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Even though we would all like to keep Sisters the small quaint town that it is, growth of Sisters is inevitable. The choices we have in regards to that growth is to be either responsible or irresponsible in how we as citizens and our representatives help to shape that growth.

Sunset Meadows is an opportunity for such responsibility.

There is no doubt that the developers are eyeing the perimeter facing Scenic Hwy. 242 as prime real estate opportunities and if given a choice would build right up to the Hwy in order to take advantage of the views and the profits that such views bring.

I own a home in Pine Meadow Village and the thought of seeing houses, fences, cars, traffic, etc. lining Hwy. 242 is not a future growth that I would be looking forward to.

My suggestion is to allow the building of a reduced number of homes, with room for adequate parking (superior to Hayden's development...we all know what that looks like) within the proposed area, inside a perimeter of, or buffer of, 25 yards minimum of forest on the south and east sides.

There is another argument that comes to mind for saving as many trees as possible.

Homeowners are being fined hundreds if not thousands of dollars per tree that are not responsibly taken care of, to include arbitrarily cutting down of trees and even, what is deemed by the city, excessive pruning of individual trees (even though such pruning is more often than not a benefit to the health of the tree). According to the city, no healthy tree of a certain diameter shall be removed regardless of where the tree is located on an owner's private property.

If it is important enough to protect the trees on individual homeowners properties, should it not also be equally important enough to protect as much of the natural beauty of Sisters while we plan for her growth?

When should a developer's needs outweigh the needs and profits of the citizens of Sisters.

Thank You,
Stephen... a citizen of Sisters