

With so many folks opposed to the development of the remainder of West Hayden Island why is the PSC allowing the inclusion of development of 300 acres of West Hayden Island as industrial development in the Comprehensive Planning Document instead of retaining its current zoning designations or a designation as open space as so many citizens want. It should not be designated for industrial zoning or future industrial development due to the abundance of wildlife, habitat, much used natural areas and existing residential housing.

If the City converts these critical natural areas to industrial use, those of us who utilize them for recreating, enjoying the wildlife, and living in adjoining communities, will not have the benefit of the most important reasons why many of us love living in Portland open spaces and natural areas, not industrial areas paved over with roads and blacktop parking where no one wants to visit. I understand that the City needs more industrial land, but it should focus on utilizing existing brownfields, and improving the density of its existing industrial lands as the more sustainable and environmentally intelligent way to pursue this issue.

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