COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Proponent: Spokane County Dept. of Building and Planning

Application No: 12-CPA-03

Proposed Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment

To add a new section to Chapter 5 Transportation titled Protection of Fairchild Air Force Base and also add a new section to Chapter 8 Economic Development titled Fairchild Air Force Base whose primary purpose is; Goal **T.3j Protect the long-term viability of Fairchild Air Force Base and assure flight safety in the vicinity of the Base while protecting the public's health and safety; and Goal ED.11 Recognize Fairchild Air Force Base as a key element of a strong economic base for the region and long-term viability of Fairchild AFB for the purposes of protecting the economic benefits that it provides by preventing the risk of closure of the base due to encroachment of incompatible uses.**

The proposed amendments were based on a collaborative planning effort involving local communities, federal officials, residents, business and property owners, and the military to identify compatible land uses and growth management guidelines near Fairchild. Fairchild is critical to the region's economy, security, and social fabric, and Fairchild's economic impacts are detailed in the 2009 Fairchild Joint Land Use Study ("JLUS") and the Air Installation Compatible Use Zone (AICUZ) Study.

Environmental Determination: An Environmental Determination will be issued under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) by the lead agency, Spokane County Department of Building and Planning, on or before August 29, 2012. The comment and appeal period will end on September 12, 2012.

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Note: *A public hearing is scheduled for September 13, 2012*