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Dear Councilmembers and County Development Staff,

Thank you for your hard work on drafting the San Juan County 2036 Comprehensive Plan for development. Given the complexity and preciousness of our local geography and ecosystem, this is especially difficult work!

Overall, I ask that any changes to the Plan keep environmental protections front and center. As much as we need certain kinds of development (affordable housing!), if the protections of our rural character, forests, and open shorelines are lost, then we lose more than we gain. If our islands' natural resources are degraded, then what's the point?

More specifically: I'm concerned about opening protected forest in private hands to development and the creation of higher-density housing outside the Friday Harbor and other village core areas, preserving the overall rural character of our archipelago.

Thank you,  
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