

**OKANOGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S
RESOLUTION 14-94**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING
OKANOGAN COUNTY
CLASSIFICATION AND DESIGNATION OF RESOURCE LANDS**

WHEREAS, Okanogan County has been actively engaged in classifying and designating Resource Lands pursuant to RCW 36.70A, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners entered into a cooperative regional strategy with the thirteen incorporated cities within the County to meet the requirements of the Washington State Growth Management Act, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Okanogan County Commissioners appointed a 63 member Growth Management Advisory Committee to advise the Okanogan County Regional Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners on the content of classification and designation of Resource Lands, and

WHEREAS, the Growth Management Advisory Committee held meetings from October 1992 to December 1993 to reach consensus on recommendations for classification and designation of Resource Lands, and

WHEREAS, the content of the Resource Lands classification and designations, in major part, is based on a report provided by the Okanogan County Growth Management Advisory Committee. The goals, policies and concepts in the report should be viewed as a non-regulatory guide for the interpretation of these Resource Lands classification and designations, and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1994, the Okanogan County responsible official issued a Determination of Non-Significance for adoption of Okanogan County Resource Lands classification and designations, and

WHEREAS, after a series four (4) public hearings before the Okanogan County Regional Planning Commission, the Commission passed draft Resource Lands classification and designations on January 10, 1993, and passed its recommendation for adoption by resolution to the Okanogan County Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held before the Okanogan County Commissioners on January 18 and January 24, 1994 for the purpose of gathering public input, and

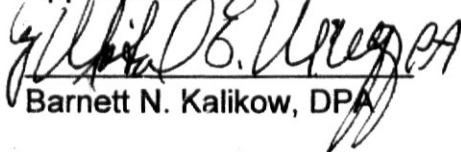
WHEREAS, the Okanogan County Board of County Commissioners finds it to be in the interest of public health, safety and welfare of its citizens to adopt Resource Lands classification and designations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Okanogan County that the following attached document as contained in Appendix "B" attached hereto (and by reference incorporated herein) is hereby adopted: .


1. Classification and Designation of Okanogan County Resource Lands.

Adopted by the undersigned Commissioners of Okanogan County in open session this 26th day of January, 1994.

Approved as to form:


Barnett N. Kalikow, DPA

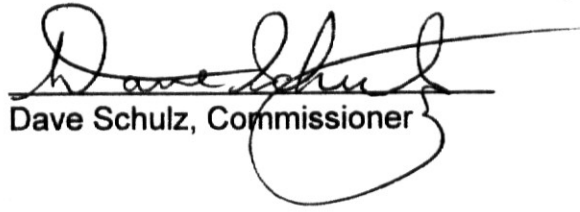
Attest:


Brenda J. White
Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Edwin E. Thiele, Chair


Ron Weeks, Commissioner


Dave Schulz, Commissioner

APPENDIX B

Okanogan County Classification and Designation of Resource Lands

Intent of Resource Lands Classification and Designation

In classifying and designating resource lands, pursuant to the requirements of the Growth Management Act, Okanogan County intends to preserve land owners ability to engage in commercial resource production, management, and harvest as long as economically feasible and desired.

Specific Resource classification and Designation in Okanogan County are as follows:

1. Agricultural Resource Lands

Classification

In order to be designated as Agricultural Lands of Long-Term Commercial Significance, lands must meet 4 of the following 6 criteria:

1. Land is currently in agricultural use
2. Land has one or more of the following improvements in place:
 - Irrigation facilities (public or private)
 - Drainage facilities (public or private)
 - Fencing, stock watering or other physical improvements that enhance the lands suitability for commercial agricultural production
3. Land is enrolled in Agricultural Open Space taxation program
4. Land is surrounded by lands primarily in agricultural use with few non-farm commercial, industrial or residential uses and is not located in areas with clear potential for more intense uses of the land
5. Land is not located within areas identified for urban or suburban growth (or similar designation) in official City, Town or County comprehensive plans.
6. Land is not located within an area served by domestic sewer or domestic water service districts.

Designation

These lands which meet the class criteria are hereby designated as agricultural lands of long-term commercial significance, and will be mapped by Okanogan County as resources become available.. Mapping information sources will include: irrigation districts, cities' urban growth boundaries, assessors' office information.

2. Forest Resource Lands

Classification

For the initial purposes of classification of Forest Lands for timber production and harvest, Okanogan County intends to designate Land Grades 1 through 5 pursuant to WAC 458-40-535, as forest lands of long-term commercial significance

Designation / Mapping

The county shall use the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Private Forest Land Grading Productivity - Operability Overlays as the maps designating Forest Resource Lands in the County.

3. Mineral Resource Lands

Classification

Mineral resource lands are mapped based on information from the following sources: United States Forest Service, United States Bureau of Mines, Landsat, Colville Confederated Tribes Geology Department, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, the personal knowledge of the members of the GMA Mineral Resources Lands Subcommittee and others.

For the lands outside the bounds of the Colville Indian Reservation, the subcommittee relied on the four tier classification scheme presented by Alan Robert Grant in his report prepared for the United States Forest Service dated May 3, 1982. In his report, Dr. Grant identified areas of high, medium, medium-low, and low "likelihood of activity" within the Okanogan National Forest. The subcommittee consulted Dr. Grants map indicating areas of likelihood of activity and other maps prepared by staff and created an overlay map for the whole county showing areas of long term commercial mineral significance.

For the lands within the bounds of the Colville Indian Reservation, the subcommittee relied on the classification scheme presented in the Revised Geology and Mineral Potential of the Colville Indian Reservation, Washington 1984.

The subcommittee designated areas of very good, good, moderate, low, and poor potential for mineral development.

- * **Area I has Very Good Potential** for development of minerals of long term commercial significance. These areas will see continued exploration, active and includes areas which have historic mineral resources, which include some identified and demonstrated reserves, with a very good potential for undiscovered reserves.
- * **Area II has Good Potential** and includes areas geologically favorable with some identified reserves and good potential for undiscovered reserves.
- * **Area III has Moderate Potential** and includes areas geologically favorable with some identified reserves and moderate potential for undiscovered reserves. Also included are areas where rock units of poor potential obscure underlying areas of good and very good potential.
- * **Area IV has Fair Potential** and includes areas geologically unfavorable overall, but includes certain areas that require additional geologic investigation. Also included are areas where rock units of poor potential obscure underlying areas of moderate, good and very good potential.
- * **Area V has Poor Potential** and includes areas that are geologically unfavorable with poor potential for undiscovered reserves.

Designation / Mapping

The mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance in the County have been designated according to the classification criteria, and include Areas I, II, III, and IV on the Mineral Resource Lands Designation Maps, 1994, located at the Okanogan County Office of Planning and Development.