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To: Cnty 2016 Comp Plan
Subject: public comment

Dear Planning Commission and Board of County Councilors,

For the last 26 years I have lived and owned my dream home in north Clark county. It has been the best time of my life and I am proud of what we have done here for ourselves but more important, for the land and animals that called this their home long before man was here. We have turned this into a certified green timber tree farm and I have loved watching our "baby" trees grow over the years. We had neighbors of eagles, deer, elk, bear, porcupine, raccoons, coyotes, birds of numerous kinds and all the wonderful surrounding a lover of nature would ever want. We used to be completely surrounded by woods on every side and enjoyed the soothing and wonderful sound of our year round creek to calm us like nothing else could. Our barn was built in 1909 and the house in 1910. I have kept it like it was and taken great pride in continuing the esthetics of the past. U have installed, without any help from the government of PUD a 60kw wind generator and after purchasing the land, installed a geothermal heat pump. That tells you the kind of people my wife and I are.

Through the years as the county has grown, it is simply disappointing to realize the direction government has taken. The individuals who wish to uphold the things that the past has given us and being out weighed by special interest and the value of power and money. To let someone enjoy the love of their existence is becoming harder and harder to realize due to the expansion of greed and ignorance to individual right of the pursuit of happiness. Water resources and the simple fact that this all used to be forested country is not in the formula at all with the management we have today. Shame on all of you. You care about self interest and are following the one's with money and power. The fact that many people live in the country because we simply love it doesn't matter, the decisions you enact are slowly taking that from us. My only recourse is writing this email and voting.

I feel I speak for all the generations that have lived here before me and I my doubts that there will be any future generations that can even imagine this peace and tranquility we enjoyed though the years. It is slowly being taken away through thoughtless and careless rules that let progress (as you see it) destroy a way of life that will soon be no longer. I can't help but think of the constitution and it saying something about the pursuit of happiness....

I would hope that somewhere in your heart you would have room for people in the "boonies" that enjoy nature and try to be good stewards of the land and animals. Don't let developers overrun us into oblivion just so they can fatten their bank accounts. We are part of this society and soon when the water runs out in our wells, we will hold your decisions as the root cause. Please take time to consider the generations of people before us that came here for what it is, a sincerely beautiful and peaceful place full of nature's wonders and the beautiful animals that have lived here for thousands of years.

