

## Comment on the SEIS for the Columbia Valley on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008

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I have many concerns in regards to the SEIS, but I will keep my comments to one subject that is important to me. That is Water. Water Quantity specifically though quality is an issue too. My husband and I live about a mile west of Maple Falls. We have a private well that puts out only an adequate amount of water. We do our laundry off site, we take Navy showers, and we flush discriminately. We are very mindful of our water use because if we don't we can run out. This is a small price to pay for the privilege of living in this really precious place, but we can't live here at all without water.

The water Quality and Quantity report prepared for the sub area plan puts forth our three options and describes methods of mitigation for each. Obviously a low impact strategy is the soundest method and the water report confirms this. This simply means that less people drawing from the aquifer will have less impact on the water table. **Many** of us in the Foothills use private wells and **all** of us rely on underground water. We have no recourse if our wells run dry. The only choice we have is speaking to you right now. No Quantitative Ground water Modeling has been done, and really we are only guessing at what is in our aquifer. I am asking the county planning department and the county council, to please consider our water circumstances carefully before we stumble blindly in to a really stupid circumstance that we won't be able to reverse once were in it. I support alternative 3, because a LAMRID will protect our water.

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