

<b>Comment Verbatim</b>
Housing sprawl throughout the valley's open spaces.
Lack of prior planning that has a scrambling for solutions on things like sewer lines that were buried to shallowly, a transfer station that was closed by the DEQ, increased demand on our sewer/water systems without requiring development to pay for it, excessive subdivisions that lacked planning and are now sitting empty, etc, etc
Good Predictable planning efforts.
development outside of city centers
irresponsible development
closed minded folks who do not see the value in preserving open space
The name of the town of Driggs
a unified creative vision for the future
Marginal historic planning
NOXIOUS WEEDS!!!!
Animal shelter problems (not enough money, poor management)
animal control
need funding for animal shelter!
The abundance of Junk in people's lawns
Attractive Main Streets
weed management
Responsible Development
asthetic appearances (eg: un kept homes, garbage in ditches)
Lack of noxious weed mitigation.
The fact that a golf course qualifies as "open space"
Violations of zoning laws
Undeveloped PUD's need to be restored to AG 20 and more closely reflect the community's history and rural
too many unoccupied homes
Tough weather
Paying too much for marginal produce in our valley.
a divided community that can not talk to one another compassionately
Quality of Teton County schools
Devisivness
Education
Quality of education seems fairly poor
Public education.
Suicides
public education
our public school system not having enough money
Schools, including continuing education after high school
The fact that our county 4th of July parade and fireworks took place on the 3rd of July!!! i am concerned about the power of the religious right wing people in our valley. Why can't they see the 4th of July as a National Celebration that has nothing to do with religion? And Glenn Beck, really?
Mailbox vandalism.
The hospital
need better schools!
High suicide rate.
Community recreation center.
The lack of civic pride

Division between long time residents and new residents or even those who have been here for a decade or more
Lack of youth activities
Division in the community
Respect for others
I am concerned that our values will be compromised for the sake of making money! I hope we, as a community, take all the time we need to come up with a good plan for development so we don't end up with random empty
Large class size in the public schools.
Newbies vs old timers
money for our health system - hospital is always on the verge of being shut down
Opportunities for Seniors
I am concerned about our schools. Our teachers should be getting paid more. I am more than happy to pay more in taxes to improve our schools.
Divisiveness between different factions of the community.
The quality of our schools and class sizes need serious help.
Family fun opportunities in the winter that are not just outdoors-not everybody skis.
The education is not valued by administrators as evidenced by shifting ineffective teachers to lower profile positions instead of firing them or insisting that they improve their performances.
The conflict between move ins and long term residents
Developers exclude local residents in their subdivisions even though we support with our taxes
the division that exists within our community and the almost divisive measures some politicians have taken against one another
I am concerned about our hospital. I hope they hire more physician assistants to offset the high cost of
need a rec center
The lack of a viable, sustainable animal shelter has become a real problem and is a necessity in Teton Valley
activities for teens
more activities for teens
Glen Beck coming to our valley.
Lack of affordable rec center with lap pool and climbing wall-8
Lots of loose dogs.
Some of the county financial decisions seem poorly thought out - or perhaps more political than financially sound (hospital, EMS, etc.)
Support for the Victor Library. Yeah, you know it. We all tend to visit the TCLIB more often.
Accessibility and Opportunities for the Disabled
The mild separation: Envision Victor, but what about Tetonia and Driggs?
No public pool.
Suicide rate.
Economic Train Wreck Job creation & stable real estate values.
The development bust and its results on environment, water usurpation and weeds
Too many randomly placed subdivisions throughout the Valley.
Lack of Economic opportunities/employment
It worries me that we have so many zombie subdivisions and the fact that we allowed greed and poor planning to make those a reality.
The ugliness of Driggs downtown (except for Key bank)
lack of economic engines
Poor infra-structure investment to support tourism/visitors. ie pathways, trails, etc
Lack of non-service related jobs in Teton County
Employment options are limited

Idaho tax code limits our ability to provide services for our community (education) and to plan long term for the valley's development (3% cap that benefits developers instead of citizens)
Economic development, how do we grow and sustain our community?
economic progress
County's lack of funding
Lack of a variety of jobs
Ghost subdivisions left over from the economic boom
what do we do with our zombie sub-divisions?
Poor urban planning - housing developments all over with little or no thought given to its future
lack of follow through from developers-- please finish or REMOVE the eye-sores of half-completed projects!
Vacant lots and buildings on Main Street Victor; less so in Driggs and Teton
Lack of planning downtown that makes our cityscape unattractive to tourists.
Zombie subdivisions.
Subdivisions that are aimed at the ultra wealthy and don't have many opportunities for the people that actually live and work here
Tax base doesn't support necessary services
Sometimes it is hard to support the local grocery stores, when there is more selection, cheaper prices, and better quality items in Jackson.
The hard business climate
jobs
Community needs to promote tourism more effectively thru visitors bureau, chamber, etc
Broulims is over priced
Too many subdivisions that are abandoned
Too many real estate offices in prime locations which take away from having businesses which could add character and sustainability to our core urban areas.
Dead subdivisions
No bagel shop.
more mom & pop stores and no chains of any kind
No good tourist info spot
Too little retail downtown...natch
Lack of urgency to protect our resources
Our per capita water use.
need more mountain bike trails
too many dirt bikes in the Big Holes
The water rights infringement on fish spawning
Lack of non-profit that focus on overall ecosystem health (not specialized like FTR, TRLT) in Teton Valley and is a real vocal advocate- e.g. Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance
sustainability
road maintenance
no side walks plowed in winter...hard to have small town feel in winter our longest season.
Roads - potholes, upkeep
Not enough bike paths
People leaving their big diesel trucks running.
Not plowing our sidewalks during the winter.
Not enough bike racks
Lack of plowing sidewalks in Victor in the winter
Large-truck traffic through downtown areas--need an alternative "truck-route".

speed limit is too high in Victor (should be 25 mph)
I wish we had pavement all the way from Victor to Driggs the back way.
We need to have a walkable downtown with sidewalks that get plowed in the winter (but the sewer lines aren't buried deep enough).
Lack of adequate bike lanes on valley roads.
Speeding through Victor.
Lack of public transportation.
Lack of enforcement of ATV laws.
The violations of the no motorized vehicle restrictions in the forests
Condition of most roads.
Pedestrian Safety
Public Transportation from Teton to Victor and connecting to other cities
The perma-giant potholes in the intersection of Little and Main in Driggs.
The bad roads
Driving too fast in wildlife corridors.
Bike friendly
Snow removal on Driggs city streets.
Public transport/shuttles are limited
Save fuel, all types, both transportation & elect & gas in buildings.
Condition of roads
work on mass transit to reduce traffic b/t Victor and Driggs as well as over Teton Pass
poor zoning
Summer is too short (try to fix that for me Joanne!)
Different backgrounds result in differing views on what is "excellence"
Differing views as to what constitutes "quiet" of natural surroundings
Over development
Too small to farm, too large to care for
Ag/Development balance
Don't let building occur where it is unattractive to other people
Need more cooperation with decision makers
Profitable ag
Sustainable ag
Density
Sprawl
Development in midst of farmland- usually vacant/transient
Chemicals
Recovery of failed developments in rural areas
Maintaining rural character while allowing growth
Defunct developments
Economic reality of farming in Teton Valley
Short summer season
Teton Valley is one big rural resort with three towns. It is a misnomer to call Victor and Driggs "cities." Keep it rural or lose its charm/value
Agricultural industry is presently stable; some crops like potatoes are less viable due ot market prices
Less land speculation and dividing of ranches and farms
Preserving the environment- night skies
Land Development

Inadequate noise-control ordinances
Inadequate or unenforced garbage ordinances- some properties are real pigsties, to the discomfort and
Too much stock not being controlled by owners. This is not the wild west anymore
"Open space" ordinance abused by developers
Agriculture will continue to diminish- must go to 2nd homes!
Property Rights
Open Space
Non-farmer/rancher attitudes that rural landscapes are desirable, but farming/ranching is not, that locals are unaware of the important values that hyper-educated urbanites consider fundamental, and that urban/suburban/recreationist values trump more basic values.
protection of scenic byway
dying of agriculture culture
Loss of farmland to subdivisions
Cost and bureaucratic barriers to farmer/ranchers passing land on to direct descendents.
Would like to see more people take pride in there places and clean up.
Cost of small scale farm operations and of transport to markets or production agriculture.
diminished scenic corridor
Improve the the appearance of the 33 corridor. Plant screening in front of eyesores
Our short growing season. We will always be dependent on imported food.
Absence of market means for specialty crops.
Stronger requirements for maintaining view sheds--- all roads in the valley have views therefore ALL should have adequate set backs.
residents can't see why farming should survive, and existing farmer/ranchers tire of the economic risk/reward balance
Too small lot sizes in rural areas. Pollution and deminished aesthetics result.
Orphan subdivisions ruin rural character of Valley.
Road system that accommodates Ag trucks and equipment.
economic realities for farmers
character.
Paying too much for marginal produce in our valley.
Non completed subdivisions with holes, rock piles, not reclaimed for ag use
Housing sprawl and view degregation
The County's zoning and land use regulations, and development review process, lack predictability
The County over-regulates
Some progress has been made to make land use regulations better-defined and more prescriptive
"Loosely-worded" regulations gets the County in trouble
County must improve effectiveness of all departments so work done is better and done right the first time!
Hire better-educated, skilled leadership for departments, to improve training and effectiveness
Keep the comprehensive plan very simple- no complications
Some people that work for the county, aren't educated enough to do a good job and that costs all of the tax payers.
Need to keep a strong back in planning -- less density allowed in the new comp plan.
Feeling of desperation in trying to find a quick fix to county problems.
Dishonesty exhibited by some members of the political leadership in county and state government
Hard to work with P&Z, commissioners, cities
Unionyed fire department- not accountable to anyone
Fire department spending open check book
Participation and education by the public re: drafting the Comp Plan

Community divisiveness
lack of winter indoor recreation for families/seniors/or citizens who don't ski
Enforcement of county regulations
Will hospital survive? Do we need a different model of health facility?
Need a more centrally located library
Senior center and animal shelter "going under"
Victor elementary building is old. The physical plant needs updating
We need an affordable facility for indoor recreation such as swimming, water exercise for all groups including
I think we should maintain and update our health care facility
We get stuck in a rut around [here]... we need to ask for outside knowledge and guidance
Idaho tax system decreases possible spending options on schools
Our activities are very divided... i.e. widespread concert vs. glenn beck
Ag/Res 2.5 zoning
Lack of funds to the school system at state/federal level
Grants, funding, support to local hospital
The variance of laws between Boise and small local towns and the relevance
Lack of cultural diversity
Lack of cohesiveness
Sprawl
I think there is not facility where the children of our community can learn to swim and to practice water safety
Lack of indoor recreational space for young children (esp. during long winter months)
People who think it's okay to let their dogs roam
Funding for events (balloon fest, etc.) is difficult
Elementary schools are over crowded
Funding is continual problem for schools and hospital
Health care
Segregated communities
Community division, lack of trust and understanding and mutual respect
Everyone has an idea and they're always right
Teaching English to non-English speakers (hispanics)
Involve/assimilate hispanic community better
Public recycling
There is an indoor riding arena at Saddleback Estates that most people can't afford to use
A deep cultural chasm and disconnect between the two main groups in the valley
Finding common ground when it comes to community events esp. alcohol vs. no alcohol
Lack of communication between the two separate groups of the Valley
Youth struggles: educational opportunities, recreational opportunities, substance abuse, mental health
Lacking cultural events
Recycling/transfer station hours
Differing thoughts on this issue
Divisive politics and community
Overlapping non-profits
Advocacy groups "driving the train"
Why don't we get more community involvement
Pay too many taxes for non-citizens that do not contribute to the community
Lack of respect for public opinion
Need a recreation center, improved trail system, communities with gathering spaces

An "us" and "them" sentiment between long-standing residents and newcomers
Victor= young (20-early 30's), mobile (60% work in Teton Co, WY); Driggs= stable, immigrant population;
Tetonia= long-standing residents (many multi-generational), agricultural base and more politically conservative,
"non-long term residents" tend to be anti-sprawl, pro-environment, more "town-oriented" than more conservative multi-generational residents
Household Composition= often, one full-time breadwinner, with full benefits and a spouse who works multiple jobs; e.g. ski instructor, guide, manual laborer
Schools
Police department breeds ineptitude
Us/them dicotomy
Need professional law enforcement
Not enough being done to support community events i.e. Music on main, Balloon fest
Animal shelter in crisis
Need to take care of our seniors and people who do not have enough food
Make sure animal shelter stays open
Recycling needs to be promoted, feasible for average home (as far as cost)
Soaring taxes, utility costs, dump costs due to development costs must be reduced/systems simplified
Pet owners shouldn't expect everyone to financially support pet ownership. I'm opposed to spending general county funds on an animal shelter. Perhaps pet licence fees could be used to support a shelter.
Some devisiveness politically but getting better
Let us work for proper entertainment for the youth
commonalities
animosity amongst factions (local vs. outsider, mormon vs. gentile, etc)
political polarization
THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Lack of access to high quality medical care
I am concerned about the polarization and divisiveness in the Valley; lack of civility in public discourse.
lack of animal welfare services
spaces, ETC...
The SAD state of our apathy-driven school system.
not enough recreation for kids ie no pool, bowling, organized recreation opportunities..
no community center/swimming pool
Lack of a recreation center with a swimming pool
old school buildings
power company monopoly
divisive attitudes
The persistance of the "us against them" mentality
Lack of Recycling
education
Need more indoor receration. Everyone wants a pool.
School system. I don't have kids, but I would pay more tax to improve the school system and pay our teachers. Better schools = higher property value.
The pervasive LDS vs. non-LDS undertone.
lack of a rec center for youth
The devisive conservative vs. liberal undertone.
Irresponsible owners allowing their dogs to chase cars and even worse, cyclists. This happens every where and during all seasons; it's so bad that I've wrecked several times on my bike.

blaming others for county problems (.e.g., lack of funding), instead of focusing on consensus building to find solutions to problems
divisive politics
negative
Effectiveness of the school system
funding for public schools
Poor quality school system. "Good old boys" administration. Now and forever in the past.
A grocery store that isn't so expensive and open on Sundays. Smith's in Jackson is way cheaper than Broulums.
There are too many golf courses. More thought should be given to what locals want and need rather than attempting to cater to second home owners.
All the complaining, pro-property rights folks who actually believe our taxes are high and that over-regulation is what got us into this mess.
No indoor tennis courts or other indoor facilities. We need more to do in the winter.
The lack of social services for available for those who are not in the bottom 5% with regards to qualifying i.e., speech therapy, etc.
grocery store is closed on Sunday
lack of Animal Control, roaming dogs, shelter's future unstable
Lack of enforcement from the law when it comes to problem dogs.
LDS influence in public schools
The sometimes not using the existing laws to go after violators when it might create a conflict
The effectiveness of the hospital in this area.
illegal people get more benefits from this county than the working legal citizens.
class sizes in public schools
Under-funded schools
Lack of county funded youth community services (recreation district, after-school programs)
General City services and quality of service.
I hate Broulim's.
lack of proper recycling
Teton Valley Hospital needs to run as a business not supported by the tax payers
fear of spud closing in future
Polarization of the Valley. We all want a great place to live and work, but often don't work together. Processes like this one are good!
I am concerned that non-profits are having to provide facilities and services that are normally provided by governmental entities.
Lack of recreation and entertainment opportunities for kids. We need a pool! And a rec center. And things like a climbing wall.
Valley Health Care options.
The lack of quality after-school care or an after-school program in school for children. Kids left to their own devices are dangerous.
high number of suicides of local teens
Glen Beck coming to our valley.
lack of public recycling (I use RAD, but would like to see it more universal)
Cost of water/sewer
The us vs. them mentality, and all of the conspiracies/gossip that is always floating around. Folks need to adapt to change and grow up! The snarky gossip is exhausting. And childish.
Forest Service, Agriculture and diverse stake holders not working together.
underfunded schools
operation and capacity of sewage treatment plant

budget cuts to public schools
we need an animal shelter
Inability of various groups to seek ways to get along. Why too much old timers v. newcomers.
Dog control is not good - loose dogs on the streets.
no animal control officer and dysfunctional animal shelter
Lack of funding for the Animal Shelter. I feel I pay enough in taxes to support the shelter.
Teton Valley Health Center - We need a quality hospital in the Valley, but taxpayer levies should not replace fiscal responsibility. The hospital board seems to be working in the right direction.
People freak out and start World War 3 over the small stuff like back-in parking. Come on people - IT'S PARKING. There's more to worry about in life.
Inability for groups to work together. TVTAP and the new TMBA comes to mind. Why do we need two trails groups in the same valley? Fractional efforts are lame.
division in the valley
no village-commons areas in cities
Four golf courses in this small valley are ENOUGH. Do we really think this valley can support anyother big developement of their sizes????
Teacher salaries may be too low to attract quality candidates.
SCHOOLS
I feel like local election seasons are particularly nasty and awful out here. Especially the last one. I totally resent all of the crap that was put out there like "I'm a patriot - and you're not" "I have family values - and you don't" "I'm a 'local' - and you're not" What a total embarrassment. Could we possibly make the issues any more ignorant and divisive? Get a life. (PS- your strategy totally failed)
Social and family services???
Insufficient control over domestic pets running wild, creating conflicts with neighbors and wildlife and excessive road-kill of both pets and wildlife
Education: state funding too low- local funding not enough. Be more realistic about plans and growth
Education: not let it slide backwards
Transfer Station
Waste water out of Colter Building
Better schools
Fire dept
Cost of Fire dept.
The current library has too limited selection which causes the library to expend funds on interlibrary loans
Dog poop impairs my enjoyment
I have to travel to Jackson several times per week to swim
If the Valley does not have a shelter the animals will not be treated in a humane manner
Simplifying care at the hospital rather than trotting in every nurse, emt and technician to maximize their charges
Very fragmented in the county even though many goals are similar
No activity or recreation center or gathering place for kids/teens
Division of community
Revenues to support city and county gov't and non-profits
Unemployment
Driggs looks dead in evening and on weekends
Subdivisions that destroyed ag land but are now wastelands
How do we help local business survive
Lack of jobs
Lack of professional jobs

Partnerships with regional and state organizations/events/businesses
Difficult commerce environment
Lost Jobs/Economic Instability
Lack of economic diversity in Teton Valley. We are mostly a construction based economy
Disjointed economic planning. We need the cities and counties planning together. We need to combine
Lack of bank lending. It's very hard to get a loan for some of the best business ideas
We have some of the lowest taxes in the state, which means we have no \$\$\$ to invest in infrastructure to bring
Only resort town
Too many \$ getting out of valley
Uncontrolable residential growth without regard to infrastructure needs and environmental impacts
Coordination with City comprehensive plans
Quality people leaving the Valley
No comprehensive effort to court new businesses
Lack of resources for start-up businesses
County not promoting valley
Perception, by both residents and non-residents, that valley is failing
Long, uncomfortable, harsh winter season- for 9 months
Too dependent on one or two industries
How to increase employment and still retain rural, small town atmosphere
Unchecked growth
The current economy (and all that this entails)
Rampant/unsustainable growth
Develop paved roads to all subdivisions- especially future approved plats
Less government local level
Too much governmental spending on none valued services and departments
No organization promoting valley outside- magazines, trade shows
Incentives for attracting business
We can't afford to service our far-flun patterns of growth
Bring technology to the County system
Clean up downtowns
Freedom from burdonsome restrictions
Lack of businesses in close proximity
Trail system needs more promotion to bring in more visitors. "Tourism is the front door of development"
Agriculture = stable; Services & public sector = stable; Construction/Development and Tourism = unstable
Ingredients to Economic Sustainability: good hospital care (health), good schools (education) and great comprehensive plan (quality of life)
Need to focus less on construction as part of the economic developoment strategy
With the Driggs Urban Growth Area (UGA), all streets need to be built to City standards (no other City standards apply to unincorporated areas of the UGA)
Building vacancy rates are exceptionally high
Not a good retirement market due to impacts at high altitude, long snow season and lack of sufficient hospital
20 year backlog of trophy homes
NOT looking for big government solutions to community issues in Teton County
Unemployment
Non-diverse economics
Speculation
Need more jobs

Somehow fix all the empty, un-finished subdivisions
Need another grocery store
Local high paying jobs
Cost of living
Steady tax base
Empty Subdivisions: what to do with them and better, more controlled permitting process
Deal with overdevelopment and failed developments
Strictly hold developers to existing laws and ordinances
Lack of jobs- county must be user-friendly to working people, small business, big retail is NOT the answer
Need to manage county so full time residents can survive, stop burdening them with costs generated by "amenitized development"
Economy must diversity and emphasize creation of good living wage jobs, not low-paying service jobs
Eliminate "zombie" subdivisions, one way or the other
Deal with small issues before they become big problems. Don't sweep land use issues under the rug just because that's the easy thing to do
Abandoned subdivision
Small town businesses suffering for 3+ years now; lack of diversity and strength in local economy
Risk/negatives of continued reliance on tourism and land development- sprawl, traffic, low paying jobs, overdependence on ski area and constructio/real estate
Lingering effects of bad planning - cookie cutter subdivisions, businesses out in the country etc.
Fall river REC's bone-headed attitude about renewable energy systems (not welcoming and even punitive). They need a retro-cranial extraction
Need more diverse businesses/economic base
Every store closes at 6pm
Subdivision issues is huge- is going to be around for a long time and not just magically go away with the next
Taxes are way too low
Jobs
Lower taxes
approved
Too many empty/half built subdivisions
rural sprawl
Economy: without an economic underpinning, other values are threatened. Businesses can't survive, farmers stop practicing sustainable agriculture
subdivisions
Attracting new business and residents
Over development. Too many platted lots
The resistance of some to improve our valley, the "status quo" in rapid growth will NEVER work
Lack of service for taxes paid.
Empty subdivisions & houses
phantom subdivisions
Unrestricted development without a real long-term plan could lead to disaster.
Ugly industry next to highway (batch plants, trashy businesses, etc.
How do we get past all of the terrible, horrible land use and planning decisions from our past administrations.
No tax incentive for business to open and employ.
budget shortfalls (stop-gap levies needed)
economy
greed of land use, overdevelopment

Poor planning/ open space and farms lost to failed developments
many empty commercial buildings
gov't.
Too much "growth" without planning on how to manage it and provide service
Zombie developments
too many subdivisions with cookie cutter houses or no houses at all
As tourism / recreation becomes a greater factor in the Valley's economy, we need to remember and preserve what brings people here: beauty and recreational access.
Too many housing subdivisions without careful thought to actual needs
I am concerned about the allocation of limited public resources
Lack of a diverse and robust economy
Ability for agriculture and resort to work together.
Scattered development and McMansions in rural areas.
Economic development-- attracting new jobs strategically and without slaying the goose that lays the golden eggs.
Codes and zoning not always enforced. ie. the house on the ridge in Tetonia, the cement plant on rt 33
poorly planned and funded subdivisions
Many people do not understand how government and taxes work, and make assumptions
closing businesses
Cost of providing services to rural areas
Ghost subdivisions where developers are not paying taxes
Continue improvements of the look of downtown
strip growth of businesses along hwy 32
Main Street (Highway 33) through Driggs needs a beautification to bring more visitors from Jackson and other areas. Restaurants and retail shops should be visible to travelers. Parking must be close and adequate.
too many subdivisions overall and even worse scattered all over the valley vs clustered close to the towns
I am concerned that there have been too many subdivisions platted and not developed
Way too many zombie developments that are destroying the value of all of our properties, not to mention the fact that they look terrible on our landscape.
community members leaving the community to shop, supporting other communities instead of their own to save a buck as they spend 25 to get there.....
The widespread development, leaving so many homes in foreclosure. This punishes the well-intended, mortgage paying people in the valley.
Majority stake of private holdings or valley commerce control by a single party and all the baggage that brings.
over development has led to many vacant houses and foreclosures..
empty subdivisions and empty houses in subdivisions
weak economy. lack of good jobs
scattered commercial development
Cities bear unfair tax burden
I don't believe we have planned for growth appropriately
retailers going out of business left and right because they can't survive the bad economy mixed with the attitude that it's not important to shop local...
Loss of valued business, Spud, Teton Valley Cafe, Cafe Luna, Dawn Wells whatever it was, ETC
too many high end developments...ie..with golf ..not sustainable development
lots of ignorance and apathy amongst residents (e.g., I'm going to crawl in a hole and hope the storm passes, rather than taking action to build a more sustainable society).
expansion
Economic concern: Are we best situated to convert from an agricultural to recreational economy?

Our incredibly low taxes that don't leave us with any money for public investments. The fact that we have to pass supplemental levies for basic things like roads and schools.
our previous worries about growing so fast and changing the zoning, etc, have seemed to squash or stagnate any potential current growth and development that could bring money into our community....
high cost of living
unpredictable population growth and demography
Too much emphasis placed on growth and not enough on quality of life issues.
shopping centers, make them attractive with berming and set backs, signage restrictions and no billboards (see Vermont)
suffering summer tourism
The number of real estate projects that got started and now are sitting idle with fences around them.
zombie subdivisions and high foreclosure rates
Unattractive Main Street in Driggs that does not attract tourist to stop and shop or eat
lack of forward thinking on how we want things to look 10 years from now (good to see we are working on that now)
developers should pay more in fees to local schools, roads, etc. before being allowed to begin construction
Too many real estate offices in prime locations which take away from having businesses which could add character and sustainability to our core urban areas.
Lack of a city nucleus. For example, benches and wide sidewalks in downtown Driggs and more businesses in downtown Driggs
SPRAWL and zoning. North of Driggs is a good example. And that's our "scenic corridor" !!!
Lack of bank lending. The banks are so strict with lending these days, even for great business ideas. Perhaps we need to bring back micro-lending? #8
Boosterism: The theory that economic development should increase commercial/construction/development activity to be valuable, rather than maintaining and enhancing an appropriate and sustainable level of activity.
Sprawl north of Driggs
Taxes
Residential land use is excessively spread-out, and assumes motorized transportation will continue to be economically viable in the future
Economic base relies excessively on tourism via personal vehicles and on construction of homes in areas where transportation is economically inefficient due to insufficient density and "zombie" subdivisions
Economic Challenges: too much weight was placed on rapid growth and development. Scale down and support Rapid Growth and Development that is now only an eyesore or not complete development
Equal distribution of tax dollars
Zone change to increase property values
Housing needs- need lower cost housing for lower class workers
False economy to no economy
No-fiber optices/high speed internet
Teton Valley Chamber does a miserable job of spending the state tourism money
County and cities should be allocating money for tourism
Zoning regulations that disregard private property rights
Fire district unfairly exerting authority to create hurdles for businesses
Special interest influence, including Harmony Design, need to be given less influence in the decisions regarding economic development
Fewer regulations- we are too over-regulated
Tax breaks for new businesses
Less government
Open government

Fair elections (check absentee residence)
More tourism on restaurants
More tourism on subdivisions
Promote business with less regulation
Open businesses on Sunday
Poor commercial real estate offerings on Rte 33 Main st. No landlord improvements
Businesses that care about the quality of life in the valley rather than raping the valley and leaving
Get Reed Rogers out of the Chamber of Commerce. He has only hurt the businesses in Driggs
Limit VARD's influence so that the majority of citizens can pursue their constitutional rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Too many restrictions and regulations only increase the size of intrusive government and limit our economic potential
Reasonable growth that benefits land owners and businesses rather than a "no growth" policy
City/county zoning- many studies done by outside entities not sure they really apply to Teton Co
Outside business/industry promotion- more could be developed
Economically- we need to act now and think "outside the box"
Property values plummeting needs stabilization ASAP by whatever means available
Public officials do not respect the property rights of land holders
Public officials use "fees" as a revenue source (over \$500,000 more building fees raised than used) as per Larry
Ordinances and comp plan totally destroy property rights
Officials give lip services but don't mean what they say- i.e. respect property rights
"VARD" and other special interests "own" Kathy Rinaldi and Bob Benedict and their vote on every issue
"Public" should be required to "pay" for the restrictions placed on private property
Committees and boards are grossly over populated with "VARD" and "VARD-like" individuals, who then do not listen to property owners
Over reaching by Gov't
County will apparently spend millions to build bike path and other like activities, but give no respect to property rights or to pay for easements or zoning restrictions that are defacto "takings"
Decline in economic activity and stability
Poor climate for business to start- expense, taxes, attitude
Development
Species of greatest conservation need
Private property rights
Elimination of public access to public land
Pine beetles, fir beetles, forest fire
Keep public lands for all
Better communication with Federal Government
Lack of natural preservation
Convenience
Land Use
Wildlife habitat
Loss of winter range and habitat
Very few ordinances in Teton County
Resource destruction
Public access
Weeds
Wildlife overlays
Farmers are the best protectors of the soil and animals- we care about the environment

Quality soils
Conflicts between OHV, mountain bikers and other non-motorized users need to be addressed
Teton County regulations aren't fully evolved. With respect to environmental review, the County Planning Department staff has insufficient environmental-based education so they often defer to federal agencies
Need to understand land use compatibility issues and put appropriate use standards in place
No bike loops in the valley
Alternative Energy: more incentives promoted more by utility company
Water may be an issue if there is a drought (probably no this year!)
Apply engineering and scientific knowledge to solving many problems, not politics
Less access to national forests
Restricted access to wildlife etc.
Don't need wildlife overlays or corridors
Access to public lands
Motorized recreation
People leaving their big diesel trucks running.
Lack of ordinances protecting streams and floodplains
too many weeds
Our per capita water use.
Danger of groundwater contamination from individual septic systems when all those platted lots are built.
Weed and Pest sends out brochures however when we call about spotted nap weed in our neighborhood they didn't do anything to resolve the issue. A lot of talk no action.
irrigation
poaching
mosquito abatement
lack of protected wildlife migration corridors in town. Better warning signs near wildlife crossing zones.
Lack of enforcement of ATV laws.
Loss of single track mountain biking
weeds!
disturbance of public lands (particularly as a result of lack of respect like mudding)
Wildlife road kill in the winter months, especially on a winter like 2011.
Lack of water in Teton Creek
Conservation of local wildlife
Lack of ordinances protecting wildlife habitat and migration corridors
loss of habitat
weed control
I am concerned that we are not offering adequate protection for natural resources.
Driving too fast in wildlife corridors.
year before the canals were built. Irrigation is important too, but some water should be left in the stream and Grand Teton Canal should shut off at the end of the growing season just like all the other canals in the valley then Teton Creek would be connected at least 9 months of the year instead of 2 months like it is now. This will provide a significant benefit to fish, riparian vegetation, and the community. Healthy vegetation will also help stabilize the stream during flood events.
weeds in vacant subdivisions with no one held accountable
invasive bird species invasion
invasive species (I would like wader wash stations and more awareness that locals effect this issue)-
Noxious weeds
pollution of the waterways

Not destroying properly made trails, just to prove a point. (I.e. Nemos)
6)Thistle and other noxious weeds.
Capturing a relocating bears and cats when they are hanging around my house. I would love to not have to worry about a mt. lion grabing my child.
Wolf management.
The dumping that people do on their property; there's no EPA enforcement and the law seems to turn a blind eye
More aggressive protection of wildlife corridors and animal holding areas
Private land holders creating access to forest lands limitations.
water resources
Need for Flood Control Districts to restore, stabilize and maintain streams and stream corridors
noxious weed control
weeds
Is there enough water to sustain growth?
Snowmobile use in too many areas
Private property restricting access
Water pollution
Trails torn up by irresponsible users
Lack of wildlife in parts of the valley and surroudings
Development of public lands. Keep at a minimum
Environmental impact
Roads including safety for cyclists and pedestrians
Over used and undermaintained road system
Icy Highway 33
Traffic congestion
Need better roads for agriculture
No localized bus system
Speeding cars on local and downtown streets
Lack of safe ways to cross roads i.e. crosswalk, pedestrian lights
Lack of funds to maintain what we have
Lack of public transportation
Road conditions
Lack of state funding to rebuild Highway 33 Tetonia to Newdale
Reliance on gas
Learn to protect business from detrimental construction edicts by ITD re: this summer and Main St. in Driggs
County needs to hire a lobbyist to gain more funding from ITD
Lack of conductivity of bike/ped trails
Transportation routes changing the ecosystem
Lack of alternative fuel options
Funding/lack of ridership (?) for public transportation
Lack of circumferential for trucks
Lack of web cams on Highways 22, 44, 31, & 32
Don't have the population for local service, don't want to live here if population reaches that point
Undefined system of local, collector and arterial transportation methods
Infrastructure
Bike paths not maintained properly, getting ruttet out in parts
Roads need improvement
Poor Roads

Residents to NOT get good value for their tax dollars- especially road dept- fix the same pothole 4x/year, never
Poorly maintained, poorly built roads; infrastructure falling apart including Driggs-Victor pathway
Public transportation- I know it's a small market, but what is available is fragmented
Continued focus on pedestrian-friendly/downtown walkable community. I don't care if it's winter for 9 months! I still use sidewalks! =)
Road Maintenance
no safe biking access from the south valley, IE T-C, colter trail, and the homes on the west of the highway. We cannot get to the old pass road safely, in order to ride into Victor/Driggs
roads with pot holes year after year
The horrible state of our trail system
road conditions, re-grating and plowing, particularly lack of sunday plowing
all the roads are a mess not just bates road.
Condition of Vallevue Rd. (W 500 N)
dangerous shift from safe bike path between driggs and victor to highway crossing in front of creekside south entrance where everybody speeds by at 60 miles an hour in a 45.....
Rt 33 between Driggs and Victor is dangerous
The horrible state of our roads (9500, Cedron, Bates)
Crowded, hard to pull-on-to highway.
potholes on road at south end of town and at light in driggs, gnarly!....
road safety enforcement
poor road maintenance..pot holes everywhere, slow to plow in winter
Lack of adequate bike lanes on valley roads.
Fear of being hit by cars while on my bike on certain roads like Cedron and Bates.
infrastructure
General road conditions
Condition of the roads in the valley
Plowing and repairing of roads is not satisfactory. You just about have to have 4 wheel drive to leave here.
Visibility from Victor stoplight when approaching from the west.
Potholes along E 5000 S. There is enough traffic to put a turning lane, but the county can't maintain the road. They lay down dirt and run it over with a truck. REALLY?
We need more pedestrian access in the downtown areas - sidewalks or pedestrian pathways need improvement.
potholes on Howard in driggs
Fix roads before redoing bridges
Highway 33 is a dangerous drive at night and needs work. Poor road conditions throughout the Valley can scare people away.
poor up keep of infrastructure due in part to poor planning in the boom years
Condition of most roads.
Highway 33 is in BAD Shape and needs repair.
traffic
More trails
The horrible state of what used to be a wonderful bike path between Driggs and Victor.
Lack of bike paths. The bikelane south of Driggs connecting to the old railway is a SHOULDER, not a bike path. Wasn't Bruce Simon supposed to build a bike path in his subdivision?? (See #2)
Bike path from Driggs to Tetonia
lack of public transport
Little public transportation
Making the large subdivision donate towards inferstructure.

Plowing the roads when it snows. I can't tell you how many times I have had to barrel down 5000.
Undersized bridges such as Cedron Bridge and Badger Creek Bridges
poor upkeep of public roads (potholes, dirt sections of roads in the middle of a paved road (i.e., Cedron/Bates))
Road maintenance is inadequate, due to climate challenges and stretched resources
Access to centrum and recreational opportunities relies almost exclusively on personal motorized transportation
Funding for transportation is constrained by overall county budget limitations, and does not have an independent revenue source
Inadequate public transport between Jackson and Driggs/Victor/Tetonia
Inadequate public transport between Teton Valley and Idaho Falls/Rexburg
County Roads
Travel in winter ify
No rail
Bridge engineer not needed
The one mile section of gravel on the Cedron road prevents me from doing the 26-mile bike loop around the
County infrastructure needs immediate addressing/funding/future