



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Recipients of the Urban Growth Area Boundary Alternatives DEIS
From: The City of Liberty Lake

Attached is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that will be used to review and compare potential impacts from the seven alternatives. This is a non-project, programmatic DEIS, and the analysis is at a broader scale than considered during review of specific development applications. After the issuance of the Final EIS (FEIS), additional environmental review will be required in the form of SEPA checklists, and may require Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements as specific projects are proposed.

Impacts of special interest to the Liberty Lake community are schools, traffic, and all aspects of the environment. The loss of undeveloped lands is unavoidable regardless of whether the Urban Growth Area is expanded or not. The purpose of a UGA is to contain development in specific areas so as to mitigate as much as possible the impacts of population increases.

This DEIS will help the City of Liberty Lake and Spokane County focus on which area or areas would be best suited to accommodate the anticipated growth and in choosing a Preferred Alternative. We welcome your comments regarding the scope and adequacy of this document. Submitted comments will be addressed directly in the FEIS.

Written comments need to be received by the City of Liberty Lake's Planning & Community Development Department no later than 4 p.m. December 8, 2006 to be considered part of the record.

Sincerely,

Doug Smith, Director
Planning & Community Development