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DATE: March 5, 2-009

TO: Jeroldine Hallberg
Skagit County Government

RE: UGA Open Space Concept Plan

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Jeroldine,

I am unable to attend the Open Space Public Hearing on March 17, but would like to submit these comments:

In the survey that the county conducted as part of this planning process citizens said that they wanted access to open spaces when possible. Not all of the open spaces called out in the plan are on private property. We want to ensure that property rights are considered. If property owners are agreeable to providing public access then the county should work with the owners to make this happen.

In this survey, as well as surveys conducted in the past by Skagit County Parks, citizens note that trails are important and should be included when possible. The Open Spaces Plan is not a trail plan. Trails can be part of the open spaces where it is feasible and Skagit County should work to ensure this if possible.

Thank you,
Marie Erbstoeszser