

Sophia Cassam

From: Lynda Guernsey
Sent: Tuesday, May 18, 2021 11:17 AM
To: Sophia Cassam
Subject: FW: Planning Commission Consideration and Study of Residential and Tourism Carrying Capacity

Hi Sophia,

Please see the email below in regard to the Docket.

Regards,
Lynda

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Dear Ms. Guernsey,

I am writing to express my concern that San Juan County and the Planning Commission through the Comprehensive Plan lack a coherent response to address the ramifications of an allowed total build-out population of 134,000 for the county, over seven times the current level. It should be readily apparent to any resident of the San Juans that such a population is well beyond the carrying capacity of the potable water resources, schools, and transportation infrastructure, most notably the ferries. It should also be clear that such a build-out population would have extremely deleterious effects on the natural environment and scenic quality of the Islands, the reasons that so many people are drawn to live here. In my opinion the Planning Commission has an obligation to seriously consider what is the actual carrying capacity for residents and tourists for our Islands that can at least maintain the current quality of life. Such a study is obviously vital for land-use planning and the goal of a responsible and positive future for our neighbors.

Sincerely,

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