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[EXT SENDER] RE: Comments Made Aug 2 2022 Hearing on Comp Plan Goals Objectives

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Planning folks,

In addition to my comments last night, here's a new grant opportunity related to data gathering:

<https://www.environmentaljusticedatafund.com/>

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From: Nancy Gilliam [mailto:ngilliam@mfpp.org]

Sent: Wednesday, August 03, 2022 7:13 AM

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Subject: Comments Made Aug 2 2022 Hearing on Comp Plan Goals Objectives

Comments made at Aug 2, 2022 Hearing:

I am Nancy Gilliam, Sagle Idaho. For the last 14 years, our non-profit has helped more than 50 regions across the US assess the impacts of our changing climate. From Alaska to PA; from ME to TX. Closest to us: Madison County in S ID where we helped integrate their climate risks into their Comp Plan.

Thank you for your service to our county.

Comprehensive planning is foundational for increasing resilience at the county level. Much has changed since 2005 when the last update took place, and Bonner County has both the opportunity and challenge to revisit and update a new plan that addresses existing and emerging challenges.

I understand we are being asked to comment only on goals/objectives/policies which are critical to the future of the county. But I see no place/process to set the urgent OVERALL CONTEXT needed: to view every comp plan component thru the lens of our changing climate. We are seeing and will see increased impacts to surface waters, ground waters, watersheds, forest health, wildlife, economy, tourism, health, transportation, agriculture, etc. via rising temperature [last week!], wildfires, floods, drought, extreme storm events, declining snow pack, increasing invasive species, all damaging lake, public health, power services, on and on.

I will be submitting a detailed set of recommendations for the Natural Resources section but I need to repeat: it is URGENT that all comp plan decisions [goals, objective, policies, and subsequent codes, ordinances] be filtered thru UPDATED data and modeling regarding current and future climate impacts to Bonner County. We are getting the cart before the horse setting these goals, objectives without this fresh DATA. We absolutely need to do a thorough assessment of our risks BEFORE finalizing any of this.

I'll add these recommendation to the Natural Resources section I submit but let me repeat: Bonner County to **Adopt a Comprehensive Plan that clearly links climate change implications to the interests of all local planning and policy goals. Every component needs to be viewed thru this lens.**

Thank you for letting me speak and your hard work.

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