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From: **Ellen Winter** <ellenbwinter@gmail.com>
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Dear Commissioners,

Please consider two things when you look at population projections for San Juan County. These two things were not in consideration the last time the CP was revised:

1. Global warming causing climate refugees.
2. High speed internet with fiber optics.

My extended family living on Orcas is involved with tourism in different ways. In the summer, we provide a venue for weddings, we put people up at farm stays etc. We get to know the people who come here to get away from the heat of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, where temperatures get so high that being outside is unbearable.. They all demand internet and cell phone access. We are looking at a near future where people will be desperately trying to find a cooler place to live. People increasingly can do their jobs via internet. Those people can live anywhere that has good internet access.

We predict a very large influx of people wanting to live in the San Juan Islands in the next 20 years. Already it is very difficult to get a reservation on the ferries in the summer because so many people are visiting.

Things are going to be different in the next 20 years, very different in the next 40 years. We need to be prepared. Thank you for your consideration when working on the next comprehensive plan.

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