

As I attempted to analyze each section for suggestions, it is clear you have put a lot of work into it. Over time, I found myself changing it, coming back to the same chapter, and readjusting several times the wording. I agree this should not be hurried or rushed in any way. The words mean a lot to our future. This is a huge responsibility as each word truly means something and one word can change the whole meaning.

Regarding School facilities and Transportation:

I appreciate the new objectives mentioned and by reading the discussion and comments made by you, it sounded like you guys had similar concerns.

I feel each land use decision should include input from the school closest to the land use proposed project, and the superintendent should have input prior to a land use decision becoming fully publicized so true and honest input can be given.

Having capacity reports of all schools in the district available in the planning department, and a plan by the school district of how they will handle growth, would be helpful in analyzing prior to recommendations by staff, when changes in zoning are proposed.

I would we should encourage the closest schools administrators to be in the loop since they work with transportation to help to keep traffic working around the school at its best.

We all are adversely affected when schools become overloaded and need new buildings, or a new school built, or a new bus has to be purchased, since it would be a tax burden on the public and a new levy would be needed, which would affect all property owners.

Regarding Economic Development

Again, thank you for your goals and objectives.

The basic principle of the Growth Management Act is growth should first be directed to areas already characterized by growth and where growth can be supported with adequate urban facilities.

Mentioned in the comp plan changes you are working on there is talk about reversing that commercial or industrial should be required to have urban services.

I ask you keep urban services as a requirement.

It's important for so many reasons to cluster together commercial areas or keep together industrial areas, in an effort to keep the rural character of rural areas. If you changed the urban services requirements for commercial or industrial, it would then push these areas encourage commercial and industrial to rural areas, which is the opposite of what we are attempting to achieve regarding keeping of rural lands and development clustered.

The biggest concern most have in Bonner County is keeping the rural character and I ask you continue to keep rural service requirements for both commercial and industrial.

Natural Resources

We have continued logging and extraction of gravel in Bonner County with over 95 gravel pits so I would like to encourage reclamation as part of the goals of the county.

Reclamation of land after mining, logging, or any other removal of natural resources, should be a top priority in the county. Reclamation helps protect, and helps bring back into balance, the air, water, forest, plants and animals to an area after extraction or removal.

So can I suggest

An Example would be

Protect, enhance, and maintain the counties natural resources such as air, water, forest, minerals, plants, animals, and encourage reclamation, or the long term benefits to the public.

Regarding Hazerdous areas

Thank you for adding new development should have multiple points of inccress/egress.

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Agriculture:

I feel more emphasis needs to be given to protect our Agricultural lands and ag zoning disctricts so I really liked your protections of larger parcel sizes. Thank you

I hope to have more input, but this is all I have for now and wanted to get this to you before tomorrows workshop.

Thanks for all your work,

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