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Kittitas County Kicks Off the 2006 Update to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan

PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DEVELOP THE SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work will guide the update process. Meetings will be held in Upper County and Lower County beginning on September 7 at the Cle Elum Senior Center at 6PM and on September 8 at the Ellensburg High School "Little Theater" at 6PM. County Staff will present a short introduction which will explain the parameters of the mandatory and optional update items and present visuals.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

- ✦ The Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan and all updates are based on statutory goals addressing:***
 - ✓ urban growth, reduction of sprawl, transportation, housing, economic development, property rights, permitting, natural resource based industries, open space and recreation, environment, citizen participation and coordination, public facilities and services, and historic preservation.*
- ✦ The Comprehensive Plan and all updates consist of mandatory and optional elements and supporting maps.***
 - ✓ Mandatory elements include a land use element, housing element, a capital facilities plan, a utilities element, a rural element, and a transportation element.*
 - ✓ Optional elements include conservation, solar energy and recreation. Sub area plans are also optional.*
- ✦ A Comprehensive Plan Update is:***
 - ✓ a checkpoint to evaluate the effectiveness of the current plan*
 - ✓ a reflection of the core values of the County*
 - ✓ a statement of goals to reflect those core values*
 - ✓ an internally consistent document to which development regulations and countywide planning policies must be consistent*
 - ✓ a reflection of the policies of the County Commissioners with citizen input through a public participation process*
 - ✓ a direction for land use policy decisions based on a projection of 20 years into the future, and*
 - ✓ an opportunity to address changes in the County over the preceding years.*

**Results from scoping meetings will be transmitted to the Board and a resolution prepared for the Sept. 20, 2005 Board agenda meeting. During October and November of 2005, public meetings around the county will be held to gather comments on items within the scope of the plan update.*

Information will be duplicated on the County website prior to and after the meetings.

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