

**Martin Blackman - Fw: determination of significance**

---

**From:**  
**To:**  
**Date:** 1/8/2008 4:53 PM  
**Subject:** Fw: determination of significance

---

Hello David

I have some comments regarding the need for a complete review of the impacts to the environment.

Environment- Webster says; The aggregate of all the external conditions and influences affecting the life and development of an organism.

I see traffic and the associated problems as being a serious problem.

At a time when we as a country are concerned with the declining oil reserves and the need to limit our carbon footprint it seems wrong to move many people out to an area with the need for a long commute along a narrow 2 lane road.

It seems from reviewing the sub area plan there is not a real plan for any type of industry in this area at any time in the foreseeable future, so this will be a long term problem, and irreversible.

Also drawing from my personal experience with Cowden Inc. ,and having my experience confirmed by several other people, contractors do not follow the requirements of mitigation, have little concern for the environment, their only concern being the "bottom line".

By opening this area up to development without great investigation into the need for the development, possible problems caused by the development and very powerful means in place to guarantee the protection of this special area would be bordering on criminal.

People who would move into an area like the proposed UGA are city people and as more people come there would be greater demand for more development and services causing this area to loose its ability to support country people.

When this happens we will have another city at the cost of there being one less place for country people to live.

The development of this area may have started innocently enough, like the recreational area that the Columbia Valley was to be in the 1st place, well look at it now. We can not continue to sanctify past mistakes. If this development will harm this area in measurable, or immeasurable ways we must know this before we begin.

I have a new neighbor from the city who hates the frogs in the creek during spring and would like to eliminate them - to me this is one of the things I look forward to each year. Enough people come who hate frogs and the frogs are gone.

This is a special area and as such needs the very best we can do.

Please help me to protect a way of live. If people wish to live in the city, there are already many to choose from.

Thank you very much for your time

Bill Velacich