

Rezone.

Question 11.C. The proposed amendment has merit and value for Kittitas County or a sub-area of the county

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "merit" as "a good quality or feature that deserves to be praised" and/or "the quality of being good, important, or useful".

**Protection of existing agricultural land:** With the concept of preserving agricultural land, this proposal is not good agricultural land. This area is extremely rocky and not conducive to agriculture/farming. All the surrounding land has been continually developed into smaller parcels making it even more difficult to continue with any sort of farming practices. By changing the land use designation and zoning designation allows for the continued rural residential lifestyle to occur at the same time directing growth away from larger tracts of farm ground. By doing this the amendment and rezone has merit and value for the county.

**Protection of Naneum Creek:** The Naneum Creek is located at the far eastern side of this proposal. By directing this rural residential growth away from Naneum Creek and its associated flood plain and wetlands provides merit and value for the county.

**Water Availability:** This amendment and rezone will also allow any future development to use the existing Group A water system for domestic uses along with the applicant's senior waters. By doing this the amendment has merit and value for the county.

**Access:** With the existing roads that provide the ability for future connectivity, loop connections and basically two ways in and out for future development proves that this amendment has merit and value for the county.

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