

**FERRY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 22, 2016**

Chairman Lorna Johnson called the June 22, 2016 meeting of the Planning Commission to order at 6:02 pm. Commissioners Sandra Richartz, Margo Locke, Johnna Exner, Tamra Stevens, Ron O'Hallaran and Terry Thiele were present. Irene Whipple and Dena Fletcher were present from the Planning Department.

The Planning Commission reviewed a draft comment letter pertaining to the Colville National Forest Plan Revision. After careful review, the Planning Commission made the following changes to the draft comment letter:

- Add Amy Dillion's Inside Address and date
- Add Salutation: "Dear Ms. Dillion:"
- Open the letter with: "The Ferry County Planning Commission would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Forest Plan Revision. The Planning Commission's comments are as follows:"

➤ Page 1

❖ Fourth paragraph:

- Change: "The" to "This"
- Change: "Coordination" to "coordination"
- Change: "Coordinate" to "coordinate"

❖ Fifth paragraph: Change to read: "We shall address the issues of Long-Term Commercial Significance as related to Agriculture, Forest, Minerals within Ferry County as addressed in not only our Comprehensive Plan but also in the supporting Development Regulations Ordinance."

❖ Sixth paragraph: Change to read: "The Ferry County Development Regulations address Resource Lands and the designation of Agriculture, Forest and Mineral Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance. We will begin with the discussion on Agriculture, followed by Forest and Minerals."

❖ AGRICULTURE:

- First bullet:
  - First sentence: Change to read: "...on page 3 of the Ferry County Development Regulations Ordinance..."
  - Third sentence: Change to read: "...designated as Ferry County Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance."
- Second bullet: Change to read: "...on page 3 of the Ferry County Development Regulations Ordinance...Right to Farm, Ranch and Practice Forestry Ordinance, of which the FPD only includes a few."

❖ Before the last paragraph: Add a new paragraph: "The following FPD citations are problematic."

❖ Last paragraph under "Comment": Change to read:

Comment addressing the above citation:

This statement is in direct....Agriculture Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance. The National Resource Conservation Service..."

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- ❖ After third paragraph: Add the following:  
"Comment addressing the three above citations:  
 Ferry County is concerned that the reduction of AUM will be a detriment to the local cattle industry. We would like to see the AUMs increased to the 1988 levels.  
 The number of grazing allotments for Ferry County need to be maintained for the economic survival of the cattle industry. All 28 of these grazing allotments have been designated by Ferry County as Agricultural Land of Long-Term Commercial Significance.  
 Ferry County welcomes the opportunity to increase the AUM to the potential of these 28 grazing allotments and the flexibility with the FPD to make it economically feasible to do so."
- ❖ After sixth paragraph: Add the following:  
"Comment addressing the above three citations:  
 We appreciate that the FPD recognizes the importance of grazing. These citations support our desire to maintain the 28 grazing allotments in Ferry County."
- ❖ Comment after eighth paragraph: Change to read:  
"Comment addressing the above two citations:  
 This statement on page 595 is in direct conflict with the statement on page 569. An area that has non-conforming wilderness obviously should not be recommended for potential Wilderness designation."
- ❖ After ninth paragraph: Add the following:  
"Comment addressing the above citation:  
 The diminishing AUMs are not due to the lack of interest in grazing but due to the financial burden imposed by the FPD regulations. Allotment acreage in Wilderness designation would increase the regulations and add to the burden already imposed."
- ❖ Tenth paragraph:
  - Heading: Change to: "Comment addressing all the above Agriculture citations:"
  - First Sentence: Change to: "....Agricultural Lands of Long-Term...."

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- ❖ Recommendation at top of page: Change to read:  
 "The Planning Commission has two recommendations, the first is that this area be changed to Backcountry as an extension of the adjoining Backcountry designation. The second recommendation is the potential for a Backcountry Motorized designation since the Hall Creek Road divides these two areas and other roads exist. Both Backcountry and Backcountry Motorized are multi-use and allow for grazing."
- ❖ Sentence before TIMBER: Delete
- ❖ TIMBER:
  - Heading: Change to: "FOREST:"
  - First bullet: Change to read: "...on page 3 of the Ferry County Development Regulations....designated as Forest Lands of Long-Term...."
  - Comment, 2nd sentence: Change to: "....Wilderness-Recommended is also designated as Forest Lands of Long-Term...."

- ❖ Sentence before MINERALS: Delete
- ❖ MINERALS:
  - First bullet: Change to: "...of the Ferry County Development Regulations Ordinance..."
  - Second bullet: Change to: "...Mineral Lands of Long-Term..."
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  - ❖ Third bullet, third sentence: Change "trials" to "trails"
  - ❖ After Recommendation at the bottom of page: Add new paragraph that reads: "Any recommendations for wilderness are in direct contradiction of the multi-use of the forest (pubic land) reducing it to special interests and it is a detrimental to restoring, let alone maintaining a healthy forest. Also, any recommended wilderness would contradict Ferry County's designation of lands of long-term significance in Forest, Mineral and Agriculture (grazing)."
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  - ❖ Before first paragraph: Add additional sentence that reads: "The following comments address the FPD in respect to the Ferry County Critical Areas Ordinance."
  - ❖ First paragraph: Change "Critical Area and Wildlife." to "critical areas and wildlife."
  - ❖ Third paragraph: Change to read: "...Washington State Fish and Wildlife...."
  - ❖ After last paragraph: Add a sentence that reads: "The above comments and recommendations are unanimously submitted by the Ferry County Planning Commission."
  - ❖ Add a signature line for Board Chairman

The Planning Commission adjourned at 8:07 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be on July 13, 2016.