Unmapped zone 4

I would like to reiterate my objection to change the unmapped lands in Underwood including the Kapp-Azure lands to some type of zoning. At some time in the future this may need to change however it is my belief that for the present it should remain as is.

In my opinion a higher priority is to find an area(s) in Underwood that would be suitable for affordable housing. Affordable housing will in all probability be the development of a mobile home park. Other type housing might be considered. The best location in my opinion is inside the boundary of Underwood that is inside the Scenic Area. It remains to be seen if the Gorge Commission or Friends of Gorge would be willing to support this idea. If they won’t support this idea then the only alternative would be in an area somewhere in the unmapped areas outside the Scenic Area. It is important that an answer is found for affordable housing in Underwood before rezoning of the unmapped areas.

I believe that the development of affordable housing in Underwood should be led by the land owners, the county commission, and anyone else that has an interest in developing affordable housing for the Underwood area.

It is my hope that the Planning Commission will consider the problem of affordable housing in Underwood as a more important concern than zoning the unmapped lands. I want to thank the members of the planning commission for volunteering of their time on the planning commission—I realize all the hard work that is put into your service—Thank you.

Jack Kapp
Lots 11, 16, 18, & 19

photo
LOOKING SOUTH. WATERFALL IS LITTLE BUCK CREEK ENTERING THE WHITE SALMON RIVER
LOOKING NW ACROSS WHITE SALMON RIVER. OPEN AREA WAS FORMERLY BELOW THE LAKE LEVEL. THE OAK AND DOUG FIR FOREST AREA IS LOT 18 AND 19. NOTE LITTLE BUCK CREEK FALLS AND SPRING CREEK FALLS IN UPPER RIGHT.
RECREATION USERS ON THE WHITE SALMON RIVER. DOWNSTREAM OF LITTLE BUCK CREEK AND SPRING CREEK FALLS. LOT 18 IS ON THE LEFT.
Recommendation

Designate the unmapped portion of lot 10, 11, and 16 as Forest Lands 20 (FL20).

Lot 18 & 19 as NAT.
Dear Skamania County officials,

I am thankful that most of the planning commissioners attended last night's meeting in Underwood. I appreciated the public comments at the meeting as well as the commissioner's questions put to Mr. Peters.

As I expressed in my 3-minute comment, I am very concerned regarding water availability, infrastructure, and cost to current and future residents/business owners in Underwood. In order to properly and judiciously zone our area, we must first consider thoughtfully the full import of infrastructure or lack thereof. At present, it is my understanding that although our PUD is in considerable debt, the current residents have enough water to sustain our homes and property. I exhort all of you to plan for the future by calculating existing usage and sustainability of proposed developments currently under consideration for cluster development, surface mining, and the other "not well defined" regulations governing proposals. Though the tax assessors and financial side of the county would no doubt welcome more revenue, we must consider intentional discouragement of growth in areas...
that realistically cannot be serviced by basic fire protection, police, safety, ambulance, utilities of electricity and WATER. Interested investors, potential homeowners, and businesses need to be protected from well-meaning real estate agents who may happily sell property in the absence of foundational, fiscally solid county planning in place.

Regarding county meetings with the public: Shouldn't a representative from our PUD be present at these county meetings to address both the planning commission's and the public's concerns? Shouldn't the PUD and county be working together on these very critical zoning issues? I'm hoping the answer is yes, and it was just an oversight that no one from the PUD was present last night.

Mr. Peters, would you please forward my email to John Prescott and the Skamania County Planning Commissioners as I am unable to locate their contact information on the website?

Thank you ALL for what you do to make Skamania County the best place on earth to live.

Sincerely yours,
Ann Cline

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Ann Cline

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others."
— Marcus Tullius Cicero