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[Planning] Public comment re: 2/14 Planning Commission meeting

1 message

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Hello -

I cannot attend tonight's meeting, but I would like to make a comment in regards to the Tin Roof Overnight Accommodation Overlay action item (#5).

I urge the planning commission to deny this application. Until the county has completed an updated census of current overnight accommodation and camping capacity, Grand County cannot expand permit applications. This application is one of several that has come before the Commission recently which posits that "low-impact" development somehow furthers conservation ends in Grand County. This is a contradiction in terms and the Planning Commission is under no obligation to approve additional overnight accommodations which will increase tourism traffic without benefiting Grand County Residents in any way. No development is the only way to preserve open space, not low-impact or dispersed capital projects.

Additionally, Grand County's current development ratio is approximately 1.9 overnight accommodations units to one primary residential unit. This is far above the early 2019 development ratio of 1.4. It should be in the County and Commission's goal to reduce this ratio and prevent it from moving closer and closer to 2 rentals for each residential 1.

Thanks for your time,
Sam

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