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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

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**DATE:** June 9, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Foothill Subarea Plan: Comments by J. N. Thompson, June 9, 2010.

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The type of hazards presented in the subject comments are categorically addressed in the critical areas ordinance as required by the growth management act. The subject hazards are commonly understood by consulting professionals and included in geohazards assessments as best available science during the critical area ordinance review of development project proposals.

Individual faults are not, by themselves, a separate critical area and therefore not included on critical area geohazard maps. I would disagree with the subject comments that the subarea plan language creates the impression that Mount Baker is the primary cause of landslides.

For the above reasons, I do not recommend that the submitted comments be incorporated into the subarea plan.