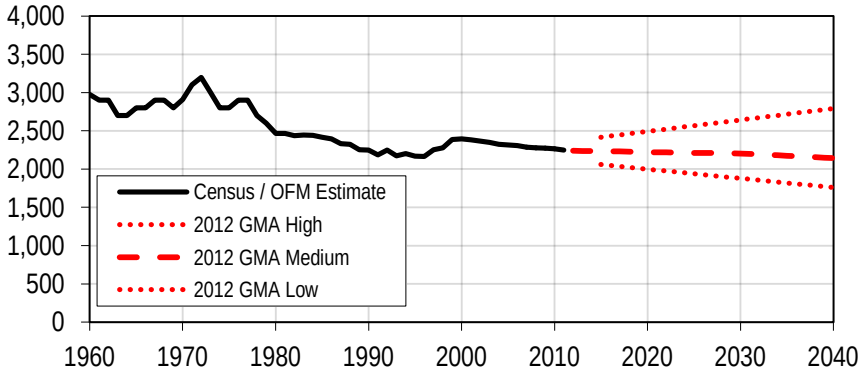
Monday, April 23, 2012

Dear Garfield County Elected Officials and Planning Director,

In accord with RCW43.62.035, OFM has developed the 2012 Growth Management Act (GMA) provisional population projections for county review. Note these county projections reflect Census 2010 information and include consideration of the current recession's effect on migration and fertility behavior, which impacts many counties' projections. The preliminary county projections (low, middle, and high series) are shown in the table below, along with a graph illustrating the projections and the historical population trend.

Year	Population (Low)	Population (Medium)	Population (High)
2010 (Census)		2,266	
2015	2,059	2,238	2,417
2020	1,999	2,220	2,492
2025	1,939	2,210	2,567
2030	1,879	2,202	2,642
2035	1,819	2,175	2,717
2040	1,759	2,143	2,792



In compliance with the Paper Reduction Act (RCW 70.95.725), the complete review packet will not be mailed; instead, the relevant documents -- methodology description, provisional projections, age pyramids, and other GMA projection related demographic data -- will be posted on the OFM website at http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/gma/projections2012.asp.

Please review this preliminary population projection. If you would like to comment or have any questions, please send them to pop.gma@ofm.wa.gov or contact me by phone 360-902-0592. The comment period for county GMA projections will end on **Friday, May 11, 2012**.

Yours Truly,

Yi Zhao, Washington State Chief Demographer