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Subject: RE: Comprehensive Plan Update Comments
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Good day, Michelle,

Thank you for your comments regarding proposed Mining Overlay applications to be considered in DEIS Land Use Alternatives. I have forwarded these to staff and will enter your comments into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Regards,
Jeff Delapena

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Message Subject

Mining Overlay

Comments

Dear Clark County Council,

I am writing to express concerns and recommendations regarding the current 2025 Comprehensive Plan process, specifically related to site-specific mining overlay applications and the need for a thorough analysis of the county's mining needs.

Follow the Planning Commission's Recommendation

Please uphold the Planning Commission's recommendation to exclude all site-specific mining overlay applications from the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Growth Alternatives. These applications should not be included in the study under the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) process.

Conduct a Comprehensive Mining Needs Study

We urge the Council to study the county's surface mining needs through a separate, dedicated process involving a task force that includes representatives from all county stakeholders. The last review of mineral needs was conducted in 2014, and a similar approach is necessary today. At present, the county lacks clarity on both current and future mineral requirements and on how existing mining lands meet these needs. Given that some overlays added in 2014 remain unused a decade later, introducing new overlays without updated study and community input risks being premature and potentially detrimental. The process following 2014, which removed mining overlays affecting the East Fork, was effective; the county should use this proven approach once more to guide responsible decisions on mining overlays.

Defer Growth Alternatives Decision to the 2025 Council

We strongly encourage the Council to defer any decisions on growth alternatives moving forward to the DEIS until January, when the new commissioners assume office. Two current commissioners will be departing in December, and the incoming commissioners are anticipated to bring a perspective more aligned with the county's rural, forest, and agricultural priorities. Allowing the 2025 Council to decide on the alternatives would ensure a more representative decision for the county's future.

Thank you for considering these recommendations as Clark County shapes a thoughtful and forward-looking Comprehensive Plan.