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Matt Stoll
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RE: GROWTH SCENARIOS FOR COMMUNITIES IN MOTION 2040 UPDATE

Dear Mr. Stoll:

Ada County would like to express appreciation for the effort COMPASS has made to secure feedback on the Communities in Motion 2040 update. We have thoroughly reviewed the growth scenarios and associated indicators, and request that you consider the information contained herein as Ada County's response.

We do not recommend that COMPASS adopt any of the presented individual growth scenarios as the preferred growth scenario. To avoid disconnect between the vision of Communities in Motion 2040 and municipality-directed growth, we recommend that adopted comprehensive planning be reflected in the final preferred growth scenario. While high density housing may be ideal from a planning perspective, the desires of future residents may call for a wider variety of choices; thus we also believe that balancing the needs and wants of the future residents of Ada County with regard to housing types and marketability, should be considered while crafting a preferred land use scenario.

Individual themes or indicators that Ada County would expect to hold importance in the preferred growth scenario include housing affordability, preservation of parks, trails and open space, transportation efficiencies, environmental sensitivity, and green energy. Ada County has actively made an effort to promote growth where urban public services and facilities are available, and we request that COMPASS use a similar theme as a foundation for the preferred growth scenario.

We thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the endeavor to update Communities in Motion. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any additional questions, or if you need clarification on any of the information presented above.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Leatherman".

Meg Leatherman
Director

Cc: Board of Ada County Commissioners
Mark Perfect, Planning and Zoning Administrator
Richard Beck, Community and Regional Planner