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To Cnty 2016 Comp Plan
Subject Alternate 4

I own a small tree farm in North of Battle Ground. I have been trying to keep up on the Clark County Comprehensive Plans. I will not say I truly understand it all but I do request Alternate 4 be considered/passed.

I would like to state that tree farmers as a "grouping" of people, are true stewards of the land (i.e. planting trees, water management, weed control, etc.) If we do not care for the land our trees will not grow. Additionally, many of us allow the public to use our lands.

We, (my wife and I) have no plans on developing our lands. Our plans are to pass this property off to our children and future generations. However, that is our choice. The choice of development or not should be that of the land owner. It is our property. It is our risk. What I mean by risk is, as I see it, people in Vancouver do not want us to develop "our" lands (for their personal reasons). I bought this property as an investment and something to pass on to my children. If I lose this investment and investment opportunity(s), for example by wild fire or by not being able to develop, will the people in Vancouver reimburse me for my loss?

If individuals or groups of individuals want to preserve large plots of land, I know of a few tree farms for sale they can buy and place into land trusts. That would be really really cool and I would personally thank them, for "putting their money where their mouth is." But that is their choice. Please allow me to make my choice for my land and my family.

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