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RE: Public Comment - Foothills Sub Area DSEIS

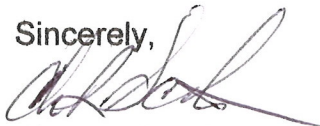
Dear Sir,

I have been a Whatcom County resident for 15 years, residing in the Columbia Valley UGA. I wish to express my support for alternative #1 as presented in the Draft Foothills Subarea Plan and adopted by the FSPAC in October, 2007. Alternative #1 is the only way that Columbia Valley will get much-needed local jobs, services and amenities.

We need a grocery store and medical clinic, a bank and other basic services in our community. In spite of the nonsense that is being spouted from groups like the Foothills Friends and the Whatcom County Planning Commissioners, the Columbia Valley has been developed at urban residential levels for many years. The ONLY way to deal with this is provide jobs and commercial enterprise to subsidize our tax base and to provide additional revenue for police, fire and EMS services that Whatcom County has so far been unable to provide in any remotely meaningful way.

Therefore, I support the only viable solution, which is alternative No. 1 without the mitigation maps.

Sincerely,



Chester Scalf

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