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Good day, Linda,

Thank you for your comments regarding the 2025 EIS Update. I have forwarded them to staff, and will add these to the Index of Record.

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Attached please find my comments. Thank you.

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## Comments on Comprehensive Plan Update

I represent Northwest Wild Fish Rescue. As such, I would like to submit the following comments.

We believe that any new EIS should have as a priority the protection of wetlands, fish bearing streams, trees, air, water and agricultural lands. In a time of increasing temperatures overall, we need to be looking at ways to maintain a liveable environment for all of us.

The best available science indicates that with higher temperatures there is an increase in the rates of homicide and violence. The consequences of heat can be increased irritability, impulsivity, and difficulty concentrating.

In addition, there is evidence that noise pollution, impaired air quality, threats to clean water also are detrimental to human health.

A revised EIS should include categories of evaluation that look at the number of trees in an area, with a view towards increasing or maintaining a tree canopy as trees can help reduce temperatures, clean the air and buffer noise. The EIS should also examine whether development plans look at whether asphalt/concrete are used that actually have lower temperatures than standard applications. Also whether reflective roof material is being applied, etc. The EIS should also look at the amount of space between residences, the size of back and side yards, and whether a common green space is available. All of these reduce the sense of overcrowding and the disconnect people have with nature. We need to do more to protect our creeks and rivers. We need to investigate low water withdrawals from our streams. These not only kill fish in the streams but also raise the air temperatures as well. We need to limit development close to fish bearing streams for obvious reasons.

While we acknowledge the need for more affordable housing, and the coming increase in population, we can't just replicate the mistakes that are being made in other parts of the country. We need to build smarter so that Clark County remains a sustainable environment.

The proliferation of asphalt/concrete, noise pollution, impaired air quality, threats to clean water are all interconnected. We can not trample over the environment in one area and expect to suffer no effects to the whole.

The County needs to make environmental protection a priority, not one taken into account reluctantly at best. It shouldn't be a choice between the environment and development. We need to build smarter and in ways that take into account the needs of the people we are building for, including the children. In an area known for its quality of life, people should not have to travel in a car to connect to nature.

The environment is the foundation of our survival as individuals and as a species.