

SC meeting #4

Sub-Committee Meeting 4 - Agenda

Week of August 1, 2011

“Draft Vision Statement + Preliminary Mapping”

Meeting Objective: To finalize a draft Vision Statement, Principles, Benefits and Opportunities to present to the CC. Select photos and illustrations that represent the Vision. Review and rank constraints that will inform the Framework Plan (Preferred Land Use Map) to be developed in Phase 3.

1. Approve Minutes from previous meeting

Part I - Vision Document Draft 2 Review

2. Re-review the vision statement, principles, benefits, and opportunities for your SC included in the Draft Vision Document. Consider the feedback from the community which is provided.
3. Review visuals provided that illustrate different aspects of the vision – identify (with dots or whatever method works for your SC) the illustrations or photos that resonate or best represent the vision.
4. Review the map provided in the Vision Document that generally represents the opportunities identified by your SC at your last meeting.
5. Make notes of any changes needed and finalize a Draft Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, Benefits, Opportunities, visuals, and map to be presented to the CC.

Part II – Preliminary Constraints Brainstorming

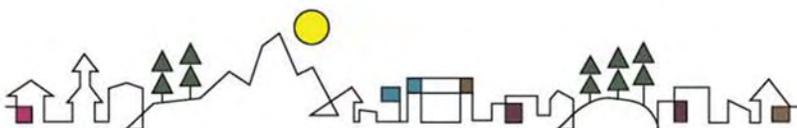
6. Review the Constraints maps and tables provided. If there are any constraints missing or constraints that you feel are miss-categorized, make changes to the tables in the spaces provided.

Part III - Background Information

7. Review the topics provided to your SC that will need to be included in the Comprehensive Plan per LLUPA.
8. Assign one committee member to each topic or potential source (ie: one person to contact the school superintendent). Research and provide this and other historical information of which that you have knowledge at your next SC meeting.
9. Provide Teton County Staff a list of up to 5 guest “expert” members you would like to consult with during your next SC meeting to help with the LLUPA requirements or other topics.

Next Steps

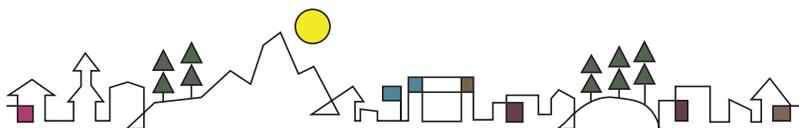
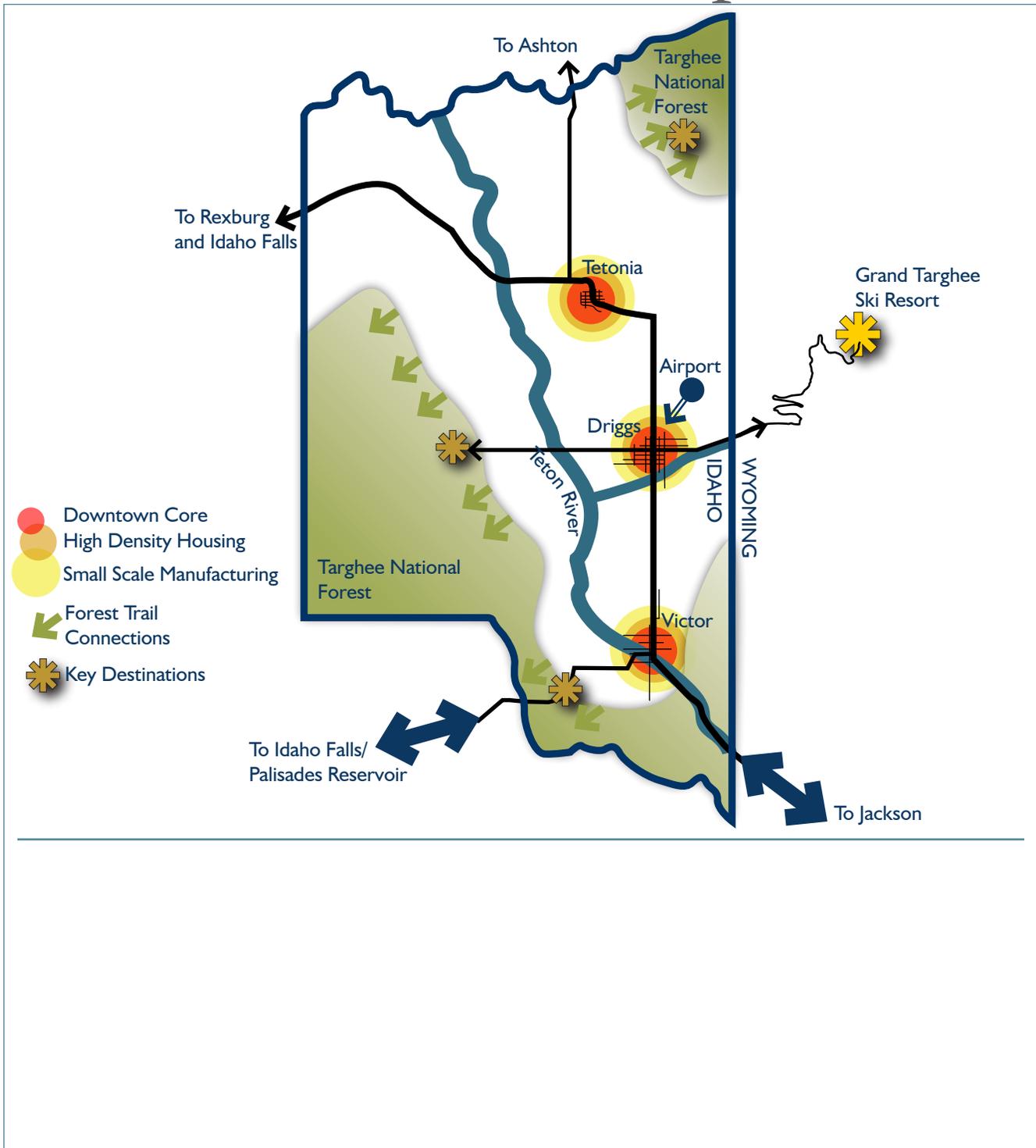
- Attend the **Community Vision Workshop** scheduled for **August 25rd at 5:30** at the Courthouse. We need committee members there to present their component of the Vision Document.
- Bring information for your background topic to the next SC Mtg #5 (week of Oct. 3rd)



Part I: Economic Development

Pages from the Draft Vision Document

economic development



economic development

“ ESTABLISH A VIBRANT, DIVERSE AND STABLE
TETON VALLEY ECONOMY ”

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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- Achieve economic diversity

BENEFITS

- Provides long-term economic stability (minimizes boom/bust cycles)
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- Preserves valley aesthetics

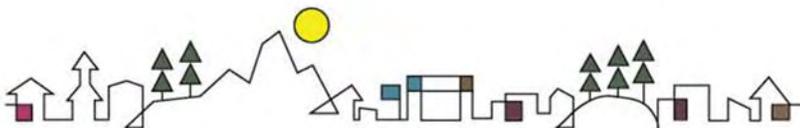
OPPORTUNITIES

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- Promote smart growth strategies
- Attract appropriate businesses
- Improve infrastructure
- Improve education opportunities to support economic development, including post-secondary education
- Embrace our cultural diversity and heritage



Part I: Economic Development

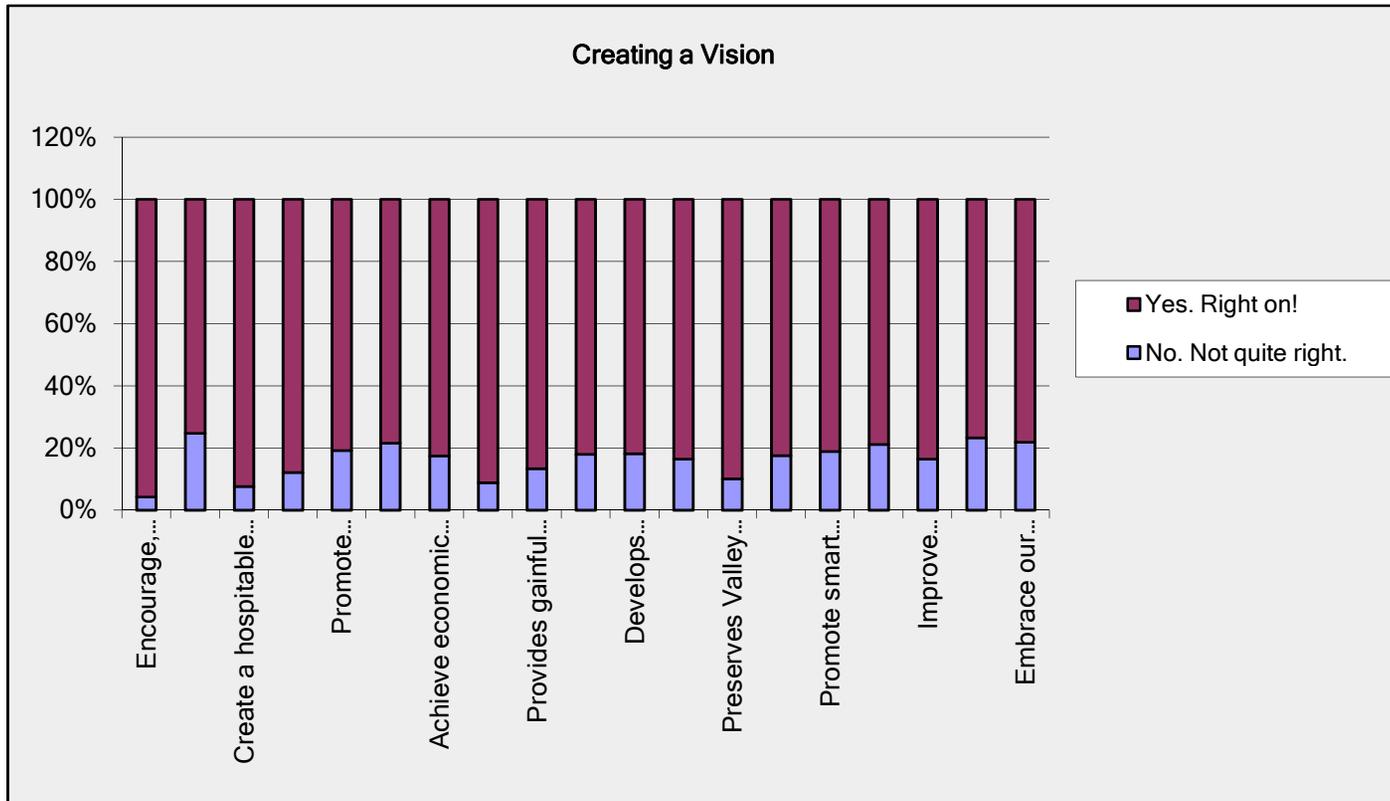
Community Feedback



"Creating a Vision" Survey Results - Economic Development

Answer Options	Yes. Right on!	No. Not quite right.	Response Count	Yes - %	No - %
Encourage, promote and support valley businesses	91	4	95	96%	4%
Incentivize local commerce	61	20	81	75%	25%
Create a hospitable and attractive environment for businesses and visitors	85	7	92	92%	8%
Preserve and enhance our natural resources	80	11	91	88%	12%
Promote businesses that are economically and environmentally friendly	76	18	94	81%	19%
Ensure stewardship and accountability	69	19	88	78%	22%
Achieve economic diversity	71	15	86	83%	17%
Provides long-term economic stability (minimizes boom/bust cycles)	82	8	90	91%	9%
Provides gainful employment	78	12	90	87%	13%
Provides independence	73	16	89	82%	18%
Develops community identity	72	16	88	82%	18%
Keeps money in the Valley	76	15	91	84%	16%
Preserves Valley aesthetics	80	9	89	90%	10%
Brand and market Teton Valley	75	16	91	82%	18%
Promote smart growth strategies	73	17	90	81%	19%
Attract appropriate businesses	71	19	90	79%	21%
Improve infrastructure	66	13	79	84%	16%
Improve our education opportunities to support economic development including post-secondary education	69	21	90	77%	23%
Embrace our cultural diversity and heritage	68	19	87	78%	22%
<i>answered question</i>			98		

"Creating a Vision" Survey Results - Economic Development



One thing about it, your arrogance is unlimited. Please quit wasting our money, private business w/ create local commerce. Not some bureaucrats! Gov. keep taking our \$, we won't have any to "invest" on commerce.

This process is a scam and anyone being honest with themselves would admit. The whole object of this effort is to rezone & do away with Ag 2.5. the County has bee thinking with the comp plan and zone for 30 years. Leave it alone for awhile. We need less government not more. Get out of my pocket and off my land.

"Creating a Vision" Survey Results - Economic Development

Achieve economic {diversity}[]

Provides long-term economic stability(minimizes boom/bust cycles) {diversity}[]

{Brings} money in the Valley[]

Improve {core} infrastructure[]

Improve our education opportunities to support economic development including post-secondary education{economics will do that}[]

Embrace our cultural diversity and heritage{until I cannot stand ir anymore}

Explore renewable energy issues for the valley

Preserve, enhance AND RESTORE our natural resources

Change property tax structure so it is based on type of use - current structure really burdens/discourages agricultural use and encourages home building/subdivision. If you want to encourage/support agricultural/rural character of Valley, changing this system would be the place to start. Owning a lot of land for farming/agriculture is really hard in current tax system, which contributes to so many people selling out/giving up/subdividing their property. Happy to talk with you about this in detail.

appropriate businesses needs work- what size, what kind, too much room for interpretation

We have people leaving the valley everyday because they don't have jobs!!! Improving infrastructure, schools, fire departments, etc. just isn't in the budget! We need to hold steady until which time the US as a whole really gives us good creditable employment job numbers. I don't see this happening for about 10 years. Until then we need to pull the purse strings tighter.

Again, it is not the County's responsibility to "provide jobs" or other services. It is the County's responsibility to allow the free market to work, something that they keep meddling in.

Identify and target new business opportunities to promote bring to the Valley[]

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Develop a strategies to promote value-added businesses associated with agricultural prodcution[]

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Create a plan to market and package recreational opportunities to enhance tourism[]

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Create the infrasturcure necessary to program specail events to bring visitors to Teton Valley[]

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Assess services provided in Valley and work to attract businesses to fill needs.

Same thing. Such questions as promote businesses that are economically and environmentally friendly are real ringers. There is such a wide opinion of environmental friendly, this could kill commerce.

"Creating a Vision" Survey Results - Economic Development

Hospitality to businesses should be qualified by appropriateness. Construction consumes land and environment and while not being discouraged, should not be encouraged, for example.[]

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I believe that commercial and residential construction quality, including energy efficiency and resistance to natural hazards would both pay great life cycle cost savings, and would tend to give a leg up to local quality builders and designers, keeping them here and profitable.[]

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I believe that the the valley's brand should be emphasized by calling it The Valley (the valley of valleys, mother of all valleys, a valley the qualities of which are beyond others'.[]

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Smart growth is one of those shibboleths that is fuzzy, and needs definition.[]

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To economically and environmentally friendly, should be added, friendly to the character of The Valley.[]

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Rather than develop community identity, presumably different from the one we have, I would say preserve it.

There is neither the population base nor the funding available for college or post-graduate education - unless done via the internet. Teton Valley is not an urban area and the vast majority of residents don't want it to be an urban area. If that's what you want, move to Denver or Seattle.

Define what is environmentally friendly

How

learn to spell economic, not ecomic! proof read your items

I believe that providing an environment for a healthy economy is essential. I don't believe that business is or should be governed by committees or politicians. These businesses always fail. Businesses that make it and improve the overall quality of the valley, are those that have endeavored to supply customer needs, service and quality. As a business owner I appreciate much of what is proposed above...Once again I am leary of "good intentions" and just hope that current codes are maintained and followed, to allow me the opportunity to grow and succeed. I really am not a believer in more flowers, trees, stewardship, funding, committees, etc., just a chance to find my own way in our economy.

Sounds like a stupid envision Victor survey. What a waste of time and \$ putting this lame one sided, misinterpreted crap together.

Just leave business alone and let it thrive! We are already regulated to the point we have dis-incentives to create and do business in Teton Valley. When government tries to predetermine what, where and when, failure is almost certain.

Encourage small / microbusiness opportunities? []

Example: this could also dovetail with the Ag Production and Slow Food efforts in their food survey on potential of a commercial kitchen where people may start / create a micro-food production business. []

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How about considering "partnering and coordinating with other state and private resources for economic development. " I am thinking of the State of Idaho Department of Commerce, other regional chamber partnerships, State Dept of Tourism, etc.

in addition to ideas under "improve our education system..." you could add bringing back the local GED program

"Creating a Vision" Survey Results - Economic Development

Perhaps there's an opportunity to squeeze in 'vocational' education in our description to make sure that need/opportunity does not become forgotten. I think there's a growing need for this in the broader scheme of things.

Coordinate and implement a joint Economic Development Plan with the three cities.

Brand and market Teton Valley for recreational opportunities and quality of life (including great place to raise a family)

Part II:

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Preliminary Constraints Brainstorming

Instructions and how to use this data:

As agreed upon by the sub-committees in meeting #1, the operational expectations include the respect for private property rights. Therefore, it is important to utilize the following information with that in mind:

- *“We agree that the comprehensive planning process is founded on respect for our community, our natural resources, private property rights and future generations”*

The following information was collected from known sources. The accuracy and scale of this data varies and is for planning purposes only. The data should not be interpreted to prohibit development or other activities, but represents areas where restrictions may exist or an agency noted the potential for sensitive resources in that area. Additional scrutiny should be given to the Level III data, since it is regional in nature, and site specific surveys would be required to validate some of this information.

It is the responsibility of the sub-committees to further validate and refine these constraints and considerations. Please add to the list of data and include source information.

LEVEL I CONSTRAINTS: Areas in which existing regulations prohibit development

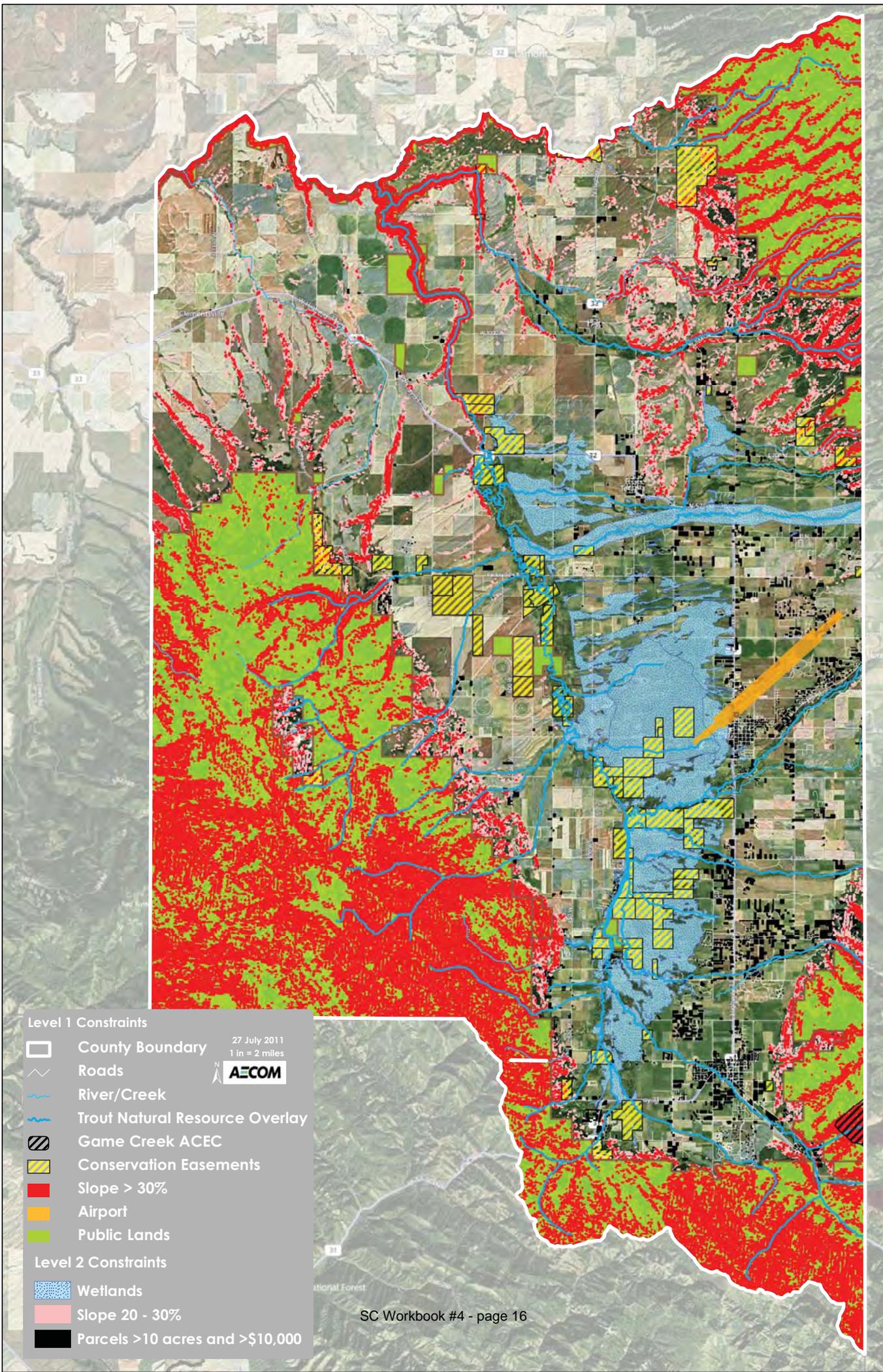
Constraint	Data Source	Buffer Distance	Notes
Trout Natural Resource Overlay	Teton Regional Land Trust (TRLT)	Line width = 250 ft.	Priority areas for conservation and/or planning for natural resources. Based on ground and electroshocking surveys conducted by USFS, IDFG, Henry's Fork Foundation (HFF), Friends of the Teton River (FTR).
Game Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)	Idaho Gap Analysis Project	None	Special Management Areas within Idaho.
Public Lands	BLM Idaho State Office	None	Surface Management Agency (Land Status) Information for Idaho.
Conservation Easements	TRLT	None	TRLT facilitated conservation easements.
Slopes >30%	USGS Digital Elevation Model (DEM)	100 ft.	Per Teton County Code 9-3-2(C-2-c-HS-e-3) no building envelope allowed on slopes greater than 30%.
Airport Facilities	City of Driggs	None	Critical Zones and Runway Protection Zones.
Streams	Teton County	Line width = 100 ft.	Rivers and streams in the County.

LEVEL II CONSTRAINTS: Areas in which development is limited

Constraint	Data Source	Buffer Distance	Notes
Parcels >10 Acres in Size, with Building Value >\$10,000	Teton County	None	Representation of private and public ownership boundaries within Teton County. These are noted to acknowledge the presence of existing structures and previously subdivided land.
Slopes 20% to 30%	USGS Digital Elevation Model (DEM)	100 ft.	Per Teton County Code 9-3-2(C-2-c-HS) The HS Overlay Area shall be applied to all land(s) located within the HS Hillside Overlay Area (as defined in Chapter 2) that have slopes over twenty percent (20%) and to all roads and driveways providing access to those building sites.
Priority Wetland Habitat	TRLT	None	Priority areas for conservation and/or planning for natural resources.

LEVEL III CONSTRAINTS: Areas in which additional study may be necessary before development can occur

Constraint	Data Source	Buffer Distance	Notes
Planned Subdivisions	Teton County	None	These are noted on the map to represent pre-existing entitlements.
Big Game Migration Corridors and Seasonal Range	TRLT	None	Identified by IDFG and TRLT, 2006. Updated in 2008 based on field surveys conducted by Intermountain Aquatics (IMA). This data is generalized in nature and does not ensure the presence or absence of a specific wildlife species.
Waterbird Migration and Foraging Habitat	TRLT	None	Based on ground and aerial surveys conducted by TRLT, USFWS, IDFG and Trumpeter Swan Society for breeding, foraging, and staging areas 2000-2008. This data is generalized in nature and does not ensure the presence or absence of a specific wildlife species.
Songbird/Raptor Breeding and Wintering Habitat	TRLT	None	Based on forested riparian habitat identified by the National Wetland Inventory (NWI) for Teton County and refined through ongoing monitoring and ground surveys. This data is generalized in nature and does not ensure the presence or absence of a specific wildlife species.
Sharp-tailed Grouse Breeding and Wintering Habitat	TRLT	None	Based on lek surveys conducted by IDFG, 2003, subsequent lek monitoring 2003-2008, IDFG and recommendations for buffering by Ulliman, Sands, and Hemker, 1998, Wintering habitat identified by IDFG and TRLT and cross checked with the Idaho GAP analysis 2006. This data is generalized in nature and does not ensure the presence or absence of a specific wildlife species.



Level 1 Constraints

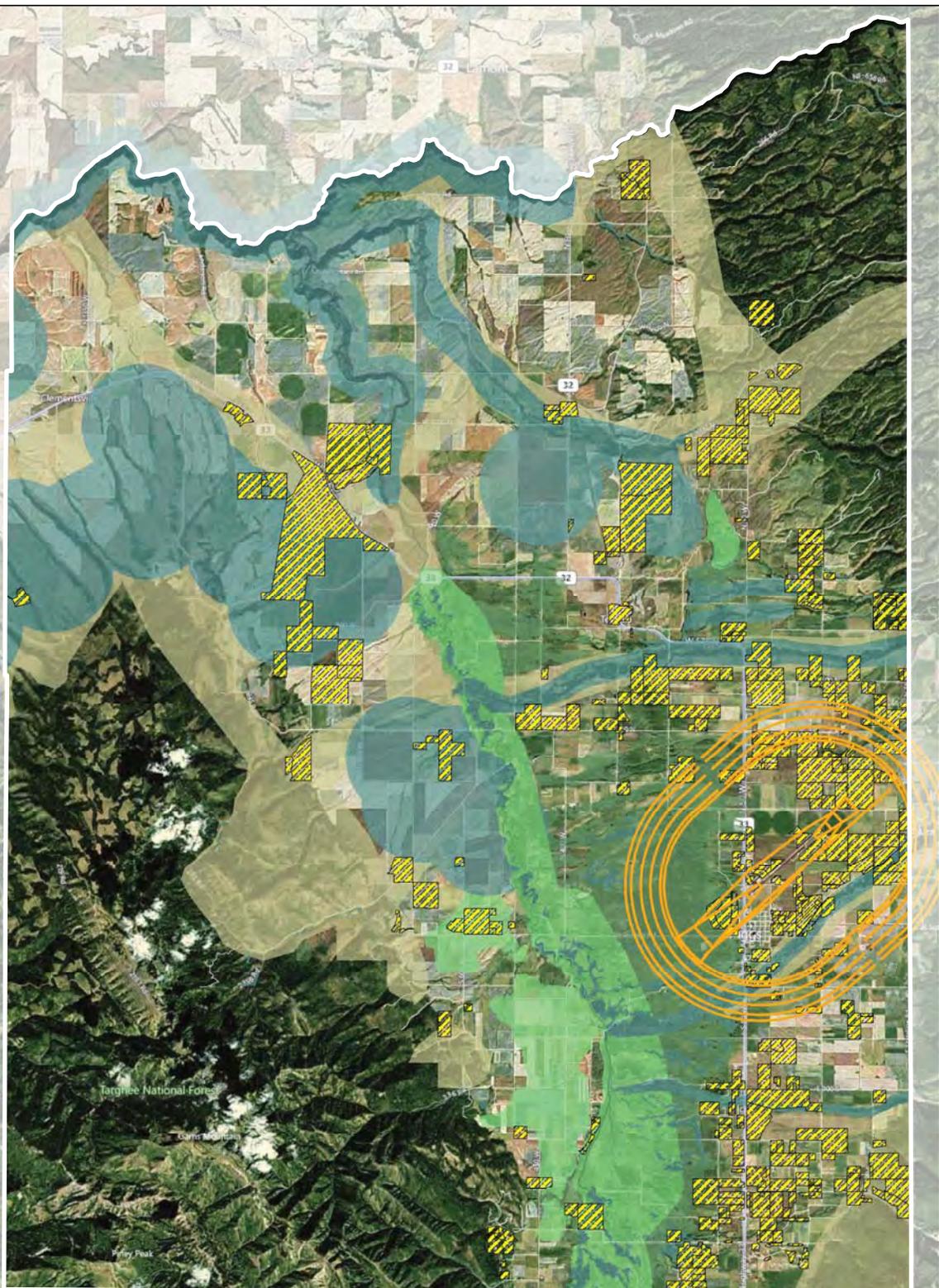
-  County Boundary
-  Roads
-  River/Creek
-  Trout Natural Resource Overlay
-  Game Creek ACEC
-  Conservation Easements
-  Slope > 30%
-  Airport
-  Public Lands

Level 2 Constraints

-  Wetlands
-  Slope 20 - 30%
-  Parcels >10 acres and >\$10,000

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Level 3 Constraints

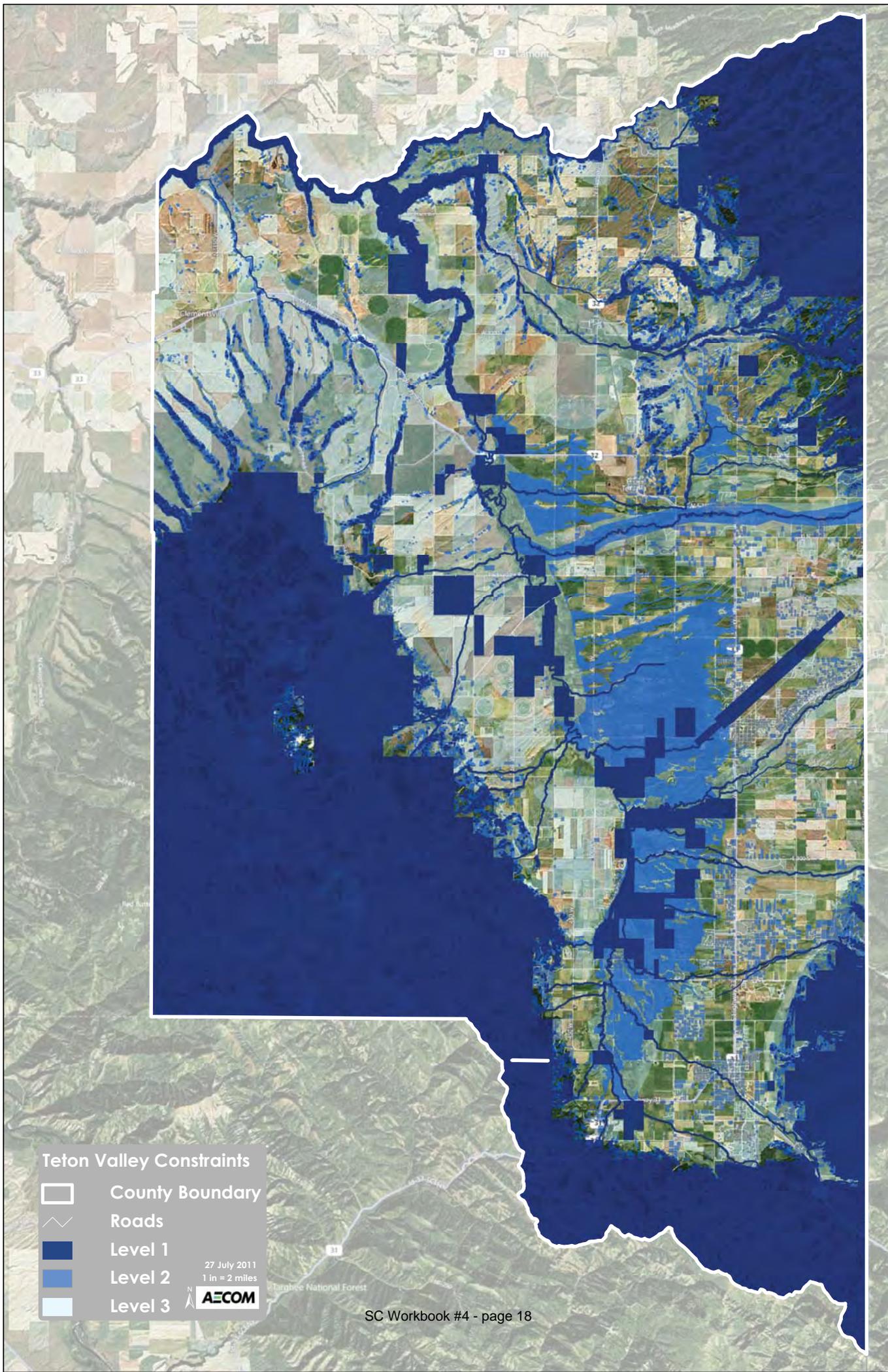
-  County Boundary
-  Roads
-  Airport Approach Zone
-  Subdivisions

Natural Resources Overlay

-  Big Game
-  Landbird
-  Waterbirds
-  Wetlands/rare plants

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Teton Valley Constraints

-  County Boundary
-  Roads
-  Level 1
-  Level 2
-  Level 3

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Part III: Economic Development

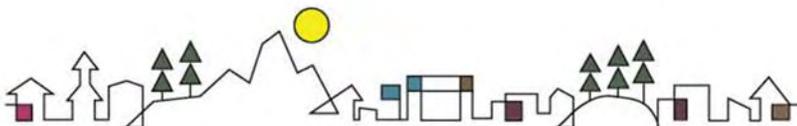
LLUPA Component & requirements

Economic Development

- *Employment by Sectors, Historical Comparison (U.S. Census; Idaho Department of Labor — <http://www.labor.state.id.us/lmi/pubs/idempnews/Idempmenu.htm>).*
- *Major Employers, Their Products and Number of Employees (Local Data).*
- *Commercial Building Permits and Assessed Value, Historical Comparison (Local Data).*
- *Regional Economic Forecast: Specifying Nonfarm Employment, Manufacturing Employment, Personal Income (Idaho Power, Bonneville Power Administration).*
- *Household Income (U.S. Census).*

Housing

- *Residential Building Permit Activity by Type: Single-Family, Multi-Family, Mobile Homes (Local Data).*
- *Housing Unit Distribution: Historical and Projected Housing Units, Specifying Single-Family, Duplex, Multi-Family, Mobile Homes; Percentage of Owner Occupied Residences; Median Value; Mean Sales Price; Owner Vacancy Rate; Renter Vacancy Rate; Median Rent (Local Data; U.S. Census).*
- *Total Housing Units: Historical and Projected (Historical information available from U.S. Census).*



appendix 1

Copy of “Sub-Committee Vision Document
Working Draft 2” - full document

VISIONING DOCUMENT

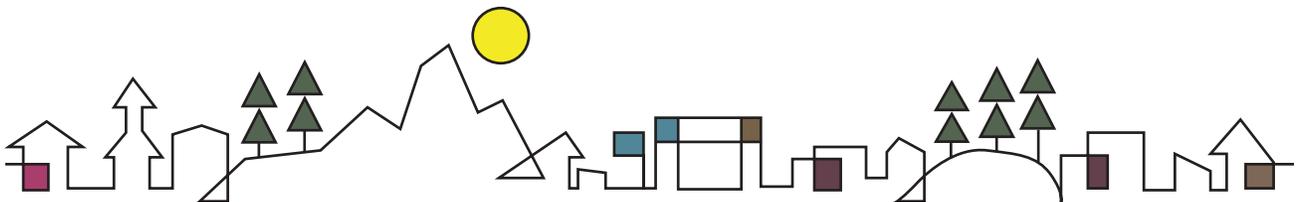


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Teton County Vision Document
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BACKGROUND

Breathtaking scenery, abundant wildlife, clean water, fresh air, open spaces, healthy forests and other outstanding natural resources are what make Teton Valley unique among many other rural areas.

Teton County, Idaho is a rural community of approximately 8,000 people and 450 square miles in Southeastern Idaho. It has three incorporated cities -- Teton, Driggs and Victor -- and large areas of unincorporated County. It is situated in the western shadow of the Tetons and much of the economy is outdoor recreation oriented, with Grand Targhee Resort (in Teton County, WY) as one of the largest employers in the area. The County employment base is also linked to other regional population centers outside the State, as a large portion of residents commute to Jackson, WY for employment.

Historically, the valley has been a small agricultural community founded by Mormon Pioneers, many descendants of whom are living in the community today. In the more recent past, it has begun to transition into a service-based mountain resort economy, with significant activity in second-home and resort-based development. The population of Teton County represents a mix of families who have been here for generations, part-time residents here for only a portion of the year, residents who have recently resettled here from other parts of the country, and immigrants from outside the U.S. As such, the community has a broad range of educational attainment, income levels, and values.

Teton Valley has transformed from a primarily agricultural, slowly developing community to a community with an unprecedented rate of development and real estate speculation, experienced between 2005 and 2008. As the second fastest growing rural county in the United States between 2000 and 2009, Teton County was impacted by the bursting of the economic bubble and now over 7,000 vacant, platted lots and partially-finished subdivisions remain. The resultant aftermath of that boom left Teton County with economic and land use challenges, failed subdivisions, high unemployment, high foreclosure rates, and lots that are no longer marketable.

Although agriculture was historically the basis of Teton Valley's economy, it is challenged by many factors. While tourism has emerged as an economic alternative, it does not always provide stable employment opportunities. The recent development boom provided many good jobs but only for a relatively short period, resulting in an increased number of Teton Valley residents commuting daily to Jackson for employment, increasing traffic and the associated pollution and accidents.

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BUILT ON LESSONS LEARNED AND FOUNDED ON OUR COMMUNITY VALUES, THE TETON VALLEY 2020 VISION DOCUMENT – AND CORRESPONDING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – ENVISION A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE FOR TETON COUNTY.

CREATING A VISION FOR TETON VALLEY

Visioning is a critical step for every planning process; adding defensibility and creating a foundation for more effective community engagement. Visioning ensures that County residents' values and goals are accurately reflected in the plan's elements, policies and frameworks. The visioning process is incremental and has built off the Planning for Planning (P4P) Questionnaire, Stakeholder Interviews, input from County staff, and results of the Values/Issues/Opportunities exercises completed by the Core Committee and Sub-Committees during meetings #1 and 2 of the Teton 2020 process.

This document is a preliminary draft of the Vision Document. This draft is intended to be a starting point for further input and refinement by the Sub-Committees and the Core Committee. After your review, this draft will be revised and refined based on your feedback and additional input. The revised draft will then be presented to the public during Community Visioning Workshop #1.

Based on the outcome of the Community Visioning Workshop, the team will refine the community's comments and compile the results into the final Vision Document. This document will contain the overall vision, supporting plan elements, guiding statements (Principles, Benefits, and Opportunities) and illustrations or photos that represent the values of our community.

It will also provide the framework foundation for the next phase of the planning process, Plan Frameworks and Plan Elements. The Vision Document will be the measuring stick for all plan options. This vision process creates the structure and initial agreements necessary to tackle tough issues that will be further addressed by the Sub-Committees.

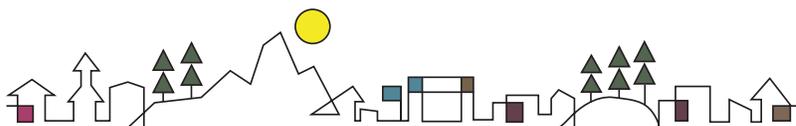
The Vision Document will then be presented to the County Staff, Core Committee, Planning and Zoning and the Board of County Commissioners for endorsement. This ensures that the community, consultants, property owners and public are on the same page before considering plan options.

A VISION FOR TETON COUNTY

A vision statement and guiding principles for each plan element arose from direction given through input by the Sub-Committees, Core Committee, stakeholders, County staff, elected officials and the public through the Teton Valley 2020 questionnaire and direct Sub-Committee outreach efforts. The result is this first draft of a Vision for our community, comprised of the following plan elements:

- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation
- Community Events and Facilities
- Agricultural and Rural Heritage

Based on comments received, Vision Statements, Guiding Principles, Benefits and Opportunities were developed and are included in the following pages.



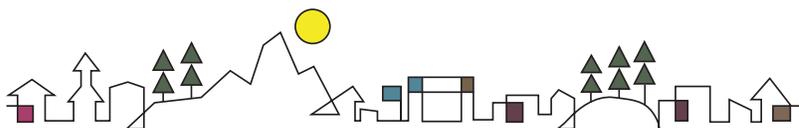
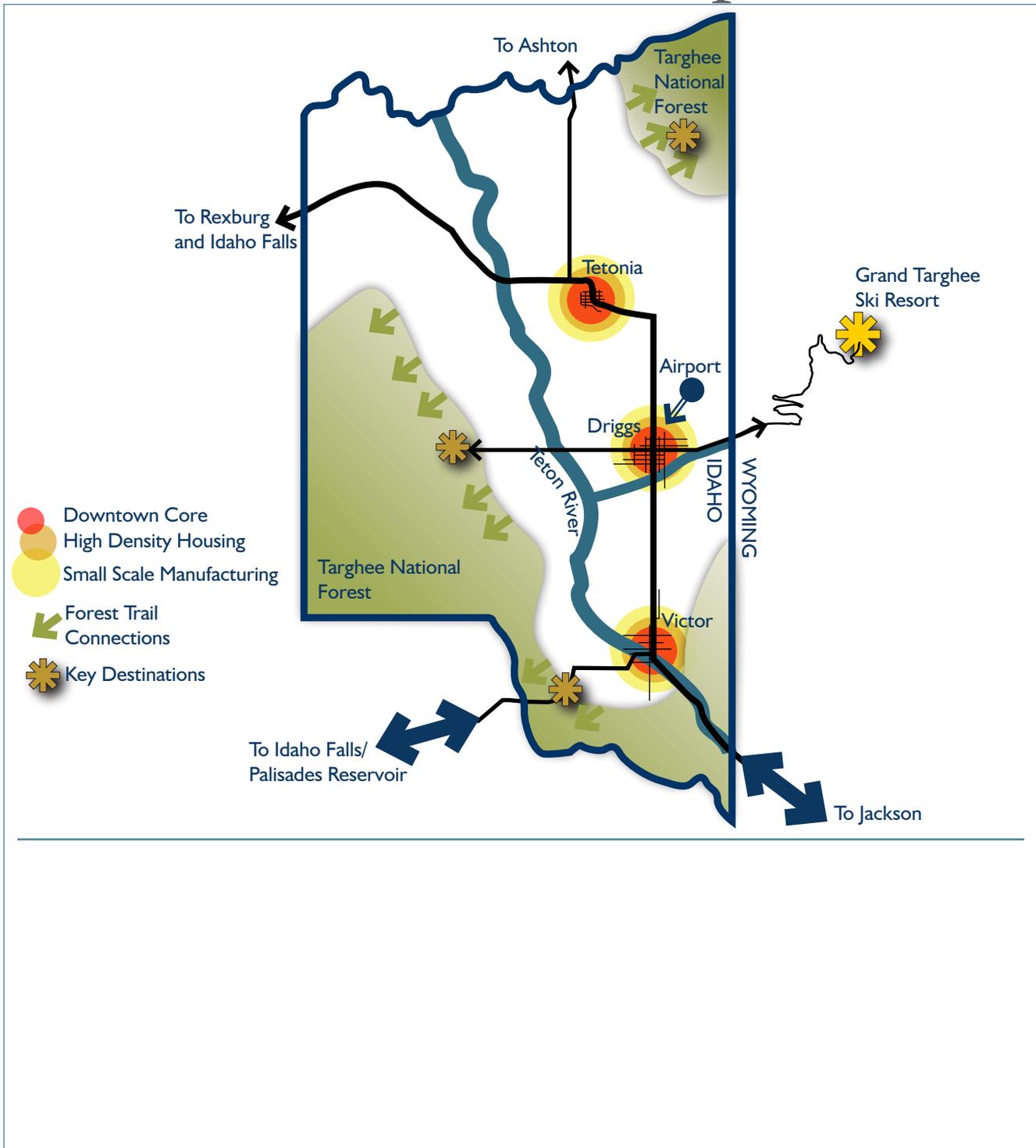
Our Community Envisions a Sustainable Future for Teton County.

We will:

- “Establish a vibrant, diverse, and stable Teton Valley economy”
- “Create and maintain a well connected, multi-modal network of transportation infrastructure to provide convenient and safe mobility for all residents, visitors, and businesses”
- “Preserve natural resources and a healthy environment, which is essential for creating viable future economic and recreational opportunities for all users”
- “Contribute to our strong sense of community by providing quality facilities, services and activities to meet community needs”
- “Preserve the rural character and heritage of Teton Valley”

*IT IS THIS VISION THAT INFORMS THE
FOLLOWING VISION STATEMENTS AND
GUIDING PRINCIPLES. THESE WILL SERVE AS
THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR OUR COMMUNITY’S
FUTURE.*

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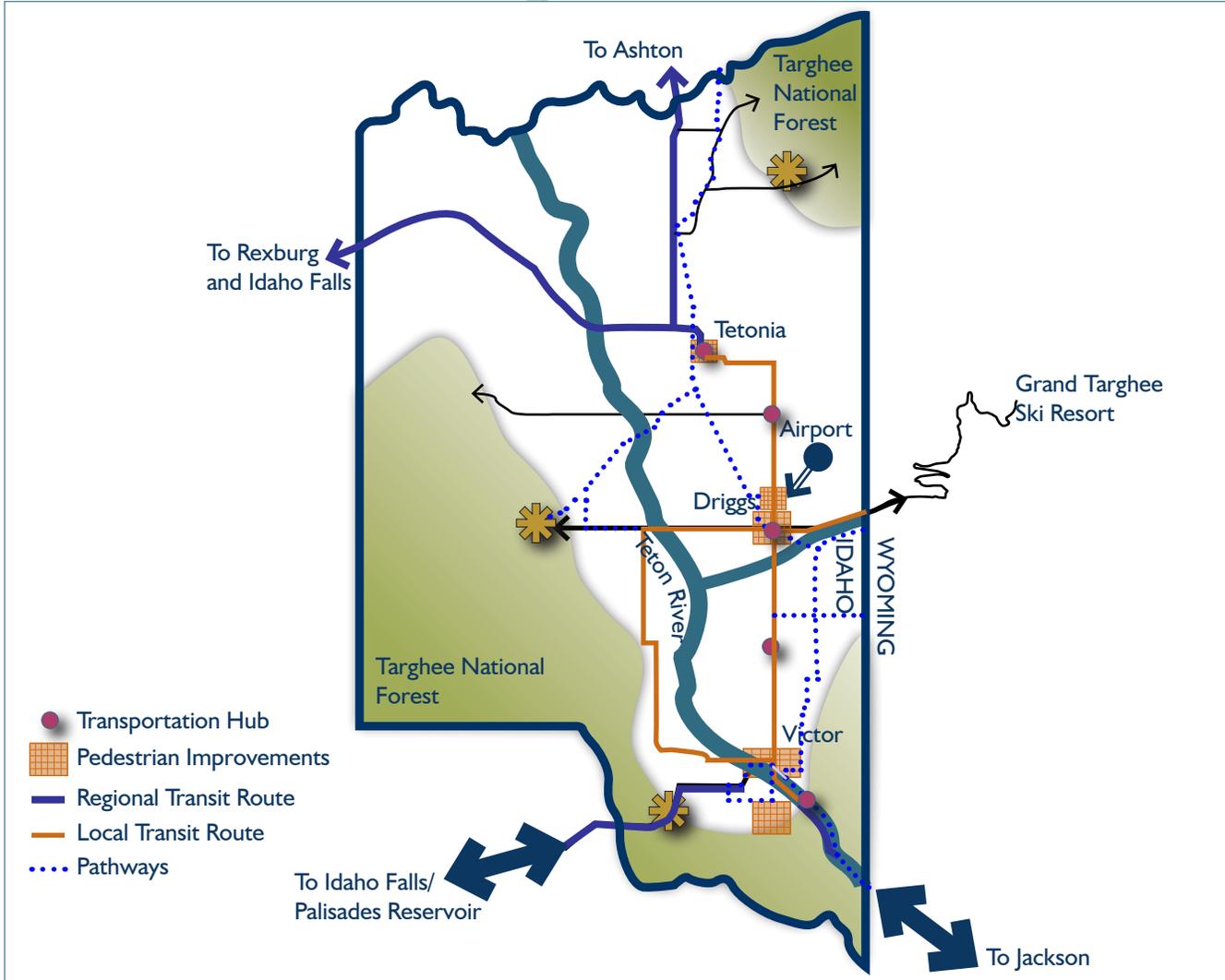
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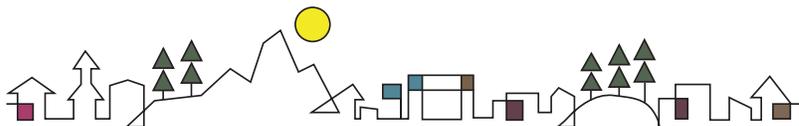
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transportation



MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION INCLUDES VEHICLE TYPES AND PROGRAMS FOR AIR, BIKE, BUS, CALL-A-RIDE, MATERIALS TRANSPORT, AND PUBLIC TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES APPROPRIATE FOR TETON VALLEY.



transportation

“ *CREATE AND MAINTAIN A WELL CONNECTED, MULTI-MODAL NETWORK OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO PROVIDE CONVENIENT AND SAFE MOBILITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS, VISITORS, AND BUSINESSES* ”

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Create convenient, safe, timely, sustainable and efficient options for multi-modal transportation that satisfy a multitude of needs
- Provide a well connected transportation network in Teton Valley
- Provide well maintained transportation infrastructure including roads, paved pathways and sidewalks
- Develop regional connections
- Encourage pedestrian connectivity in appropriate areas
- Develop transportation appropriate for a rural community, respectful of the unique character of Teton Valley

BENEFITS

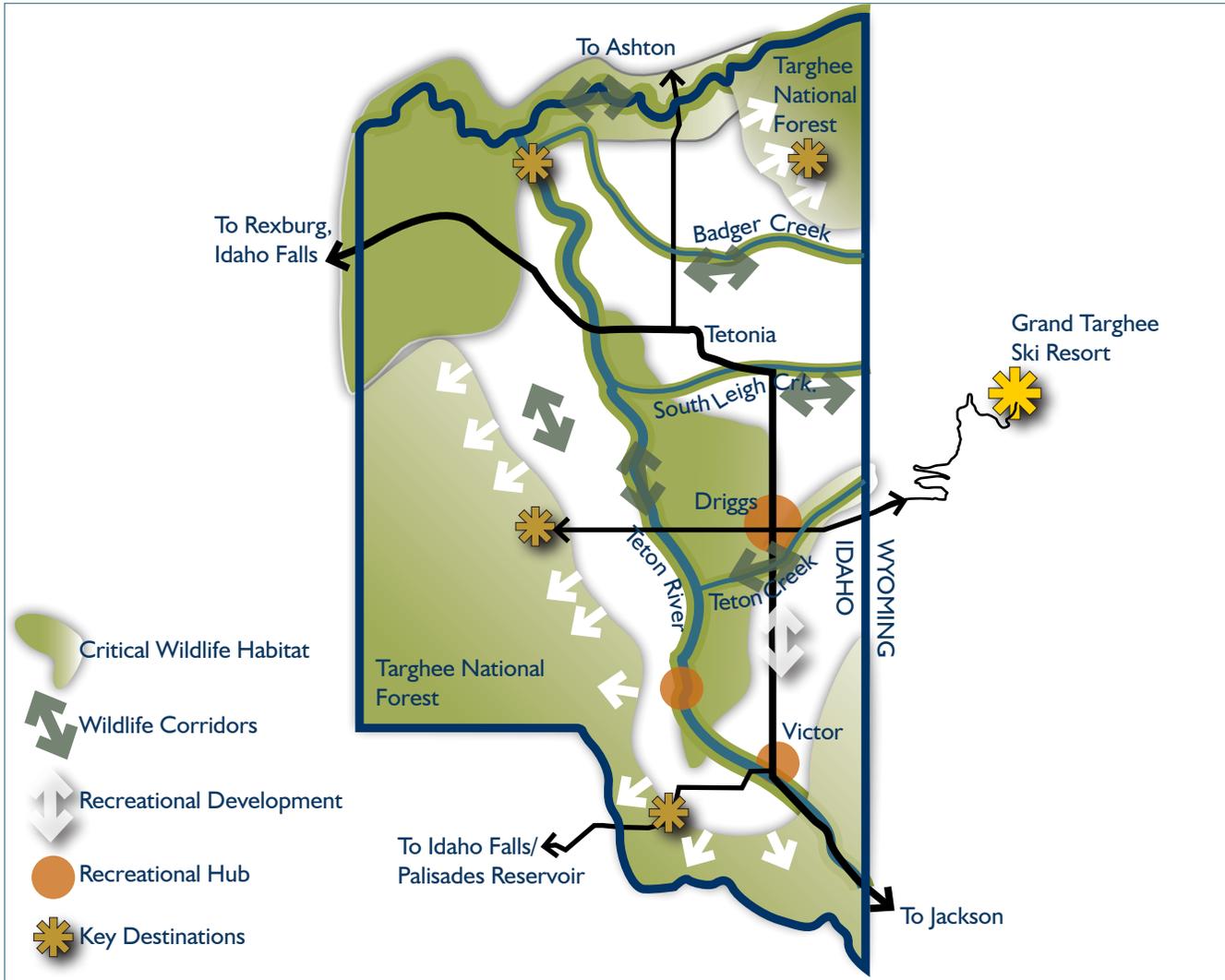
- Provides multiple choices for transportation
- Provides interconnection to, from and within Teton County for residents, visitors and businesses
- Increases the economic desirability of Teton County
- Improves traffic flow
- Creates a healthy community
- Reduces future transportation impacts such as pollution and harm to wildlife
- Provides cost-effective and timely transportation solutions

OPPORTUNITIES

- Improve the condition of existing transportation infrastructure
- Improve overall mobility within Teton County through options for multi-modal transportation
- Develop paved paths to connect all communities within the county to adjacent communities and recreation areas
- Capitalize on funding opportunities for multi-modal transportation options
- Explore opportunities for public transit for commuting, visiting and recreation
- Promote development that is transit, pedestrian, and bicycle friendly
- Establish principles/processes by which future decisions can be made



natural resources and outdoor recreation



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“ PRESERVE NATURAL RESOURCES AND A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR CREATING VIABLE FUTURE ECONOMIC AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL USERS ”

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Enhance our access to public lands and natural resources
- Conserve our public lands and natural resources (air, water, wildlife, fisheries, climate, trail systems, wetlands, dark skies, soundscape, soils, open space, native vegetation)
- Provide recreation for all user groups (biking, skiing, fishing, OHV, hunting, trail users, equestrian users, boating, non-motorized flight, and others)
- Balance private property rights and protection of our natural resources
- Respect hazard zones (ie. flood, radon, earthquake)
- Reduce infestation/introduction of invasive species
- Respect sensitive habitat and migration areas for wildlife
- Respect cultural heritage sites

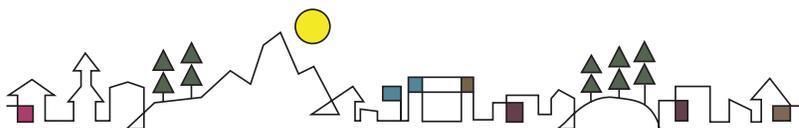
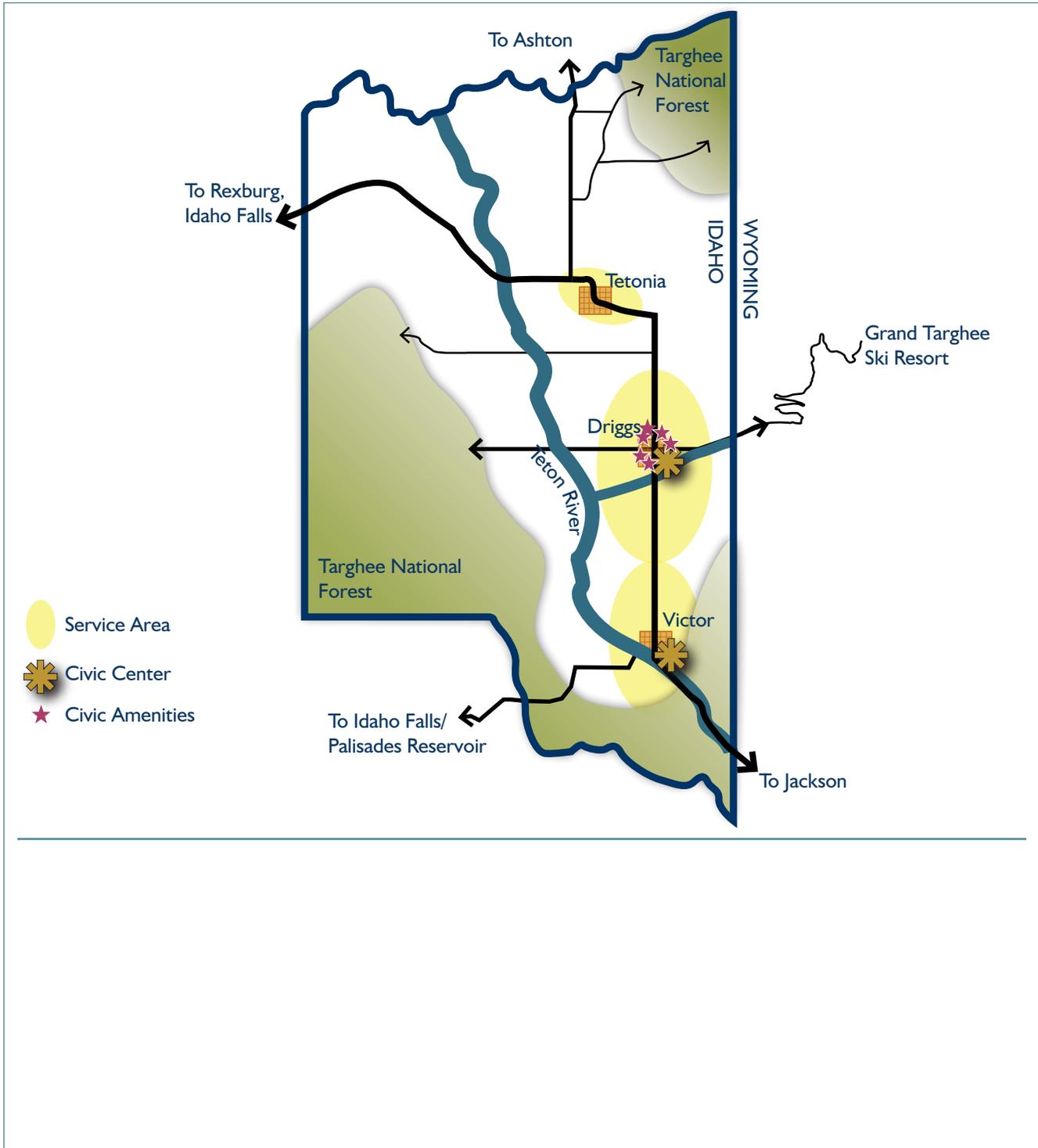
BENEFITS

- Conserves native wildlife habitat, wetlands, and water bodies
- Protects and provides an adequate supply of clean water
- Reduces flood damage
- Maintains and improves air quality
- Promotes public health, safety and welfare
- Provides physical links between neighborhoods, cities, and recreation areas (trails, pathways, etc.)
- Promotes economic development through tourism and quality of life
- Provides sustainable opportunities for generations of families to remain and make a living here through all stages of life
- Brings together community and builds acceptance of diverse lifestyles

OPPORTUNITIES

- Create developmental regulations that are consistent with diverse community values, balance natural resources and growth, are predictable, and preserve the economic value of the land
- Make this a place where people want to live while remaining affordable, preserving heritage and protecting resources for all users
- Maintain existing public land access and work to create new access
- Create new funding options and incentives to protect our open space, rural lands and natural resources
- Preserve and improve our recreational opportunities as well as our natural resources
- Create benchmarks for monitoring and preserving natural resources

community events and facilities



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“ *CONTRIBUTE TO OUR STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY* ”
*BY PROVIDING QUALITY FACILITIES,
SERVICES, AND ACTIVITIES TO MEET COMMUNITY
NEEDS*

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Encourage diverse and affordable activities for all ages
- Encourage the development of quality education facilities - primary, secondary and post-secondary
- Provide quality services and facilities in a coordinated manner for the health and safety of the community
- Encourage an environment that fosters community involvement

BENEFITS

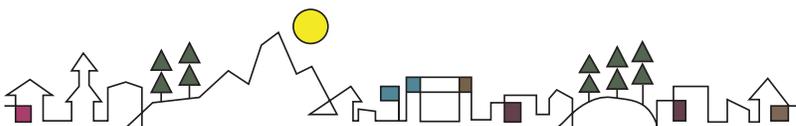
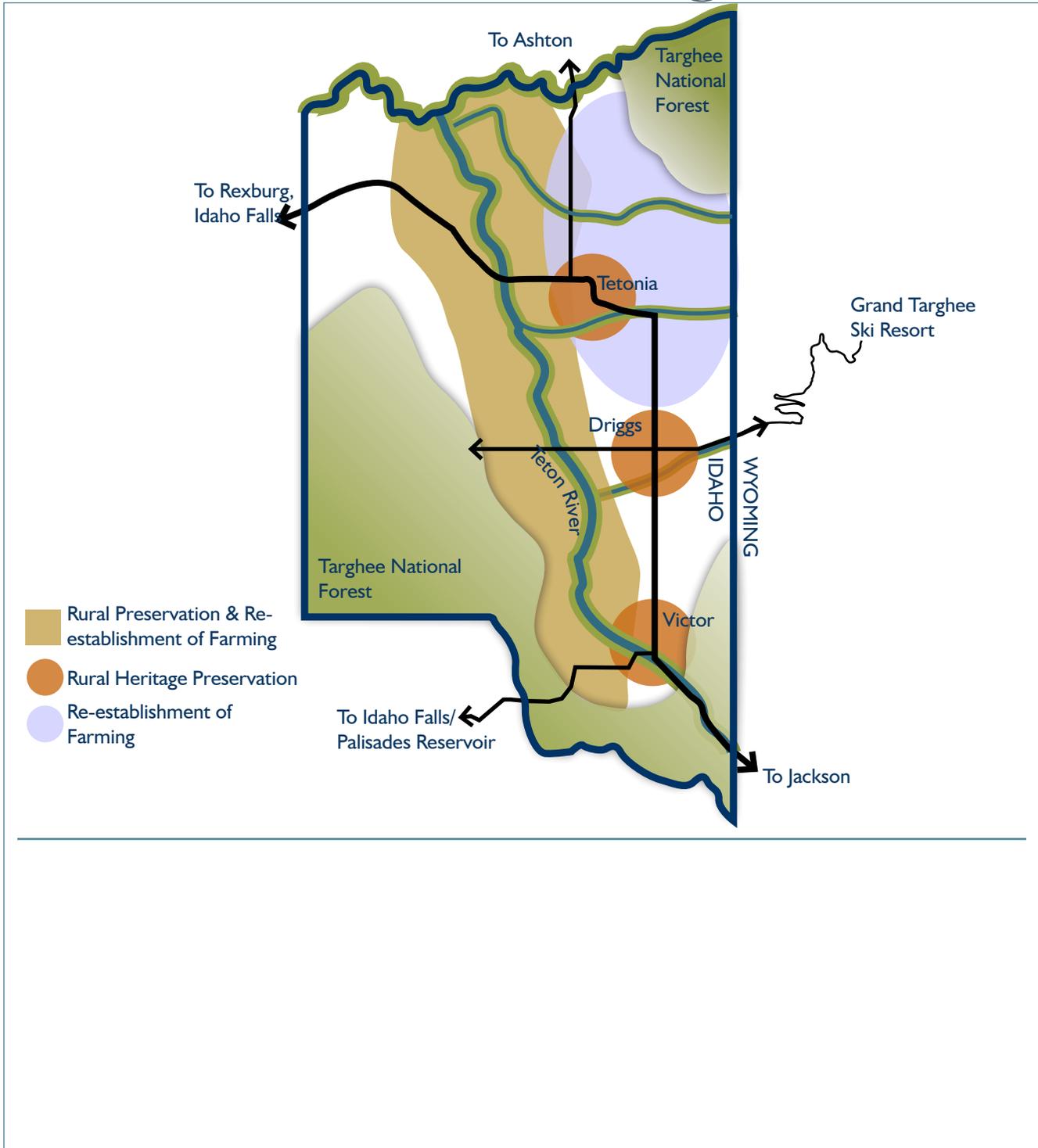
- Bridges cultural differences to create a strong sense of community
- Increases community interaction and sense of place
- Links education with our economic development strategy
- Creates an efficient infrastructure system, which is the foundation for sustainability
- Meets the needs of the community

OPPORTUNITIES

- Find common ground by identifying shared values and priorities and acknowledging differences respectfully
- Develop a Recreation Master Plan that coordinates and includes all providers and users
- Explore new funding options to develop and support affordable activities for all ages
- Expand our education program (e.g. develop post-secondary and continuing education facilities)



agriculture and rural heritage



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PRESERVE THE RURAL CHARACTER AND HERITAGE OF TETON VALLEY

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Maintain our small town feel and rural heritage
- Ensure that planned growth maintains our rural character
- Balance property rights and rural character

BENEFITS

- Preservation of open space and rural character
- Preservation of our small town, agricultural heritage
- Promotes Teton County's distinctive identity

OPPORTUNITIES

- Create incentives for farmers to farm
- Return platted land back to agricultural production
- Support agriculture and ranching
- Facilitate the transfer of land (such as to family members)
- Explore options to protect our open lands (e.g. Land District)
- Support our local agriculture through improved infrastructure (e.g. Improve and maintain roads for agricultural product transportation)

