage.
Changes to wilderness area, (allowing too much access w/ regards to motorized vehicle use, logging, mining, etc.) Protect it!
An increase in housing and housing density.
Homes on less that 10 acres. Large development. Large stores. Large monument homes.
Population and business growth.
As it is!
Wider roads.
A huge development in the Kendall Valley. Too far away from jobs and Bellingham. Bad idea!
Urbanization
None.
Too many houses built.

More housing.
No planning, just a jumble of uses and with family dwellings scattered around.
More housing would be undesirable unless lot sizes were at least .25 - .5 acres.
Rapidly expanding population.
More cheap housing including rentals.
Massive developments like in Foothills of Issaquah/King County.
Erosion of rural character, environmental degradation.
More people.
Housing developments.
Strip malls.
Stop encouraging bicycles for transportation on state highway and feeders.
All the trees cut down.
Erosion of rural character, environmental degradation, high density developments.
Gentrification, housing developments, sprawl, no additional septic tanks.
Urban levels of growth.
I don't want to see increased housing density unless the developers are willing to pay for wider safer roads.
I do not want to see low income housing and apartments. At least not until our current low income slums are cleaned up.
Highway widening and improvements.
Rules and laws which further limit homeowners from utilizing and developing their land. i.e. environmental protections laws.
Housing density increased, zoning and land use changed.
Uncontrolled growth without making sure the infrastructure is in place -- police, traffic, schools, churches, medical, etc.
Don't want any more houses and I don't want people who don't speak English to be here.
Uncontrolled growth.
Urban sprawl -- highways -- "Guide Meridian Scene".

Clear cutting stopped; educate Russians on value of trees (maybe DOE could do); Classes in schools on value of trees.
Increased rural development.
Housing developers especially to target low income specifically too much crime.
Further erosion of the current community environment.
Unbridled and/or unplanned population growth, urban type commercial centers (outlet malls, industrial parks, disneylands).
More building.
No change in ill-thought-out zoning.
More traffic.
Over population.
Too much growth!
More people.
High density residential, industry.
Too much growth because of cheap housing in Kendall.
More government regulation.
More gov't regulations.
No changes would be the worst. Seeing to many houses and no increased commercial district would be a tragedy our community cannot afford to suffer.
"No change" would be detrimental given current population.
Allowing urban sprawl. With it comes a rush of life and crime.
Higher density housing, manufacturing -- light industry.
Housing developments and increased traffic.
Too many people.
Increased housing density.
Apartment buildings.
More large housing areas such as Paradise/Peaceful Valley.
More large housing developments.

Commercial/Industrial/Residential structure higher than 2 levels above the basement.
Heavy zoning.
Residential and business developers.
Higher densities.
More people, less \$ for the area.
New golf courses.
Development with more houses.
More large developments -- such as Paradise.
Don't want industry to disrupt rural character.
Development.
More housing.
Strip malls and fast food "orgies"!
More foreigners without jobs.
Too much rental business.
Relaxation of zoning restrictions and/or PUDs.
Increased industry and housing density.
Over population and more traffic because of growth.
Increase in traffic on the Mt. Baker Hwy from Sumas crossing.
Over population, modernization, big houses, more druggies, criminals, development. Crime comes with more people!
Urban-style growth. I live here because I like it the way it is. I do not need a grocery store next door!
Single family dwellings every 5 acres.
Stay "as is"
Developments such as Balfour Village -- high density housing does not suit the Foothills.
Development.
More people and congestion with attendant crime and noise.
High density housing with no job opportunities.

Addition of Balfour Village.
More people.
Development, increased housing.
Further sprawling development.
Development, increased traffic, need for services and pollution (air and ground).
More people and houses.
More low income housing.
Zoning for more single-family parcels; housing developments in the farther reaches of the foothills.
Increase in noise and (electric) light levels.
Overcrowding.
A condo/housing development on the golf course. Cheap housing brings crime as we've seen in Paradise Lakes.
Over crowding.
Continued low density urban development; continued environmental degradation.
Housing density -- excessive, crowded.
More low income housing because it leads to greater needs of above services.
Growth
More parks.
Increased housing density.
Along with increased access seems to come increased garbage. That is a turn off.
Growth and negative impact to our way of life -- tax increases. Letting Secret Harbor move to Mosquito Lake Rd.
Massive housing construction.
More housing.
Growth/population density increase/more environmental destruction.
Conversion of resource land to housing development.
Housing developments.

Urban development.
Logging -- I'd like clear cuts reduced.
Population growth.
More regulations.
Population increases.
Traffic.
Overcrowded.
A highway patrol on Mt. Baker to put out more citation for speeders and to let people know it's a serious business.
Rezone.
4 land highway.
Large development outside UGA.
4-lane highway.
Small towns enlarged.
Industry, low cost housing.
Affordable housing.
Developers cutting down this beautiful landscape and replacing it with homes so close together the residents can "borrow a cup of sugar" without leaving their homes.
Less traffic.
Focus on housing.
Approval of Balfour Village. This area is in the UGA and shouldn't be. When this area was placed in the UGA there wasn't a need and there still isn't. Density of people is too far from Bellingham.

More bicycles and helicopters.
More people.
Increased population, commercialization.
No growth.
Too many housing developments and junky trailers -- Losing rural feeling -- Cutting too many trees.
Increased logging.
5-acre tracts all over.
Growth without a plan.
Densification
Unplanned zoning -- unregulated commercial development.
Apartments, duplexes, more trailers, etc. Brings in "low life" types.
Unchecked development, increased traffic, inflated housing prices higher property taxes.
Any changes that will erode the rural character of the foothills.
Destroying nature and habitat with development.
If no progress.
Trying to build a small city out of Kendall.
More growth.
Urban sprawl. Uncontrolled growth.
More people in the area.

4. "What are your hopes for the Foothills in the next 20 years?"

Clean, healthy community, with opportunities for young and retired.
5 acre parcel lots -- cluster zoning. Trails and bike paths
Modest, controlled growth; improved public service, enhanced recreation opportunities
Localized shopping and job opportunities.
I would love to get more services out here but not so much that the area loses its rural character. It would be great to see a sweet, tastefully done downtown area that services both locals and tourists.
That there will be meaningful employment for our youth.
Responsible and slow development
Affordability
4-lane Mt Baker Hwy
I hope that wildlife will not be displaced by people. New development should be "bear smart"
That urban and suburban growth be contained in areas that are urban already -- B'ham, Ferndale, Lynden
It becomes a respectful community. People get on together well. It remains rural.
Slow paced growth. Improved school facilities.
A safe "bedroom community"
Better planned and supported development to city standards
Sustained growth by an open market
Stability -- greater independence
Same services executed better.
Growth will be slow enough so that roads, police and fire service will support it.
Slow growth
Good planning
Maintain tranquility
Retain beauty and rural character. Increase wildlife habitat and salmon

habitat. Regulation large trucks on Highway 9. No big roads. No smog -- good air quality. No light pollution. Any new developments should be regulated to have dim lights at night if any. Nooksack Casino expansion and gas station, decrease car traffic to and from town.
Preservation of ecological integrity and environmental quality. Slow population increase at best. Lets let the other creatures have a place to live too! (P.S. I rent. The house was already here.)
Very slow even growth with safe water and environmental protections
Organized growth
Maintain rural atmosphere.
Little change
Cute little tourist town worth lots of money.
A quiet, orderly growth with educational and health opportunities for the local citizens
Density of community
Not overpopulated
That it retain its rural/low population density.
A small town: market, police dept., restaurants, community center
Sewer and water services made available at reasonable rates.
Very little development
To remain as close to the same as possible. If I wanted city services I would have moved to Bellingham.
We would be a somewhat self contained community with our own grocery store, doctor, etc. in a strip mall type area. All the while keeping the space, trees and beauty of the Mountain.
No natural disasters.
Improve lot appearances (the trailers w/ garbage, old cars, etc.) Build on to our home - improve lot, pave driveway -- buy lot next to ours.
Improved local economic base (with low environmental impact). Preservation of rural character.
Keep it very rural, very wilderness, but allow tourist-based businesses in areas already built up: Glacier, Mt. Baker and Silver Lake intersection, Mt Bake at Kendall.

Improved regulation to allow local sustainability.
Staveland moved to California.
Retain its rural character -- medical clinic -- be free from areas of high density/population
Remain rural
That foothills residents will find ways to work at home or locally. That population growth will stop. That the North Fork and its tributaries will again support wild anadromous fish in sustainable numbers.
To have a friendly, quiet area without all of the crime we now have.
I know this area will grow so development must be carefully planned to retain its rural character and environment. Commercial activity should be locally based and reflect the unique character of this area.
Develop a local economic base with great jobs. Become premier recreational destination.
That I can still drive around and enjoy the wonders of the Valley without impatient city people, pissin and moaning.
Environmental protection, no more growth.
Slow controlled sustainable development.
That they remain as rural areas.
Develop to attract more outdoor activities.
To remain recreational with a quality golf course.
Growth while maintaining high recreational facilities.
More small business development in towns like Deming, Maple Falls, Glacier.
To keep it for recreation and tourism
Steady growth with the appropriate road upgrades, health and community service availability, local jobs
Stay rural
For controlled growth (I know whether I like it or not -- it's going to happen) and road conditions to match the growth.
To be proud of where we live.
To remain environmentally sound.
No development.

Contained community development with scenic nature walks accessible to young and old alike and with bus service into Bellingham.
Sensible sheparding by moderate thinkers.
That it will grow into an aesthetically pleasing (architecture), friendly community, self-sustaining, walking and biking trails, local restaurants.
Stable, self-sustaining neighborhood.
That we can still call them "Foothills"
Cleaner, more peaceful, well-planned reasonable growth
That it looks the same as it does today.
Stop growing, less Russians/crime
Maintaining rural character and atmosphere
Regression, return us to how it was before you decided we needed "improving"
It will retain its character, won't grow.
That it stays rural. Remove the urban growth area designation.
That it stays the way it is for me when I have kids.
Remain an undeveloped gem.
More retail, steady growth in defined areas, public services, local jobs, and a better quality of life for everyone living in this area.
Expansion of tourism and recreation facilities.
Slow down in growth.
No new people.
Less people.
Higher home values.
Good recreation and keep it rural.
Stay the same.
Well planned roads, services for people.
For the area to keep its small town county feel.
Maintaining the quiet and the woods.

Keep the way it is.
That current character remain.
A coordination and merging of the people with the land
That there will be less outlaws and drug dealers.
Controlled growth.
Recreation area!
Keep it the way it is now, or was 10 years ago.
To see Peaceful/Paradise built into a village community with walkability to local services.
A community with mixed housing, no mobiles.
Little or no growth -- "density"
To retain the rural character, water and wildlife.
Respect for the environment.
To retain the beauty of the foothills while providing services.
Retain rural character.
Less crime.
That it remains the same.
Less crime (Peaceful Valley).
Slow growth.
I would hope the future for the area will see very little change related to any forms of commercial or industrial development.
Everything.
That the Kendall/Columbia Valley will be developed for small town commercial (not over developed). More job opportunities for local residents. More parks and playgrounds that are easily accessible. Development of trail systems that would connect communities.
Clean environment.
Recreation and tourism.
I won't live that long.
Controlled growth.

Controlled growth, employment opportunities, retail and grocery stores, possible incorporation as township.
Expand recreation -- more trails off of 542.
Cell service, retail, restaurants, other businesses. Keep the atmosphere of small town rural unchanged!
Return of a golf course, over night accommodations.
A stable population without sharp increases and, thus, continued rural development.
Preserve open space by increasing density where development is going.
To retain the quiet, rural character of the area. Also a crosswalk across Hwy 542 in Maple Falls and a turn land at 547 and 542 intersect.
More urban environment, with emphasis on maintaining quality and use of resources within the foothills.
Preservation
Retain recreation and rural.
Maintaining small rural community.
Keep environment as is and smart growth.
Keep it rural character.
That growth is controlled.
More recreation, less people -- move to the city if you want lots of homes in one area.
Not much change.
That it can become a wholesome place with true neighborliness, and be a safe place for all who choose to live here.
A clean, safe place w/ more outdoor rec. in Columbia Valley/Kendall.
Keep the trees.
That some restaurant, and recreation opportunities (indoors) like public pools, bowling, ice rink, gymnasium for public use. Slow growth.
That it will not look like a strip mall, concrete jungle and I will still want to live here.
To return it to its natural beauty.
No new "developments" east of Maple Falls.

Keep it the same as it is.
Leave it alone!
Stay same.
Clean up drug trafficking and image.
Removal of all junk cars and farm equipment (junk farm equipment). Removal all visible storage containers and dilapidated storage sheds.
I want it to remain being an area where people can go for a release from urban development!
Maintain and protection of the environment.
To keep it rural -- and cleaned up!
It remains quiet and rural, open to visitors. No big development. Appreciation for environment continues.
Don't care. Wish to leave due to living under a crappy association.
To remain rural.
To stay green.
That it keeps its rural appeal. Not a lot of development.
More community.
Recreation for future generations.
Strong economy, strong communities, healthy lifestyles.
Retain rural character w/ flourishing community.
Stay the same, very little tourist or population growth.
Businesses grow right in Maple Falls. Retail stores, recreational facilities, public swimming pools.
To keep/maintain its rural charm.
Outdoor recreational activities (river rafting, skiing, biking). More L.I. jobs, sewer, safer roads.
Greenways similar to Bellingham's in the Foothills and throughout Whatcom County.
To make this a safe place for kids and future kids to live and call home.
For it to become more of a destination recreation area, fun place to hang out (Glacier).
Maintain rural character but allow more residential zoning around

fringes of Maple Falls to allow for some growth. Increased R5 zoning.
To keep what we have. Let's not overdevelop and ruin the east county.
To continue to be, and get better at being a great place to live and work.
As population continues, more efficiency of emergency/law response.
To grow more like Austria/Switzerland than California/Las Vegas.
Diverse community.
More developing in the area.
That we won't be so populated. No longer rural. 20 year from now I won't care. Would like to live in peace until then.
Grow slowly ensuring rural nature and safety.
Pretty much just stay the same.
Keep as is after clean up.
To have a grocery store/shopping center.
Just like it is.
More local jobs (sustainable) less commuting, and more things for the youth to do.
Not to grow too much.
For it to remain about the same as it is now.
Better law enforcement, parks, trails, small businesses for local income.
Normal growth rate, (not too fast) allow higher density in rural areas, 20 acres divided to 10 or 5 acre parcels. 10 acre dividable into 5-acre parcels.
A quality, safe community to live in.
That area retain its rural character. That our environment and wildlife habitat be protected and preserved.
Maintain its rural character, improve education. Lets teach out kids some things besides football.
Tourist businesses. Big potential!
Stay the same -- add a bike/foot trail from Glacier to B'ham.
That it quits growing so much! Keep the rural character.
No comment.

To leave it like it is.
To have more law enforcement in order to get the drugs out of this area and the trashy slum lords out.
Planned communities tucked in areas which maintain much of the ruralness.
That it will retain its rural natural emphasis on recreation; also more community interactions.
Zoning of 1 acre or standard lot sizes (i.e. city size). Small towns only dense housing/ foothills left rural.
Preserve the rural character and preserve the environment.
Lower taxes.
Maintain habitat, open spaces, woods.
Maintain rural beauty -- open spaces (like it the way it is).
That it maintains its rural character.
To be a peaceful and prosperous place to live.
Preserve rural character and preserve the environment.
Gentle growth and no sprawl. Retaining rural character and openspace. As ecologically based as possible, more "green" building. No industrialization.
I would like it to remain as it is.
Improved infrastructure, cleaning of crime ridden and filthy areas, then the slow addition of housing, parks and community infill.
That the Nooksack casino is force to close and leave the area. It's a blight on our community.
Growth while maintaining the basic aesthetics of the area.
Blue sky, fresh sweet rain, the sound of birds. Also low taxes I do not want to pay for things that I don't even want.
Very slow managed growth.
Growth come steady with a friendly/caring community.
It won't be Bellingham or Bellevue.
Much more home improvement; substance abuse program -- NARC-Anon -- put in place to rehab and prevent abuse; better funding of education.
Maintain rural character, controlled urban development, minimal rural development.

To keep it natural and wild and to maintain the forest intact.
A clean, safe and healthy environment in which to live, raise families, and retire.
Baker don't blow us all to kingdom come, we gracefully extend the umbrella or parasol over us for global warming effects and when the shit really flies, we pull together as a community and self govern with dignity and wisdom.
No more new buildings.
To save what wildlife is left -- deer, bears, birds, other animals, etc.
That there is not to many changes. Keep things looking natural.
Better neighborhoods -- our cabin has been broken into 3 times!
Remain rural.
Maintain rural, recreation atmosphere.
People from town not making decisions for the Foothills community.
Growth in family neighborhoods.
I wish to see our community solidify and grow to increase our economy and create a "home" for us all.
Growth limited to the UGA -- Road/services improvements and rural character maintained everywhere else.
My lifestyle remains.
Retain rural character, promote tourism, jobs and services for locals.
Become showcase for Washington's beauty.
Peace and quiet, less garbage dumping.
More recreational facilities.
To maintain a rural/forest/recreational area and to not succumb to the regular urban traps.
Maintain rural area.
Careful election of candidates to exclude large corporate ownership of large tracts of land.
Better fire and law enforcement.
Stay the same.
No change -- encourage responsible land use -- noise restriction, regulated development (code enforcement should be enhanced).

Economic stability.
New golf course food stores/deli/armory.
Clean up roadside -- dumped vehicles.
Maintain rural.
Managed growth.
Minimal increase in population density and no Wal-mart.
Slow, even growth with an increase in property values.
Controlled and healthy growth -- planned ahead of happening.
Preservation for the families that settled here.
Good planning.
Density levels remain the same or decreased.
To remain rural and agricultural.
Controlled growth maintaining open space -- better police response when needed.
New homes replacing recreational type accommodation.
Better water, services less people. Less destruction by building big. Less pollution caused by summer campers/boozers.
That we can improve services to better serve the population base we already have. Do not promote urbanization.
Higher density housing; "village" type areas with services.
Become an equal part of Whatcom Co. Same amenities and values.
That it maintain its rural character. That all the people can meet so the "them-vs.-us" attitude changes (meeting areas). That it has a higher protection for wildlands, wildlife, and water.
Continue as it is.
Keeping it mostly the same rural quality.
The impossible ... stay as low density as it is.
That it becomes less of a low income housing community.
To be left alone.
Mostly, that it gets left alone and not "improved."

Slow, well planned responsible growth.
That the rural character can be preserved.
A healthy job, housing, rural character balance.
That it doesn't change noticeably and that the community resource center is a well funded success.
Planned growth with minimal impact on environment.
More services, quality of neighbors improved.
With a shortage of recreation, it should be developed as a recreation area. There are other areas that could be developed for low cost housing.
Planned growth.
That I'll be here to enjoy it!
Remain rural and continue resource-based uses, i.e. forestry, etc...
Limited changes.
Houses, not trailers.
Maintain character.
A community that incorporated growth and is supportive of people coming and enjoying the area. I do not want a community that is afraid of innovation.
No change.
That they will still seem "out in the country" but close to services.
Better law enforcement.
Sustainable living/quality of life over quantity.
Retain rural character with easier transportation options (biking, walking, ride share, bus).
Be well planned.
Environmental sustainability.
Communities, bike paths.
Stay natural.
That the historic culture and lifestyles be restored not changed to meet the city person's view of what this area is supposed to be.

Preserve look and feel.
If there is to be more density/housing there needs to be increased local jobs to reduce traffic on Mt. Baker highway.
Stay a nice clean community where one can feel safe.
A moderate increase in development of com. and housing.
Remain rural.
Continued recognition of our heritage and history. Resurgence of resource-based economy, balanced w/ environment.
Sense of community. Incorporation in Columbia Valley, sewer system in WD #19.
We can manage the change and growth that is coming without damaging our environment and way of life.
Preservation of natural setting.
Property values rise dramatically.
To pretty much remain the same. That's why we moved out here.
It remains a recreational area.
That there will be an improvement in quality of living.
Services are put in place before decisions are made to put more people out here. The population here needs to remain static until services catch up.
To be alive to see the changes.
Silver Lake clean, community center (health help!).
Less gov't, lower taxes.
More awareness of environmental issues.
Commercial, retail opportunities in Columbia Valley UGA (Balfour).
More places to go and things to do.

Local jobs.
Stable area for recreational activities.
I would like to see the neighborhoods clean and neat -- community centers, pools and gym. Safe places for walking, biking, walking dogs - - more security.
Increased tourism.
Large green space along major roads retained. This will help keep rural feel.
Growth in Sumas and Deming.
A well thought out mountain/foothill community.
2 lane Mt. Baker Hwy; local grocery and police. 1 to many acre mini farms for rural living.
Nature will be valued and preserved, water district will do its job without price gouging, homes will still be affordable, trails and green spaces/ green belts).
Retain rural character. Prohibit establishing a mental health facility on Mosquito Lake Road.
To maintain the small-town feel, to improve education and safety in the community. To limit recreation in environmentally sensitive areas.
Make wider hwy 542.
No hope.
That it will look like it does today -- I liked it better 40 years ago. We like it here. We live here to get away from the town.
Growth centered in clusters around existing population centers, rest of land to remain ag/forestry.
Retain rural/outdoor recreation environment.
That it remains quiet and peaceful.

5. "I would like to see the following community services provided in my community."

Library, community center, medical services, sheriff office, modernize sewer system.
Police
Organic groceries, medical/dental/eye services, hardware store, library (larger), park/playground, restaurants/cafes, accommodations for visitors (guests/family).
Our services have been taken over the years. Community school, libraries, law enforcement have all gone to Kendall while we to east have gone without. I want my services back in my community!
Medical clinic/doctors offices/police services
Nothing please, no new taxes
Grocery store
Library in Kendall
Better bus service -- especially routes during the day.
Kendall "Resource Center"
Food store, bank, doctor/dentist
Local police living and working in area
Bike lane on the hwy, to keep bikers out of the motor lane
Police protection
Recreation
Low cost health clinic. Ride share network. Cultural venues (arts, music, plays) and multi-cultural gatherings. Affordable car repair.
Affordable/low cost health clinic; a ride share network
Upgraded phone and internet service
A community center would be great including a recreation area for youngsters with basketball, etc. Using the Peaceful Valley pool.
No more services needed!
Activities during summer for children (especially young ones).
Educational opportunities for adults and families. Health care. Small business support inc. home-based businesses.

Shopping
Rec. center
Emergency, fire and law enforcement, response times bettered.
A park, resource center with continuing education classes, perhaps a walk-in clinic.
More police patrols; ambulance service; cell phone towers.
Only police/fire/emergency ambulance response
Sheriffs, doctor's office, grocery store with pharmacy, youth center, mall more activities for adults
Quality child care.
Police station, paid EMT and Firefighters.
High speed internet/cell services
After school club, i.e. Boys and Girls. Play date (toddler time) for young kids/parents. Clinic with after hours care. Grocery store (affordable).
Medical, grocery, bank
How about a community picnic every summer? Ok -- dreaming big, I'd see a Sea-Mar clinic for medical and dental, WCPC outreach for psychiatric problems, and a park for kids to play in w/ lots of swings for little kids and sports areas for bigger kids.
Do not see need for more government services -- but could use a medical facility in Kendall area.
Medical clinic
Medical/dental; cell phone service; Increased library space; broader coverage of public transportation including Maple Falls and Glacier.
None
A community center located across from the Kendall elementary school. A Russian shoe repair shop.
I support the community resource center and local availability of police and fire services.
Medical, grocery, bank.
Elderly care and recreation for seniors and children and teens.

Community center for the kids.
"Pick up your trash in the forest day"
Cell service.
Pharmacy, emergency, walk in health clinic
Cultural places to gather for residents and more tourists.
Local health care and activities for children
Resource center, medical clinic, dental clinic, after school programs for children
Cell phone service.
Fire, police and emergency protection.
Senior citizen outreach. Increased law enforcement.
A swimming pool, post office in Kendall
Retail.
Only more deputies, moved out of town to get away from "services" unwanted.
Community center w/ kid activities and drug/alcohol counseling services. And, if possible decrease the incessant dog barking -- education, re: dogs as pets???
Sheriff's office in area.
Medical
None, go to town for "community", leave this area isolated.
Increased law enforcement.
Larger library, community park and facilities that are located centrally.
More playgrounds for kids.
We have all we need.
Community activities (especially for children), a local health care facility.
Satisfied with current services.
Police, parks, fire.
None.

No more than what we currently have. Except high speed internet.
A church would be nice.
Police, roads, emergency services okay as is.
Public transportation.
None.
I don't know of any now.
Recreation, restaurants -- pub.
?
More info about what is happening in it.
Services planned by Balfour Village and nearby community center.
Appoint responsible commissioners representing the needs of the people and community.
Better cell phone reception/senior center. Place for kids -- pool (swimming, etc.), parks, etc.
Government offices -- social security, licensing, social services, etc.
We already have what we really need.
Doctors/dentist, police substation, classes for seniors, resources for youth, cell phone tower, hardware store.
None. It's fine as is. If you want more community services, move to Bellingham on Seattle.
More things for the youth.
Free mobile massage teams.
Transportation and bike/hike trails between communities.
1 large grocery store, 3 doctors and dentists, 2 cell phone access.
An increase in law enforcement and fire services. Parks and playgrounds. A commercial center so I don't have to travel to grocery shop. Safe walking/biking paths that connect to the school.
Good grocery store by Kendall Elementary.
Public sewer.
Closer food bank.
Rec center.

Trails and public transportation.
Community center, parks, police.
Local community services seem adequate -- improve library.
Library, own zip code/post office.
Support systems for "grassroots" organizations.
Grocery and other retail, banks, office space, etc.
More prompt police response time -- more officers available.
Fire, security, waste management sites, labor development.
Water, sewer, cell phones.
Natural gas.
Continued bus service, add bicycle lane, a community center.
None. That's what Bellingham is for.
Police and fire response/cell tower.
Better cell phone and internet coverage.
Grocery/library/litter control! Sheriff office.
Clubhouse to get kids off the street.
Police substation, activity centers for youth and retired people. Helicopter transport for emergency medical.
After school and weekend programs for kids and teens.
More law enforcement.
Glacier: 1. Real post office/own zip code. 2. Bus service to B'ham
We have most.
Cell phone availability.
Library, police, ambulance, fire protection, border patrol, dog warden
It's sufficient as it is!
Medical.
Cell phone along all of the Mr. Baker Highway.
Better police services (primarily in Kendall areas) obviously -- but many of us live here knowing we have to give up certain services -- it's

a tradeoff.
A real grocery store -- a chain like Safeway or Fred Meyer.
Jobs, gathering places, community centers.
Outdoor activities.
Buses to ski area, Kendall develop into a service/retain hub.
Cell phone -- Glacier.
Retail stores, grocery, movie theater, restaurants.
Sewer services, a cell tower in Maple Falls.
A community center/library near (i.e. adjacent to) Kendall Elementary.
Medial/dental facility (affordable), bank, grocery (not convenience) store.
Cell tower, sewer system, some medical facilities (dentist, doctor).
A bike path to Maple Falls from Glacier.
Sewer systems, better library system, better police response time.
DSL, cell phone signal.
Health care.
Parks and recreation.
More sheriff to help patrol area in Paradise or Peaceful. More people. More problems.
Knowledge of community events before they actually happen. A place to post what is happening in the community.
Better cell phone service.
None.
Post office -- better bus services to town, and police to ticket more people who speed drive.
More activities/ places for teens and children. A movie theater? Arcade?
Snow plows in winter, a county funded library returned back to Glacier, public transportation.
Better library, fast foods, grocery store, rec center with pool, workout equipment, walking trails, medical center.
Sheriff station and big grocery.

Local theater and cultural groups.
A conveniently located recreation facility for all ages, especially our children. A conveniently located, enlarged Maple Falls library.
Better law enforcement. More funding for sheriff. More funding for school programs to give kids more of a future.
Downtown improvement in Glacier.
High speed internet/cellular at Glacier.
Better police, fire protection.
Youth center/community center (YMCA) or Boys and Girls Club.
Cell phone tower.
Regular clean up of the roadways and trash around the community.
Better restaurants in Maple Falls/Deming.
A public trail linking the towns, and around Silver Lake area and a community center for kids, adults, arts, dance, etc., exercise.
Library.
Cultural exchange and understanding developed.
Senior centers -- more community centers -- also medical/dental centers.
A real county library in Glacier.
Police, fire station, retail and grocery stores and parks.
Library.
A community resource center at the Kendall corner that would serve us all.
Adequate law enforcement, fire, schools.
No changes.
Organized neighborhood watch, clean up parties.
Don't need or want any government community services.
Cell phone reception, cable TV and internet.
We already have libraries, roads and okay law enforcement and emergency services -- that's enough.
Police all the time (I know we have a residential sheriff -- He can't be available all the time). Decent grocery, hardware store.

Sewer for all lots -- possible incorporation.
Public transportation -- gas station -- cell phone access -- rails to trails opened up from Glacier to Acme/Deming.
Black chopper warning system.
Forget it.
Lifestyle
Christian church -- affordable shopping outlet, restaurant.
Police force.
Roadside litter cleanup.
Law enforcement.
Provide Kendall with more services because of the amount of people.
Outdoor firing range and firearms courses and training.
Boys and Girls club
Shopping center, medical facility, parks, trails, more schools, increased law enforcement.
Resource center including medical -- new school, increased Fire/EMT resources.
Police/sheriff office.
Donut shop.
More policing/fire dept./ambulance services.
Community meetings such as these.
More community meetings.
More cultural acceptance of non-American residents relevant to color/language.
I can live with the current status.
Before and after school programs -- The community center by Kendall school with all the awesome agencies.
Community center/pool/gymnasium
Local police building.
Cell phone, large grocery/drug-pharmacy.
Recreation area for children, library.

Basic needs: groceries, clothing, health care, and maintenance, entertainment (i.e. movies, bowling, skating, dancing/live music, and churches).
Truth in disclosure, less population.
More policing.
More traffic enforcement to prevent speeding and other negligent driving on Mt. Baker highway. Keep motorcycles off of trails!
Restaurants and local events (dances, etc).
More churches, meeting hall, possibly a recycle/transfer station.
Neighborhood drug watch expanded and greater police presence.
The basics are here. If people have nothing to do with their children they need to! It's not the communities responsibility to do this. It's the parent's problem. Honorably discharged/Disabled Vet. Lived here since 1986 on and off. WA resident since 1980. Served 6 years NAS, Whidbey Island.
Bike trails, good gathering places, better cell phone coverage, sewer in Columbia Valley, good libraries, good meeting places.
More police presence.
Large rec center, centrally located in Kendall, shopping center, cell phone coverage.
New library and meeting area in Kendall (by fire station). Good bus service so we can get to banks, doctors, stores and work. Park in Kendall (by fire station), bank, health center.
Police availability, improved shopping availability.
Just fine as is.
Increase in sheriff officers in our area.
Regular bus service.
A sheriff's sub office.
Community resource center, independent of any development interests.
Library in addition to fire, EMS and police.
Larger community service bldgs -- library, meeting hall, etc.
Increased police presence.
Walk in clinic -- Haggen's -- better roads -- widen Mt. Baker Hwy.

Fire, law enforcement, emergency medical -- the basics.
Bus service -- especially for non-driving seniors.
Greater law enforcement and emergency services.
Book mobile.
DNR crack down on garbage dumping in mountains.
Neighborhood recycling.
A place for abused or mistreated children to be helped.
Stores and services that we don't have to go to Bellingham as much.
Better cell phone coverage.
Rural high speed internet.
More access to active classes -- i.e. yoga, dance, etc.
Schools, jobs.
A few more deputies and a local city able to support itself to relieve the county burden. Historically, the towns were bigger and supported themselves. Until townships were done away with.
Expand Deming library, local emergency services fore medical and police -- Bellingham to far away for good response time.
Safety.
A good community hall for rental. Kid social functions.
Full time sheriff's office (precinct). Grocery store -- hardware, pharmacy.
Bank, grocery store, hardware and auto parts. Coffee shop, restaurant.
Full time sheriff's offices.
The services planned in Balfour Village commercial are and the community center nearby.
Community center, larger grocer.
Senior center, Senior resource center (possibly).
Police, fire, library.
Take out all the fast food/gas station food places and put in a quality food store like Trader Joes or a supermarket. Maybe a family therapist?

Generally, the same level of service I get from living close or in the city. The taxes I pay on my properties here are equal to what I paid in Snohomish county -- but county services were higher by far.
A Wal-mart at Kendall.
More places/choices to eat, drink and relax.
None.
Retail, commercial.
A source of energy to sell.
Recreation.
Cell phone use.
Better police patrol, grocery store, more restaurants, swimming pool, gym, pharmacy, and doctor.

Will keep tourism and pleasant places to live.
Police, greater pressure.
Grocery store/drug store. Police station ambulance.
Community center, library, post office, computer lab, fax.
Make shop center, increase trips for "WTA" buses.
Let those people who want/need services to move to Everson, Sumas, or Bellingham.
None additional needed -- if one desires more services one should move to an urban setting -- not bring an urban setting to this area.
Internet svc (non-dish) and better recycling program.

Appendix G Part V – Respondent Comments

We currently own vacation property in Glacier but are planning to move there permanently (retire) within 6 mos - 1 yr.
30 year resident of Glacier
We pay taxes for a very minimum of services (Bellingham would not put up with messy properties and used car parts on properties!)
Mt Baker Hwy -- Driving it is like courting death! I hate to drive it!
Peaceful Valley to Kendall should incorporate. We have no voice w/ county government. Lets manage our own affairs.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Our forest camp has been vandalized several times -- 2 tables chained to buried metal fittings are gone; fireplace destroyed; garbage dumped on site.
Pay attention to what the residents want. Many people in the area have very limited incomes. If property taxes (and as a result, rents) go up, you may be forcing people to leave -- the very people you claim to represent. Fix what you already have (Kendall, Paradise, Peaceful) instead of heaping more problems on us. Don't pass off development costs (new schools, etc.) on the residents. Don't kid yourselves that adding a bunch of little housing on tiny lots is going to help the area. It'll be slum lord heaven within 10 years, plus traffic jams and poverty.
Please provide an inventory of vacant 1-5 acre parcels in subarea.
Would like a sewer/treatment -- would be interesting to see info on septic impact on natural systems.
I lived on the South Pass Rd. for forty years and now live in Mount Vernon, WA. I hope to sell this property sometime.
Thank you for asking!!
Surprised survey didn't address schools.
I plan to move to my lot in Glacier Spgs. when I retire in a couple years.
To speak of affordable housing in a rustic location seems rather ridiculous when a person is going to burn up the bulk of his money in travel costs.
These comments are based on having lived in suburban Idaho first in a

small city of 2,200 people that has now grown to 16,000 without retaining the desirable elements of rurality that made it both comfortable and economically viable.
Stop the sprawl!
Bottom line is that most of us live here because it's quiet and rural. We fully understand we give up certain services by living here and we're fine with that. We live here because we want to be in the woods, not because we're "hillbillies" or poor. We're college-educated, respectful folks who prefer the woods over urban areas. It's the lifestyle we enjoy, cherish and love. Being far from Bellingham is not a problem for us. We go when we need. Thank you for asking.
Very simply put: Keep developers and developments out of the Foothills area.
Feel that if apartment like complexes are built in developments, will become like a ghetto. Paradise is bad enough!
Wells are great! Please enforce the laws! People should all have septic on Silver Lake. Please check that out.
I believe Silver Lake should not allow gas powered boats to protect water quality and eliminate noise pollution.
There are no bears, deer, small animals, and I've been here for 55 years!
Why should Kendall be the cheapest community? Why didn't Bellingham provide affordable housing in town where the jobs are? Bellingham has built so many houses. Why can't an average Whatcom County citizen afford them? Why do they send low income people to the foothills? Do people in Bellingham even care about us out here? I would like to know the answers to these questions.
We own 21 acres of forestry zoned property near Silver Lake Pk and the horse park. We do not live there but work on it to improve biodiversity of the natural forest.
Large corporation are very economically greedy.
In general, I feel that a number of these questions are poorly worded or based on what seem to be bad assumptions. We are 27-year areas residents with careers in education, planning and building.
I do not want someone to come in and tell me that I have to go to

sewer and/or water. Have dealt with both and don't trust what and who is running it up here. Like my well and septic!
"Employment opportunities" should only be developed if they are appropriate for maintaining the current rural character of the Foothills! Examples would include: recreation, farmer's market, cottage industry, telecommute opportunities, etc.
I own 40 properties in this area, so I have put my \$ where my mouth is.
The market place determines what is affordable housing! If it doesn't then the cost is shifted to and borne by everyone else's housing costs.
Difficult to answer these questions because we don't live here. We're only at the Glen on some weekends.
The Foothills are new kind of cluster city. It should include shops, service, a substantial size park (for families), hike/bike trails, future planning for public transport, density, schools, safe, wide roads. Think

20 years from now!
I think all of the concerns in Part 3 are important.
Sustainability/healthy living/ecologically economic growth.
Develop slowly an very cautiously.
Comments on the first three questions were about community: Land use is not social engineering and these questions are out of place.
Sorry it's late. Please include in results.
This came to us in the mail the day you were to receive it.
Sorry for delay in mailing this. Have been away. Thank you for opportunity to comment.

Appendix H Miscellaneous/Unprompted Comments

Note: These comments are unprompted and occurred in the margins of returned surveys. Most of them were connected to a specific question. The column labeled "question" indicates which question a comment is connected to and the numbers and letters listed under this column can be referenced with the questionnaire in Appendix A. In cases where there is just a number and not a letter, the comment is referring to the whole section (ex. "4" means all questions in the "Recreation" section).

Question	
1	Call me a full time resident on Silver Lake now, at <i>(number deleted)</i> I shall come to hearings. Moved from ugly East King County.
1	No ones business where I work or live. But we do own and do live in Columbia Valley/Kendall Area.
2	It would be nice and I would help pay for it.
3	The building industry alliance has always pushed for more lots under the guise of providing "affordable housing." Making many lots available only drops the price a little at the cost of having way more population. You'll get your affordable housing when your growth promotion makes this place a festering stinkhole with the same density as Bangladesh.
4	I would like to see the Bay to Baker trail completed, and the railroad grade in Kendall developed. Otherwise the recreation should be limited to the MBNF
4	No new riverfront parks. People bring dogs and trash. Wildlife is disturbed and water quality is diminished.
4	Continue with the chances to fish, hike, boat (without a motor) and swim!
4	Parks needed are for children's recreation
4	We already go elsewhere for recreation! Is this gov't role? Create/provide "attractions"? "Amusements"?

4	This assumes there is additional funding to maintain additional parks. Maintenance not "identification/setting aside" is the key issue.
4	Walking and bike paths. Limits on tubing the rivers and rafting and fishing. Very limited off-road vehicle places. The less disturbance for people and animals, the better.
4	Develop existing parks for multiple uses with annual budgets first!
4	3/4 of Whatcom County is already in open space.
4	A conflict has been developing for many years between the ORV users and the shooters and most of the other wild land recreational users. The county should stand firm with the DNR, USFS and the private timber companies: motor vehicle use only on ORV areas like Walker Valley. The shooters should be forced onto the designated ranges. Hunting is fine. The ORV crowd wants to do to Sumas Mtn and Red Mtn what they have done to Slide Mtn and the North Fork Rd. Talk to the DNR and the timber companies and WA Fish and Wildlife. The resource losses in timber and water quality are tremendous. The noise pollution and garbage dumping are terrible where these users run wild. Any even tacit encouragement given by the county to informal off road areas will be received with intense opposition and bitterness.
4	Does continue mean to add more or keep up with what we have? We have a lot of land taken off tax roll now.

4	Located at regional "hubs" -- not located in one community over another, especially for children, not just tourists.
4	Keep taxes down -- too many improvements will have to raise our taxes! Affordable housing for all!
4	Leave it rural and natural.
4	Concerned about environmental impact.
4	You have closed parks already here! What close one to open another?
4	State and Federal lands are close by and provide plenty of recreational opportunities!
4	It depends upon the recreation.
4	Entire Mt. Baker National Forest is already available.
4	BS
6	I use my bike already.
6	We now have a bust. We are always having bikes on our road.
7	We need more deputies instead of county planners.
7	Isn't everybody to some extent? (Agree) Okay as is. People need to be prepared on their own.
7	Response time fine.
7	They were great for the fire next door. Good time, good work, saved some of house.
7	Response seems fine.
7	More population is going to put a real "demand" on our present fire department and sheriff dept.
7	It seems good -- each community has a fire station to respond and they do a good job.
7	If people want these services, they can move closer to large towns/cities. Rural areas by nature are less supported by emergency services. Lack of service does not equal lack of preparedness.
7	Don't care too much because most of my time in the foothills is for recreation anyways.
7	The general public can't answer these accurately; they can guess at best.
7	Still no cell phone coverage in Glacier or the dangerous pass

	road to the summit.
8	Oh really? You can't have good jobs and good recreation? Or affordability? Or good gov't service? This is absolutely irrational!! Difficult? It's inane.
8	#10: I don't want at all -- and it is very important to be that they don't occur.
8	Everson and Sumas are all dead towns. Why not put your NRG there? Don't let a developer in Peaceful Valley or a few underemployed people from Paradise bring a small city to the Columbia Valley.
1a	For what purpose? Social?
1a	(Agree) Prefer making use of existing facilities first
1a	(Strongly disagree) We have the school!
1b	Whatever that buzz word means.
1c	Perhaps.
2a	(Agree) If it keeps Kendall Creek clean then...
2a	(Strongly disagree) Cost and design standards for current septic systems need to be restructured rather than being obstructionistic. Look at Canada and other countries -- where gravity systems keep costs down.
2a	No sewers here.
2a	NA -- Septic
2a	(Disagree) Have septic tank and drain field.
2a	(Strongly disagree) House septic.
2a	(Strongly agree) In high density areas like Columbia Valley.
2a	(Agree) Feasible?
2a	(Agree/Disagree) In some areas.
2c	(Strongly agree) Decreased flow
2c	(Strongly agree) It hasn't but it could
2c	Don't know yet
2c	On water district #13
2c	No, I have water.

2c	Glacier water district -- NA
2c	(Disagree) Perfect well. On septic.
2c	NA
2c	Preserve the aquifer.
2c	(Disagree) Am on Dist. 19 water.
2d	No
2d	No.
2d	Unsure but neighbors have had poor water tests.
2e	Allow a reservoir
3a	(Strongly agree) 3/4 of W.C.. is now in Open Space.
3a	(Agree) I support discouraging overpopulation.
3a	(Strongly disagree) Open space if county planners would leave it alone.
3a	(Agree) This is a choice?
3a	Forget it.
3a	(Agree) To a degree.
3a	(Strongly disagree) No development. Bad question -- forces a choice not favored otherwise.
3a	(Disagree) There is land here that is not being used!
3a	Loaded question. I oppose the "population density" proposed for developments such as Balfour Village.
3a	Not a foothills issue.
3a	(Agree) If environmental impact is carefully considered.
3a-e	Poorly written questions.
3a-e	I don't agree with any of this.
3b	(strongly agree) if we want to try to maintain the current population. (strongly disagree) not if the area is going to grow as projected.
3b	There is a shortage of 1-5 acre parcels.
3b	(Agree) What we have now -- not far by.

3b	(Agree) Okay for now but may need open space in future.
3b	(Disagree) Not in uncontrolled, unlimited way.
3b	(Agree) Need to pull a census to see who can be and shouldn't be here! Americans, Canadians, criminals?
3b	(Agree) We used to have!
3c	Not sure, I would need more information.
3c	(Strongly disagree) Absurd premise.
3c	Let the market decide.
3c	(Disagree) Manipulation of land availability is a bogus strategy advocated by the BIA.
3c	(Agree/Disagree) Only if privately developed
3c	Condos, apts, "modular", as SFR's. No single wide mobile homes. No mobile home parks.
3c	(Agree) Condos, apartments, etc is more affordable than SFR.
3c	(Agree) Vague...
3c	Variety = Yurt, mobile home, camper, minivan? How about owner built variance to circumvent restrictive building codes?
3c	(Agree) Need to define.
3c	(Agree) What of Balfour Village?
3c	(Disagree) 30% mike not be practical.
3c-e	In 10 years time.
3d	Not sure. If growth is inevitable, I prefer it to happen in a planned, intentional way. And personally I prefer densifying development to keep our human footprint smaller so we can preserve space for all of the other millions of beings/species that live in the area, i.e. wild spaces (not just "open" spaces)
3d	(Disagree) It's already affordable
3d	(Strongly disagree) Oh, would it?
3d	Question unclear. Affordable housing is fine, if the rural character is not sacrificed.
3d	What does this mean? Revise in what way?

3d	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> But also note there is a shortage of parcels -- 1-5 acre
3d	Is it not already low cost and affordable in Columbia Valley/Kendall?
3d	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> Columbia Valley is already the most affordable single family housing in the county.
3d	Who is we?
3d	<i>(Disagree)</i> Let's get property values up and the area cleaned up.
3d	Kendall is not an urban area, it is rural.
3d	And exactly how will you do that?
3d	<i>(Disagree)</i> It's affordable there now.
3d	<i>(Agree)</i> As long as "revise" doesn't mean avoiding environmental standards.
3d	Specifically what revision? R-150?
3d	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> Revised regulations may only increase profit margins for developers. How do you incentivize? (i.e. ensure that prices are low).
3d	<i>(Disagree)</i> This area has been the same use for how many years? Use what's here.
3d	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> This already is the most affordable housing in the county. Making even more "affordable" housing (i.e. giant developments with apartment complexes) out here where there are no amenities or jobs is just ridiculous!
3d	<i>(Agree)</i> If its not at the cost of protecting the environment.
3e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Only if balanced by open spaces.
3e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Also allow more 1-5 acre parcels.
3e	<i>(No opinion)</i> Too many now
3e	<i>(Disagree)</i> Need more police if you do.
3e	What is allowed?
3e	County can't handle the population already here!
3e	<i>(Disagree)</i> Need to utilize what's not being used first.
3e	This depends on some other things.

3f	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Yes!
3f	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> That's why we're here.
3f	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Why stigmatize single communities as "affordable" -- isn't that what labeled Kendall as "the ghetto of Whatcom County?"
3f	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> This will not happen if more houses are put in on land when there are too many lots in Peaceful/Paradise not being used by Americans. Absentee owners.
3f	What do you call rural character? Having lived here for 60+ years, what you call rural is not what we call rural.
3f	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Other than the UGA.
3g	Affordable housing should be where the jobs are
3g	Where there are jobs available, community from UGA is contributing to dependency on gasoline.
3g	Keep what's already there affordable, not a lot of new buildings
3g	<i>(No opinion)</i> Where the jobs are (with limited commuting). We need to stop building commuter communities. Affordable housing needs to be located where the jobs are.
3g	<i>(Maple Falls)</i> Some. <i>(Glacier)</i> Some.
3g	<i>(Other: Bellingham)</i> Put the housing in Bellingham! This way people are near the jobs, they don't spend 1 1/2 hours commuting every day and paying a fortune in gas. In town, you can hop on a bus and rid 5 minutes to a grocery store. There is tons of housing going up there. There is already and infrastructure for services. The problem with putting people out here is that we are not an urban area already (If your definition calls us urban, thing about the quality -- or lack of it -- in your definition!) We don't have all this stuff -- services, jobs, buses, etc. Just a bunch of residences that started out as vacation homes. It makes sense to add on to bonefide urban areas, not a little enclave in the wilderness; "urban" it's not.
3g	<i>(Deming; Columbia Valley/Kendall UGA; Maple Falls; Glacier)</i> Equally distributed.
3g	<i>(Deming; other)</i> Closest to where jobs are. Why create commuters?
3g	<i>(Deming)</i> Closest to services and jobs

3g	Any place privately developed.
3g	(Deming) Centralize growth.
3g	(Columbia Valley/Kendall UGA) If it has to then...
3g	(Deming) As close to Bellingham, jobs as possible.
3g	(Other) Affordable for whom?
3g	(Glacier) Not affordable, too much to drive.
3g	I don't think it's any of your business to promote affordable housing!
3g2	Too much already!
3g2-4	Too far to commute to work with over-crowded rural infrastructure.
4a	(Strongly agree) Actually more for habitat and ecological integrity and health
4a	Good idea -- how will it effect long term land taxes? Whatcom parks are already cutting back on services -- if more parks means fee for use and dilapidation of current facilities, or an escalation of property taxes, this wouldn't be such a sweet thing. Otherwise, far out idea man (Homage to the late, great JD).
4a	(Strongly agree) But the gov. is putting monies away from these services.
4a	(Agree/Disagree) Developer parks/County parks -- can't maintain what we have now.
4b	What opportunities?
4b	(Strongly agree) Privately supported.
4b	(Agree) Who is going to pay for all this. The visitors/absent owners, non-Americans, etc.?
4c	(Disagree) Ok if doesn't cause harm to environment.
5a	(Strongly agree) How can we support the growth of a local economy that benefits the local residents of this area?
5a	(Agree) Without compromising environmental quality
5a	(Strongly agree) Revise land use policy to encourage local sustainability.
5a	(Strongly disagree) Moved out of city -- don't need it to come to me

5a	(No opinion) Depends on what kind.
5a	Over 80
5a	Depends on what it is.
5a	(Agree) But at the cost to whom, ecology, conservation, wildlife?
5b	(Strongly agree) Revise land use policy
5b	(Strongly agree) My brother and sons are in a permit process.
5b	(Agree) I miss Alpenglow
5b	Depends on the kind of business.
5b	(Strongly agree) I have one.
5b	(No opinion) That this was not allowed at present time?
5c	(Strongly disagree) If we can preserve the resource here and keep it as a destination for other to enjoy. Tourism could become a more powerful component to the Foothills economy. As the earth gets concreted over, these preserved places will become even more desirable and needed for humans (not to mention for the millions of other species that live here)
5c	This is a deep question that's difficult to answer superficially.
5c	(Agree) Truly sustainable if it's managed properly. Need a lot more sustainable forestry practices that don't disrupt natural habitat as much as they do now.
5c	(Strongly agree) Revise policy to encourage ag, and home-based business.
5c	(Agree) Maintain or enhance tax incentives for keeping land in ag., forestry, and open space.
5c	(Strongly agree) Fisheries; (Disagree) Forestry; (Strongly disagree) Mining.
5c	(Strongly disagree) Curtail clear cutting.
5c	(Disagree) They take the resource and money. They leave us pollution and no money. Economy should support the people who live here.
5c	(Strongly agree) Ever less corporate, ever more kinder and gentler to the great momma Na, ever more sustainable for future generations.

5c	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> The quarry is okay as is.
5c	<i>(Agree)</i> This has sustained this area for over 100 years along with seasonal recreation.
5c	Loaded question. Needs to be broken down: fisheries, support; mining and forestry, oppose.
5d	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> But sustainable agriculture i.e. organic market gardens and reduce chemicals we put into the envr
5d	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Do not degrade water quality.
5d	<i>(No opinion)</i> We don't have much if any agriculture in the Maple Falls/Kendall area
5d	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> What % of foothills is agriculture?
5d	Only if sustainable.
5d	Depends -- if not <i>(transcriber uncertain)</i> mentally.
5d	Disagree with underlying assumption that it is currently an important component!
5d	<i>(No opinion)</i> Where is all this agriculture? In the Foothills Christmas trees?
5d	<i>(Agree)</i> It was more important until most of the land was divided up into pieces.
5e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> As an alternative to a resource-based economy. Its beautiful here, lets share it!
5e	<i>(Agree)</i> To a point. We don't need to be Tahoe with huge casinos.
5e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> We're gonna party with the tourists; we're gonna steal their keys; we're gonna block off every lumber road; with ten RVs.
5e	Has always been no 1 besides logging.
5e	It depends.
5f	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> It's beautiful and quiet
5f	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> Houses were too expensive to buy in B'ham.
5f	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> My income would triple in Seattle
5f	<i>(No opinion)</i> Part time
5f	Do not live in area (own property).
5f	I don't live there.

5f	By both.
5f	Do not live there now.
5f	<i>(No opinion)</i> Second home.
5g	Not a simple answer
5g	<i>(Light industry)</i> Non-polluting; <i>(Retail)</i> Non-chain stores, locally owned.
5g	<i>(Retail)</i> As needed.
5g	Home based business should be made to be more flexible and expand all to include light ind. and retail.
5g	<i>(Technology-based business)</i> Maybe <i>(Retail)</i> No Walmarts
6a	More trips
6a	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Later times to and from Bellingham
6a	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> I use the bus when possible.
6a	<i>(Agree)</i> I already use the bus.
6a	<i>(Agree)</i> More routes or times.
6b	To where?
6b	<i>(Disagree)</i> How? There's large distances to travel.
6b	<i>(Disagree)</i> No mobiles.
6b	Roads too narrow.
6b	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> Ban bicycles on Mt. Baker Hwy.
6b	Yes only if it's on the side of an existing road -- not through someone's land.
6b	<i>(Agree)</i> But from Glacier to Deming.
6b	Thing about safety. Mt. Baker Hwy. All the alcoholic Canadians/speeders/skiers.
6b	A top priority!
6b	Where?
6b	<i>(Disagree)</i> Too far.
6b	<i>(Agree)</i> The highway is much too dangerous to allow my kids on it.
6c	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> I am not physically capable of walking

	and biking between communities.
6c	Not if the trails go through my land.
6c	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> How about horses?
6c	<i>(No opinion)</i> Am disabled, do enough myself.
6c	#1 priority. I would love to bike to work every day but it is currently too dangerous.
6c	<i>(Disagree)</i> How would you make that safe?
7a	Maybe more stringent policies against criminals vs. civilian law abiding people.
7a	No concerns
7b	<i>(Agree)</i> It's good.
7b	It's fine.
7b	Already good response time.
7b	<i>(No opinion)</i> It's good.
7b	Suppose to be done w/ upgrades to Dist. 19?
7b	<i>(Agree)</i> Not a problem to me.
7b-c	We have good response
7c	It's fine.
7c	That's rural living!
7d	Does county have a "Katrina" plan?
7d	Think and plan ahead.
7d	I live here by choice and accept the risk.
7e	This is a huge public safety issue!
7e	We have great fire and medical response
7e	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> I worry more about people careening on winding roads, phones clamped to their ears! What a red herring! Contra to safety!
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Police took about 2 min. the time I have called. Very impressive.
7e	We have a great fire dept. -- but, they're "stretched thin."

7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Very little cell service.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Need a cell tower
7e	<i>(Disagree)</i> Matter of geographies and we should get over it.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> No reception.
7e	Yes definitely.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> No cell ranges.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Need more cell towers.
7e	We have no cell here.
7e	From Maple Falls to just below Mt. Baker Ski Area -- No cell service. Live threatening in case of care accidents. A shame in today's technology.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> How to improve w/ out unsightly towers?
7e	<i>(Strongly disagree)</i> I like the fact that cell phones don't work out here.
7e	There is no reliable cell service in Glacier. This is a big limitation for business and public safety.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> We need cell phone service.
7e	<i>(Agree)</i> I would like to have better cell coverage in the Foothills, but it does not concern me.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> This is a critical issue. It is hard to believe that there is still no cell phone reception in the Glacier area. With hundreds of thousands of tourists utilizing the area annually.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Needs to have better cell phone access in Glacier, etc.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> With 4 stars!
7e	Use a land line.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Let's get coverage to 1000+ homes.
7e	No more cell towers.
7e	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> High speed internet!
7g	We can't communicate by cell at MP 20 -- there is no reception between MP 17 and MP 23.
7g	<i>(Strongly agree)</i> Cell phone.

8a	Go to Bellingham
8b	What kind?
8b	(3) Improved help for families and children, schooling, no more weird stuff going on in Maple Falls.
8c	No more Paradise
8d	State and federal Parks! County.
8d-e	Is okay
8e	What is this?
8f	(2) Improve reputation and beautify
8g	What do you really mean?
8g	Fix the highway
8h	Is okay.

None.	Isn't creating a huge community out here and then having to set up the infrastructure from scratch kinda dumb? Let's add people to where the infrastructure exists and works well -- B'ham, Ferndale, etc. In the long run it's much cheaper and easier and quicker to make it work.
None.	Low income people spend a much higher proportion of their income on transportation to jobs and services than to wealthier people. Unless you can guarantee that the people living out here can work out here (and you can't guarantee this, not in your wildest dreams), then you are just setting up the people to have an unfair burden on them for transportation costs. Or 2 hours or more a day on the bus. What good is it to spend less in housing and then make up the difference in higher transportation costs (or taking hours a day from people lives for long bus rides w/ transfers)?