

**TO: Whatcom County Planning Commission**  
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**DATE: January 25, 2009**  
**SUBJECT: Columbia Valley UGA**

*Jobs are a critical component to making the Columbia Valley a healthy community.*

*The January 13, 2009 Berk Report presented to the GMCC states that the jobs can increase from as few as 90 to 840 if the Berk Report population allocation using the historical share scenario figure of 3,304 new residents by 2031 is adopted.*

*The sub-area plan committee considered this issue to be significant and incorporated policy suggestions designed to encourage local employment into the sub-area plan report. Any suggestions the Planning Commission may have that support and enhance the policies designed to encourage local foothills sub-area employment would be appreciated*

*Please adopt either the Berk Report population projection increase of 3,304 new residents or the Advisory Committees population projection. Nothing will help the growth and health of the Columbia Valley so much as 840 jobs.*