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Good afternoon,

The Whatcom County Planning Commission will hold another public hearing regarding proposed Rural Element amendments on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:30 pm at the County Council Chambers, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand, Bellingham. The Planning Commission has also scheduled a follow-up work session the following Thursday, September 10, at room 513 in the Courthouse, to deliberate and possibly decide on its recommendation to the County Council. Because the proposed amendments have changed substantially since the first draft that was discussed at the July 9 public hearing, the Planning Commission wants to give the public an opportunity to comment on the revised proposal.

Planning and Development Services has updated the proposed draft amendments on its website at <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/plan/long/projects/lamird/proposed.jsp>. In the text documents (Comprehensive Plan Chapter 2 and WCC Title 20), the changes made since the first (June) draft are highlighted in yellow. The Comprehensive Plan document and the draft zoning/LAMIRD maps are the same as those discussed at the Planning Commission's August 13 work session. The draft Title 20 changes are also the same as discussed on August 13, with some additional changes made as discussed at the work session, as well as a few changes made for consistency regarding required open space percentages and setbacks from agriculture in commercial zones.

Please let me know if you have questions or comments.

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