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Hello.

I have just completed reading the County's Draft Housing Element and as expected it paints a grim picture. My comment would be that in no way, shape or form does this draft do justice to the impact of vacation homes. The prevalence, proliferation and profound impact upon the housing available by vacation rentals, especially in South Siskiyou County, has radically driven up home prices, substantially reduced the amount of available housing units for rentals and created a market that will reduce this area to a retirement village in the next ten years. Service workers have no place to live, young families can't afford to purchase homes and businesses face a steep challenge in recruiting necessary skilled employees, due to the desperate lack of housing. The County's cowardly and baffling refusal to address this critical situation over the past five years, combined with all of the fires and COVID-19, has probably sent us along a path too far along to recover from. The vacation rental crisis should be one of the very first things mentioned in the Context section, a crisis that far outweighs some of the smaller fires that are listed there. Nowhere is it discussed in this draft, how the low hanging fruit of County oversight and regulation on vacation rentals should be a pillar of the housing crisis strategy moving forward, especially for unincorporated areas such as McCloud, which do not have the wherewithal to create those regulations for themselves. This draft is proof that the County still has its eyes close to this glaring issue and isn't planning on addressing it meaningfully moving forward. Utterly depressing and unfortunately, not at all surprising.

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