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Att: Planning Commission re Bonner County Comprehensive Plan Update- public comment dated 8-5-22

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Honorable Planning Commission of Bonner County,

We are from a place where land has been leveled, trees have been cut down, subdivisions dominate, water is polluted and scarce, there are too many roads, too many vehicles, too much traffic, too many mini-malls and gas stations, and too many people.

When we first settled in the place described above it was pristine, under-developed, full of natural and wild features, and highly livable, healthy for the soul.

Over the years, poor planning and re-zoning of the areas "to accommodate more people", without proper planning and lacking a comprehensive vision, did away with the very thing people loved about the area; what they (we) were there for in the first place.

We are reading about the Bonner County Comprehensive Plan Update and very concerned!

Planning for the next 5- years, decade or longer requires sound planning and ample public input. A document dated in 2005 must be properly reviewed -over time- and new proposals for new planning fully vetted in a series of public workshops.

Not doing this will ruin Sandpoint and the surrounding towns and ruin what we are all here for.

We would urge you to SLOW DOWN, NOT RUSH THE PROCESS, INVOLVE THE PUBLIC THROUGH A SERIES OF ENVISIONING WORKSHOPS. It's that important!

And planning objectives should reflect the values of the community, and the high ideals about how to best maintain the wild and beautiful, natural and scenic living in northern Idaho.

Please do not ruin the area with an overzealous and over capricious planning process.

Please protect the natural area from developers. And please protect the water and water sources. The lakes and forests are sacred and must be protected in perpetuity.

It also seems the infrastructure must first be planned for and constructed, development comes next. Please upgrade the aging and failing sewer systems, your area drainage, roads, as an initial start of your planning process.

Thank you,

E. Thampes, Resident

Sandpoint, ID.