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The purpose of our statewide E.F.U zone is to protect the valuable working agricultural lands of our state from uses that are incompatible with working farms.Its really that simple.It is not possible to shoehorn into the E.F.U zone all the uses that people might like to have, Recreation,tourism,Destination resorts ,mega farmstands often are activities that make it difficult to conduct real world activities on farmland.I own and operate a 100 acre pear orchard in the Hood River Valley.We must not try to do too much on our state farmland ,we need to farm it, preserve it,nuture it and protect it for future generations.Expanding opportunities for large farmsteads,those that are only marginally connected to the host farm is not the recipe to preserve and protect existing farms, there are simply too many risks of incompatibility. Thank you.  
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