

I. AUTHORS

The Hugo Land Use Committee, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*), the Goal One Coalition, and the Rogue Advocates are nonprofit organizations whose missions include providing assistance and support to citizens of the Rogue Valley in matters affecting their communities (Appendix A). They provide this analysis on the pros and cons of the timing for submitting written testimony for land use proceedings at the request of, and on behalf of, their membership residing in the Rogue Valley.

A. Hugo Land Use Committee

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote the social welfare of the citizens of the area by working to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. The *Hugo Land Use Committee's* duties include carrying out the land use elements of the *Hugo Neighborhood's* mission.

- Promote citizen involvement (Oregon Statewide Goal 1)
- Promote education
- Protect our farms and forests (Oregon Statewide Goals 3 & 4)
- Protect our rural quality of life.

B. Goal One Coalition

The Goal One Coalition champions the role of citizens in creating communities that are livable and economies that are sustainable, within a healthy and diverse natural environment.

- It advocates for the protection of our waters, farms, rangelands, forests, coasts, and other natural landscapes from loss and degradation.
- It works for vibrant, compact cities and economies that provide for everyone equitably.
- It helps citizens and citizen groups to organize and advocate effectively, provide information, education and advice about how the land use planning program works, and provide assistance with important issues.
- It encourages local governments to invite and welcome citizen participation in planning for economically and ecologically sustainable communities.

The Goal One Coalition's most important task in building healthy, sustainable communities is to encourage and help people to take charge of their own future.

C. Rogue Advocates

Rogue Advocates champions the sustainability and livability of communities in the Rogue Valley. The *Rogue Advocate's* core geographical interests are private lands in Jackson County and Josephine County, but its land use concerns are the Rogue Valley basin-wide.

Historically the biggest threats to realizing sustainable and livable communities were the lack of a dependable, comprehensive review and response to local land use proposals that are not in compliance with sustainability and livability standards. Rogue Advocates' goal is to fill this gap and address the threats by infusing vision, intelligence, and forethought into local county and city land use planning processes. This vision uses Oregon's land use laws, environmental laws, science, public education and collaboration, to facilitate the Rogue Valley becoming an example of a sustainable and livable community.