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Hi Ken,

Futurewise Whatcom--of which I am now president--may weigh in on this, but in my personal capacity I have a comment, too.

An expanding UGA in the Columbia Valley seems a bad idea, for several reasons. The primary one is that it will necessarily cause increased traffic congestion during rush hour on Sunset Drive. I know, I know, they're improving it. The "improvement" there will encourage another round of highway widening, further east, and so on. We should not be confirming, beyond the bare necessity, a development pattern fundamentally contrary to the GMA goals of compact urban areas and preservation of rural lands, and one that causes more traffic, air pollution, petroleum consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions. I realize that housing is cheap in the Valley, but affordable housing should not be promoted at satellite communities with little local employment opportunities.

The UGA there should, I think, be converted to a LAMIRD.

I hope the Planning Commission does what it can to minimize what I, at least, consider to be inappropriate development in rural Whatcom County.

Thank you very much for your work in our community, and it was nice to see you some weeks ago on the bus tour.

Best regards,

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