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[EXT SENDER] Comment: Additional Factors Needed for Comprehensive Plan

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As you work to update the Comprehensive Plan for Bonner County, I suggest that you add goals, objectives, and policies related to climate change. Planning commissions **must** consider the obvious, well-documented, and ongoing increase in climate-related severe weather events and have policies in place to reduce harm. The Environmental Protection Agency has ample resources available to help communities plan for these inevitable issues: <https://www.epa.gov/arc-x/planning-climate-change-adaptation>

The recommendations listed below are critical items to include in the Comprehensive Plan:

- Impact of extreme weather events and long-term climate change will be considered in all planning. Scientific data on current and future projections of climate conditions will be used, especially in consideration of clean water availability & quantity, air quality, wildfire safety, and soil stability.
- The reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and the expansion of factors of climate resiliency will be considered in all planning. Scientific data on current and future projections of climate conditions will be used, especially in consideration of transportation, buildings, and preservation of natural areas (trees) for carbon sequestration.

Thank you for all your hard work on this new committee; I realize how challenging this process must be, but also how significant for Bonner County residents moving forward.

Amy