

## Town of Washington Community Meeting – June 26, 2018

### Public Input Collected at the Meeting

| Issue Category   | Frequency |
|--|-----------|
| Visitors are Major Risk Factor                         | 13        |
| Fire Education/Communication                           | 7         |
| Need for Increased Resource Allocation                 | 5         |
| Fire Standards   | 4         |
| Evacuation   | 3         |
| Opposition to an Open Fire Ban                         | 3         |
| Equity between campgrounds and private property owners | 2         |
| Law Enforcement  | 2         |
| Ordinance needs clear definition and scope             | 2         |
| Private Property Rights                                | 2         |
| Activity Displacement                                  | 1         |
| Fire Permit Alternative                                | 1         |
| OHV Issues   | 1         |
| Regulation Consistency                                 | 1         |
| Support for Open Fire Ban                              | 1         |
| Transparency   | 1         |

| Info Type       | Written Input   | Interpretation/Summary  | Issue Category   |
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| Discussion Note | Restrictions should be consistent with campgrounds    | Restrictions on private property owners should be consistent and not more restrictive than campground restrictions            | Equity between campgrounds and private property owners |
| Discussion Note | Not Permits but could go to volunteer Fire Department | Washington Volunteer Fire Department is not equipped to do home inspections but could operate some form of a permit or review | Fire Permit Alternative                                |
| Discussion Note | Totally Against the Proposed Ban                      | Private Property Owners are against the proposed ban on open fires as a property rights issue                                 | Private Property Rights                                |
| Discussion Note | 10 Foot Clearance around ring                         | It was suggested that if there is a 10 foot clearance around the fire, that open fire on private property should be allowed.  | Opposition to an Open Fire Ban                         |
|                 |   |   | Fire Standards   |

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| Discussion Note | USFS - Fire Restrictions Issue - issue is folks who do not care (not private property owner's responsibility) | Major risks of wildfire do not come from private property owners or people who are trying to obey fire restrictions but rather people who are not concerned with adhering to restrictions | Visitors are Major Risk Factor                         |
| Discussion Note | Home owners have fire caution & awareness - not campers or campgrounds  | Campers and campground visitors lack fire awareness and have lower fire caution than homeowners   | Visitors are Major Risk Factor                         |
| Discussion Note | Need to define open fire; characteristics and size of fire issue  | Proposed ban needs to specifically define open fire and what is being restricted or allowed including the size and other characteristics of the fire                                      | Ordinance needs clear definition and scope             |
| Discussion Note | 2X2 Foot feet (campfire)  | A size for a warming or cooking fire is 2x2 feet  | Fire Standards   |
| Discussion Note | Strainer on fire  | Open Fires should have strainers to prevent embers from escaping the fire   | Fire Standards   |
| Discussion Note | concerns that this proposal is not working for its intended purpose   | A proposed open fire ban on private property owners is not addressing the largest risk of campers and travelers in the area   | Visitors are Major Risk Factor                         |
| Discussion Note | Feds - State - County - equity of ban   | Fire restrictions should be consistent between municipal jurisdictions and should also be equitable between campers and private property owners   | Equity between campgrounds and private property owners |
| Discussion Note | Cal FIRE is different than USFS   | Fire restrictions should be consistent between municipal jurisdictions  | Regulation Consistency                                 |
| Discussion Note | Issue is trespassers/travelers - these are the problems that need to be addressed                             | Campers, travelers and trespassers pose the largest risk of wildfire  | Visitors are Major Risk Factor                         |
| Discussion Note | Education - Gorilla Marketing - Pamphlets and info  | County should issue a gorilla marketing campaign to educate visitors on fire dangers and restrictions   | Fire Education/Communication                           |


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|                 | handouts on regulations  |  |  |
| Discussion Note | well intentioned un-educated folks   | Campers, travelers and trespassers pose the largest risk of wildfire   | Visitors are Major Risk Factor         |
| Discussion Note | Issue of Resources: Put resources into existing efforts  | Resources should be applied to existing efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire instead of being applied on an open fire ban  | Need for Increased Resource Allocation |
| Discussion Note | Issue of Enforcement: Need resources for Sheriff's Department - need presence down in the canyon | There is limited or no law enforcement presence in the Town of Washington. How will an open fire ban be enforced? There needs to be an increase law enforcement presence in the Town of Washington | Law Enforcement                        |
|                 |  |  | Need for Increased Resource Allocation |
| Discussion Note | Problem is busy weekend with extreme population increase (4-5K people)                           | Major Risk of wildfire is from huge seasonal population increase from 160 people to 4,000-5,000 people   | Visitors are Major Risk Factor         |
| Discussion Note | Nevada Population  | A large amount of visitors come from Reno and Sparks Nevada  | Visitors are Major Risk Factor         |
| Discussion Note | Instead need signage on the road   | Need more roadway signs that outline fire restrictions, red flag warnings and other fire danger information  | Fire Education/Communication           |
| Discussion Note | Incorrectly targeting property owners - issue is visitors  | A proposed open fire ban on private property owners is not addressing the largest risk of campers and travelers in the area  | Visitors are Major Risk Factor         |
| Discussion Note | wrong direction of policy proposal   | A proposed open fire ban on private property owners is not addressing the largest risk of campers and travelers in the area  | Visitors are Major Risk Factor         |
| Discussion Note | Need resources for volunteer fire department   | Resources should be applied to existing efforts to reduce the risk of wildfire instead of being applied on an open fire ban  | Need for Increased Resource Allocation |

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| Discussion Note | work with fire department on evacuation land                         | Evacuation of the Town of Washington is a major concern with limited exist points.   | Evacuation                     |
| Discussion Note | Task: Have John Gulserian call resident on evacuation plan           | Evacuation of the Town of Washington is a major concern with limited exist points. Need to work with OES on evacuation plan.   | Evacuation                     |
| Discussion Note | visitors using specific road - issue is Omega Road                   | Evacuation of the Town of Washington is a major concern with limited exist points.   | Evacuation                     |
| Discussion Note | Issue - why make a rule without enforcement                          | There is limited or no law enforcement presence in the Town of Washington. How will an open fire ban be enforced? There needs to be an increase law enforcement presence in the Town of Washington | Law Enforcement                |
| Discussion Note | Not for a ban but for education & Info campaign                      | A proposed open fire ban on private property owners is not addressing the largest risk of campers and travelers in the area. Need to educate visitors.   | Visitors are Major Risk Factor |
| Discussion Note | Task: Need (outside cohort) OHV Regulation & Roads                   | Task to look into the issue of OHV regulations   | OHV Issues                     |
| Discussion Note | Forest Service MAPS  | Need to include forest service information in map?   | N/A                            |
| Discussion Note | Punish Locals - But not address issue of visitors who are coming in. | A proposed open fire ban on private property owners is not addressing the largest risk of campers and travelers in the area.   | Visitors are Major Risk Factor |
| Discussion Note | Issue is that the ban could push out visitors to other areas         | Open Fire Ban could have unintended consequences that could increase risk in other areas outside of the designated corridor  | Activity Displacement          |
| Discussion Note | unreasonable and concern would be                                    | Private property rights should not be taken away   | Private Property Rights        |
| Discussion Note | No new private property restrictions                                 | Need transparent and open process  | Transparency                   |

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|                 | without full disclosure in county   |   |  |
| Discussion Note | Need to increase resources to existing regulations and enforcement efforts  | Need for increased resources, including law enforcement   | Need for Increased Resource Allocation     |
| Discussion Note | Golden Quartz (worst area)  | Golden Quartz picnic area has the most issues with camping and campfire compliance  | Visitors are Major Risk Factor             |
| Discussion Note | Smokey the Bear Signs warn folks and visitors   | Need for increased education and awareness of fire dangers and restrictions for visitors  | Fire Education/Communication               |
| Discussion Note | need sign for Fire Department that says fire warning and red flag warning (air quality)   | Need more roadway signs that outline fire restrictions, red flag warnings and other fire danger information   | Fire Education/Communication               |
| Comment Form    | This is redundant, unenforceable and targets the wrong people. Please focus on education of day users and dispersed recreation fires. Don't waste time and money on a useless permit system | Not in support of an open fire ban. A proposed open fire ban on private property owners is not addressing the largest risk of campers and travelers in the area. Need for increased resources to existing efforts | Visitors are Major Risk Factor             |
|                 |   |   | Need for Increased Resource Allocation     |
| Comment Form    | I am one of the Fire Fighters and IU an All for the Ban on open fire  | In support of an open fire ban.   | Support for Open Fire Ban                  |
| Comment Form    | Campfire ring with screen; on private property. Do not need the law! Need enforcement of what's on the books  | Not in support of an open fire ban. Need to increase resources to existing efforts. Campfires should have strainers or screens.   | Opposition to an Open Fire Ban             |
|                 |   |   | Fire Standards                             |
| Comment Form    | What qualifies as "enclosed?"   | Need to define what an enclosure is specifically  | Ordinance needs clear definition and scope |

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| Comment Form | I feel that resources should be spent on working with established US Forest Service & Cal FIRE laws and education efforts (signs, pamphlets, etc.). Do not punish private land owners!!! | Not in support of an open fire ban. Need to increase resources to existing efforts. Need for increased visitors education and fire awareness | Opposition to an Open Fire Ban |
|              |  |  | Fire Education/Communication   |
| Comment Form | Educate visitors on fire safety! Flyers - signs - Rangers  | Need for increased visitors education and fire awareness   | Fire Education/Communication   |
| Comment Form | Smokey the Bear  | Need for increased visitors education and fire awareness   | Fire Education/Communication   |

# Sign-In Sheet (Optional) – June 26, 2018 Town of Washington

| Name                | Phone   | Email |
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| Ken & Kandy Calhoon |  |       |
| Doug Cole           |   |       |
| Neil Showalter      |   |       |
| Jim Miller          |   |       |
| Rachel Kozloski     |   |       |
| Rorie Lin Gorham    |   |       |
| Alyson Goates       |   |       |
| RANDY GORHAM        |   |       |
| JAMES GRILL         |   |       |
| Elizabeth Kurpies   |   |       |
| Greg Thush          |   |       |
| KATY POTTER         |   |       |
| Phillip COPENING    |   |       |
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  - ¼ mile (1,320 feet) from the ordinary high water of the river's edge on both sides of the river
- Exceptions to the ban would include:
  - Provided pedestal grills and fire rings in designated areas in an organized public or private campground
  - Cooking fires built inside an enclosed stove, grill, barbecue or portable brazier located on a business or residential property with an accompanying resident or owner that is located within 20 feet of the residence or business building in an area at least five feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all non-structural flammable material in all directions. Note: This text would prohibit property owners from using fire rings on their property.
- Ban would be in effect from the Memorial Day weekend to the end of the fire season as declared by CalFIRE (2 inches of sustained rain)

Please provide your comments for Supervisor Anderson below:

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Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (o



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Please provide your comments for Supervisor Anderson below:

I AM ONE OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS AND I AM  
ALL FOR THE BAN ON OPEN FIRE

Name (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

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of what's on the books.

Name (optional): [REDACTED]

Contact information (optional): [REDACTED]

*Memorial weekend*  
*= 2" of sustained rain*  
*until "end of fire season"?*  
*what constitutes "summer"?*

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*• What is current "law"?*

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Contact information (optional):

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Smokey the bear

Name (optional):

Contact information (optional):