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Hello Lynda

Please see the attached comment letter about the Resource Lands Review for the Comp. Plan Update.

Can you please see that the Planning Commission receives copies of our comment letter?

Best Regards,

Mike



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Regarding Ag Lands of Long Term Commercial Significance.....

SJBA is in agreement with the DCD April 2nd Draft Review for AG Lands

Like forestry, farming in the San Juans is a *labor of love*. SJBA believes that the beauty and open spaces of the farm lands in San Juan County are a significant aspect of what makes our County so desirable. SJBA supports and appreciates what farming does to enhance the livability of SJC. Most of the farm land is used for hay crops and grazing for cattle, horses and sheep as has been done in SJC for over 100 years. More recently, organic vegetable farms, wine vineyards and orchards are being cultivated. *Since the economy of San Juan County is mostly of tourism, SJBA supports expanding allowed uses on AG Lands to include recreational activities that are compatible with farming. There are numerous examples of farm tours, wineries, distilleries, farm vacation rentals, wedding and special occasion venues that are sited on working farms all over the country. These are very compatible uses that help to stabilize and sustain farming viability.*

We look forward to participating in the comprehensive plan updating process and thank you for your service as planning commissioners.

Sincerely,



Michael W. Carlson, President

cc: Adam Zack. Erika Shook, SJBA Board