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Mayor Robert E. Cousart

September 14, 2006

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners
205 W 5th
Ellensburg, WA 98926

RE: Proposed comprehensive plan amendments affecting Kittitas UGA

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Robert Cousart, Mayor

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