

Letter to the Editor, September 6, 2007



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## Speak out now on zoning change plans

Over 18,000 acres in the Husum-BZ area are zoned "Resource Lands." The proposed changes to the Resource Lands zoning criteria has the potential to create quite a mess. Very few people seem to understand this zoning, and even fewer have a clue about the impact of the changes.

In a nutshell, the proposed plan allows for a significant increase in allowable development. When you compare the existing Resource lands zoning with the proposed plan, you find changes in the following sections: Purpose and Intent, Resource Lands Evaluations, Development Standards, and Site Plan Requirements. These can be found on the Klickitat County Web site under "Planning."

Each proposed change makes it easier to chop up the land into smaller parcels. Originally, the intent of Resource Lands was to preserve the resources for our children and grandchildren. Do we no longer care about he next generation? I believe the majority of us do care.

On the afternoon of Sept. 6 in the Pioneer Center, the Board of County Commissioners will be hearing from the public on the Husum-BZ sub-area proposed changes. Now is the time to speak out or submit a written opinion. Grumbling later on, when you see the impact of the new zoning, doesn't work.

If you need more information before expressing your opinion, then demand more information and time. We deserve a well thought out plan that benefits the common good.

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