

# Media Release

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## **Planning Commission Schedules Public Hearing on Updates to the Town of Twisp Comprehensive Plan and amendments to Chapter 18.60 Zoning Code**

The Town of Twisp Planning Commission is holding a Public Hearing on the draft updates to Resource Lands, Critical Areas and Shoreline Element of Town of Twisp Comprehensive Plan and amendments to Chapter 18.60 Zoning Code – Critical Areas Regulations on Wednesday June 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm in Twisp Town Hall. The proposed updates and amendments have been developed to comply with requirements of the Growth Management Act mandating the periodic review and revision of Comprehensive Plans and development regulations to ensure that the plan and code utilize the “Best Available Science”. The updates and amendments are the result of monthly public meetings of the Planning Commission initiated in January 2019. Kurt Danison of Highlands Associates will present a staff report at the beginning of the hearing to provide status of the plan update, summarize key issues and provide background on the proposed updates. Following the presentation the public is invited to provide comments and questions.

Required by law, the comprehensive plan is the foundation for local planning as it acts as an outline of the community's vision and priorities. It provides flexible guidelines and a general statement of the desired long-term future development and preservation. Updates to the Comprehensive Plan include proposed revisions to the Resource Lands, Critical Areas and Shoreline Element, including maps that designate Critical Areas and amendments to the Chapter 18.60 of the Zoning Code related to regulation of development in Critical Areas. A copy of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code with proposed changes highlighted are available on the Town's website and for the cost of reproduction at Town Hall.

The Planning Commission wants the plan and code to accurately reflect the needs and desires of the Twisp community. As a group of appointed volunteers, Commission members rely on residents, business owners and citizens to provide input as part of the process. If you would like to discuss the plan update, contact Planner Kurt Danison at 509 997-4081 or at 322-4037.