

## 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 natural areas:** With the concept of preserving natural areas, by designating this land as rural recreation land provides for consistency within the immediate area and those similar recreational uses. All the surrounding land has been continually developed making it even more difficult to continue with any future recreational types of scenarios. By changing the land use designation and zoning designation allows for the continued rural recreational lifestyle to occur. By doing this the amendment and rezone has merit and value for the county.

**Protection of Coal Creek:** Coal Creek is located on a portion of this proposal. By including this rural recreational growth on these lands allows for the continue recreational use (merit and value for the County) of Coal Creek and other associated natural areas.

**Water Availability:** This amendment and rezone will also allow any future recreational use/development to use the Snoqualmie Pass Utility (water & sewer) District for domestic uses. By doing this the amendment has merit and value for the county allowing further protections to the natural recreational area.

**Access:** With access from I-90 and the existing county road allows for the immediate access to the subject property and provides the ability for future connectivity for future recreational development proves that this amendment has merit and value for the county.

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