TO:        Kittitas County BOCC
RE:        BOCC Public Hearing- SATC-Comp Plan Compliance Update
DATE:     May 12, 2008
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Rural Town

There has not been enough time to look into this designation nor has the public been able to publicly comment on this recommendation. By any name, it is still a LAMIRD and you can’t create a LAMIRD by simply creating a new land use designation and calling it a rural town. You still have to define the logical outer boundaries that contain existing development and the boundaries have to be based upon what was on the ground in 1990. Growth is limited to infill and of the kind in 1990. Failure to designate LAMIRDS for the past 10 years is no excuse.

PBCP

Well, I stated publicly that the comp plan appeared to be written for and by developers. The hearing on May 6, 2008 proved me to be right. All the developers had to do was say they think we should go back to the old provisions of the PBCP and the BOCC move in lockstep. For all the reason I stated in my May 6, 2008 letter, the current PBCP is twice as noncompliant with the GMA as what was proposed for 3-acre zoning.

Sincerely,
Roger Olsen