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From: Dale Kerlake [mailto:kerlake@cascadefcu.org]
Sent: Monday, May 12, 2008 11:57 AM
To: Julie Kjorsvik
Subject: SPUD Down zoning

To: Board of Commissioners
Kittitas County

Re: The proposed down zoning within Snoqualmie Pass Utility District (SPUD) boundaries

I believe at the public hearing of May 6, 2008, Mr. Darryl Piercy, Director of Kittitas County Community Development Services, said it was fairly unanimous that we all agreed down-zoning to rural designation was inappropriate for the Snoqualmie Pass area, and that the zoning could be changed again later. As the commissioners know, any zoning change must be done with the utmost caution. From a public policy perspective, it never (and still does not) make sense that privately-owned real property within a public water and sewer utility district should be down zoned to rural - 1 housing unit per 5 acres.

I urge you to recognize the folly of a) down zoning with idea of correcting the hasting decision later and b) down zoning properties within SPUD. Maintaining current zoning serves the best interest of the citizens of Kittitas County and general public at large.

Further, current zoning keeps SPUD economically viable for the long term.

A separate comment:

Current meeting notification via newspaper is not adequate in situations when the county is considering any zoning or land-use changes to separately identifiable tax parcels. As a tax-paying citizen, I recommend the Kittitas County commissioners adopt a policy that requires direct notification to property owners of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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