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Dear Mark: Thank you for your comments related to the 2025 Comp Plan/Climate Change. Your comments have been forwarded to staff and will be added to the 2025 Comp Plan & Freight Rail Index of Record. Your name and email have been added to our database to receive future communications related to the 2025 Comp Plan. Please let us know if you have further questions. Thank you.

<https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/2025-update-public-comment>

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Please see the comments below, just in case they weren't forwarded to you already,



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide input in the development of the Public Participation Plan in compliance with E2SHB 1181 to incorporate Climate Change and Resilience Element into the Comprehensive Plan.

As part of that plan I feel that the Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad (PVJR) and the county's plan for the Chelatchie mine-and-rail operation is inconsistent with any actions meant to take meaningful steps in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Industrializing one of the most prized natural areas in SW Washington is also not what the community and neighbors in rural North County want.

The Portland Vancouver Junction Railroad's Chelatchie rail yard expansion has already had a severe impact on the local wetlands and neighboring properties. Seasonal creeks have all but dried up. Fish have been killed. Streams are being polluted. This is not a prediction of what will happen if the mining and trains are permitted, this has already happened with just the creation of a non-permitted road on the rail yard.

The Washington Department of Ecology and Army Corps of Engineers believe the Eric Temple and PVJR may be in violation of the state Water Pollution Control Act and potentially, the federal Clean Water Act. Violation of the federal law brings a maximum fine of \$250,000 and/or maximum imprisonment of 5 years under 18 USC 3571 and forfeiture to the US, any proceeds from violation and any property used in violation. The County should ensure they are not complicit in these violations.

It seems that Eric Temple, the railroad operator, believes he is subject to no law. PVJR claims they can take land up to a mile from either side of the rail for the entire 33-mile stretch and develop it. This railroad crosses the Lewis River, puts Lucia Falls and Moulton Falls within the one mile range, and butts up against many private homes, farms, and properties.

No single entity or governing body should have such control in the Public Participation Plan.

I can speak on behalf of many of the residents in rural North County. We don't want an industrial wasteland in rural Clark County along our railroad or in our community. There is no room for the industrialization of Chelatchie, Amboy, Yacolt, and the surrounding communities. Let's keep this area a green recreation wonderland.



PVJR



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