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Subject: Re: Comp Plan Update Conversation w/ Rick Hughes
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I am unable to be in attendance at this meeting but would like to submit my comments.

Growth in the County must not depend on the market. Just because one has the resources to purchase land and development, we should consider other ways that excessive growth and the congestion that it brings can be mitigated to keep the County rural in actuality.

Perhaps ways to allow for growth is to proportionalize building permits in Urban growth areas like Eastsound and hamlets to those in rural areas.

Our roads are capable of handling limited amounts of traffic that create an even flow to existing residents. In the summer months the traffic is exacerbated by the influx of tourists and summer residents and destroys the concept of a rural community. I can go cross town in Bellingham, WA. faster then it takes me to drive to Eastsound in the summer. This must be rationally addressed by limiting vehicle access during the months of June, July and August and intervening traffic inducing holidays.

Growth cannot be stopped but it can be mitigated to assure that we, the residences, retain our rural lifestyle that we settled here to enjoy. There are many ways that such mitigation can occur. That takes leadership and policies that protect our rural environment. I suppose that is determined when is enough enough. That should not be hard to evaluate with considered and well thought out policies as to the magnitude of growth the present citizenry finds acceptable.

Moran State Park has a policy of limiting the accessibility of its facilities during the summer months. Shouldn't , we taxpayers and property owners have similar rights? Respectfully, Walter Corbin, Olga WA.