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I would like to make some additional comments regarding the Foothills Sub-Area Plan for your consideration at your 1/29/09 work session

Resource lands comprise a large portion of the acreage of the Foothills. Specifically 98,735 acres of Commercial forestry land and 16,925 of lands designated rural forestry. There is potential for carbon retention, CO2 absorption, Jobs, and bio-mass that is available within that resource

We need jobs in the foothills. Let us not overlook future technology that would enable us to utilize woody biomass for fuel. There is research and development going on that would allow conversion of this biomass to useable energy. There are areas that are now using parts of this technology to heat our schools, and drive our transport as well as provide expanded scope to our resource industries. This is not a pipe dream it is doable!

In addition the Rural Forest aspect of our Zoning is subject to encroachment if we do not utilize the growth potential in the Columbia Valley to reduce sprawl and concentrate growth within zoned urban areas.

A fact about water quality in the Columbia Valley. For the past 15 years there have been monitoring wells that are in place that have been checking ground water quality. Data is available that is a matter of public record but it can be said there has not been a positive test for contaminants in the history of these wells.

This includes long closed land fills and seepage from septic systems over the past 30 years as well as other human impacts on the land.

I would also like to share the test results of the two source wells for

WD#13. These sources are west of SH547 and indicate the following results

Well #1 pumped @1290gal/min for 12 hours with a draw down of 2 feet and instant recovery

Well#2 pumped @475 gal/min with a 10 inch draw down and a recovery in 3 minutes.

These standards far exceed requirements for residential and fire capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this issue

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