

EXHIBIT 4

Question #9. c. How is the proposed amendment consistent with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan?

This proposal is governed by the Rural Lands element of the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan Chapter 8. Presently the rural land uses in Kittitas County are a mixture of diverse development patterns that have been developed in the past. The rural lands element is intended to preserve rural character through the adopted goals and policies designed to encourage and protect the types of uses that are characteristic to the rural area. The goals and policies are intended to accomplish this in part by reducing conflicting land uses within the County's rural area while providing a variety of rural densities, protecting agriculture land resources and activities, guarding the county's water resources for such environments.

The current Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan provides for GPOs that identify Goals and Policies for each element of the plan. I have addressed a number of these in the following to show how we are compliant with the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan with this proposal.

RR-G16: Allow for residential opportunity with rural character and a variety of densities outside UGAs without population expecting all urban services.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. This proposed map change will allow for a further variety of densities and housing types outside of the urban growth area without populations expecting all urban services.

RR-G17: Generally, provide services supporting rural development and lower population densities.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects will be served by septic systems and a community water system that is already surrounded by non-conforming densities within the forest & range zone.

RR-G18: Designate areas where lots are generally less than 10 acres in size and have a common land use pattern.

>> The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects contains being these properties into compliance and consistent with the common non-conforming land use pattern of the surrounding/adjacent lands.

RR-G19: Permit siting in areas generally without commercial activity.

>> The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects doesn't not contain any commercial activity.

RR-G21: Preserve views of open space while providing opportunity for variety of rural densities.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects has the ability, with this land use designation, to preserve more views of open space while at the same time providing for a variety of rural densities.

RR-P23: Municipal, or public urban services should not be extended outside of urban growth areas in Rural Lands.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects is not extending urban types of services from a municipal provider.

RR-P25: New rural residential development shall provide adequate water for domestic use.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects contains an existing transient Group A water system that can provide water for domestic use.

RR-P30: Clustering of development can only occur where it results in the protection of open space and protects against conflicts with the use of farming or other resource lands. When clustering of development is proposed on land that shares boundaries with public lands and provides existing public access to recreational uses on adjacent public lands, easements for public access connections shall be considered during development review. The open space portion of the cluster development shall be located to protect fish & wildlife habitat and migration corridors.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects has the ability, with this land use designation, to preserve more views of open space and other protections under the possible use of clustering future development.

RR-P32: Residential uses, where permitted, shall be located where farming and forestry activities and opportunities are not negatively impacted.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects is in an area where forestry is nonexistent. The surrounding and adjacent lands do not fit the purpose and intent of the Forest & Range zoning district; therefore, this proposal is consistent by re-designating this land to rural residential as it brings it into consistency with the surrounding area.

RR-P34: The benefits of cluster residential development will be explored with criteria for such to occur in rural areas. Criteria, such as limited density, open space minimums and lot size maximums, will be developed to preserve the rural character existing in the area where clustering is proposed.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal. The land that this map change affects has the ability, with this land use designation, to preserve more views of open space, and consistency with minimum lot sizes of the surrounding and adjacent lands.

RR-P37: Innovative housing developments which preserve rural character will be encouraged.

>>The requested map change is consistent with this goal.