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I would first like to draw your attention to the statement in our Declaration of Independence which I believe applies to all levels of government. "That to secure these rights Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

I don't believe that it is the fault of DOE that we find ourselves resisting the current rule making process and the rules they are making, but our governments at the county and state level have not been careful to see that they are listening to and deriving their conclusions from "We the people". Our governors have taken on the arrogant opinion that they know best, and allowed rules and regulations to be made by unelected bureaucrats.

The process in which the Planning Unit engaged was a process that was intended to listen to "the consent of the governed" but was allowed to be over ridden by entities that did not even bother to attend the Planning Unit meetings. This is not how our government was intended to work!

There was a super majority of caucuses that approved a plan to be passed on to Ecology. Those caucuses represented "We the People".

I call upon our government (state and county) to look at the rules, regulations and laws under which they operate and find ways to ensure the return of governance and what is done to "the consent of the governed".