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Good afternoon,

This is to announce two upcoming meetings related to the Rural Element update:

* Monday, April 25 Planning Commission -- The Planning Commission will hold a special meeting on April 25, 2011 in the County Council Chambers, 311 Grand, Bellingham, to review the County Council's changes to the Planning Commission recommendations. This review, which is required by state law, will focus on Comprehensive Plan text and maps in the draft ordinance introduced by the County Council on April 12, 2011 that differ from those in the October 8, 2009 Planning Commission recommendation. An open work session will begin at 1:00 p.m. and the public hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m.

* Tuesday, April 26 County Council -- At the regular County Council meeting on April 26, 7:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers, the County Council plans to hold a public hearing on the final adoption of the ordinance adopted last night (April 12). A work session may be held that afternoon if necessary to discuss any changes recommended by the Planning Commission on April 25.

With the introduction of the ordinance last night, the record is again open for public comments, in advance of the April 26 public hearing. The text and maps for the draft ordinance that was introduced last night -- and a brief summary of the changes made by the County Council prior to introduction -- are posted on the "Proposed" page of the web site, <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/plan/long/projects/lamird/proposed.jsp>.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or the draft materials, please let me know.

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