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When I moved full time to San Juan Island twenty-four years ago, there was a quiet, slow-paced rural atmosphere on the roads and in town. There were very few B&Bs and, I think, nothing that could be called a hotel or motel.

All that has changed. For most of the day, trucks and cars speed along our main roads; parking spots in town during most of the year are hard to find. I didn't move here to drag my former city/suburban life with me.

Once you open the county to still more tourism and other short-term visiting, we will have lost one of the few remaining quiet places in the lower 48. Once gone, not much chance of recovery. Quiet places, like many animal species, are now endangered. Please don't take away our restful island way of life.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Barbara Wollman