



# Natural Resources + Outdoor Recreation SC Meeting #1 - Minutes

## MEETING #1 – 6/7/2011

### **In Attendance:**

Subcommittee Members:

Matt Mullenbach, Bill Powell, Brian Schmidt, Amy Verbeten, Joanne Labelle, Julie Eby, Matt Lucia, Lauren Wendt (via telephone)

Public: John Bingham

County Staff: Angie Rutherford

Consultant team: Jennifer Zung, Randy Blough

**Sub-Committee Members Absent:** Jennifer Dustin, Tom Arden, Wade Kaufman

- Meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.
- Introductions – All in attendance introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation of why they are interested in being on the subcommittee.
- The comp plan process was explained and how the subcommittees were formed.
- The statement of Expectations for committee members was reviewed and all members in attendance signed and submitted the forms.
- Subcommittee leadership positions (chair, co-chair, and recorder) were described and the necessary qualities of individuals serving in these positions were discussed. Members were asked to nominate themselves or other members to serve in these positions.
- Motion and Vote
  - Matt Lucia made a motion to elect Amy Verbeten as Chair, Joanne Labelle as Co-chair, and Lauren Wendt as Recorder. Matt Mullenbach seconded the motion and the motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- Jennifer reviewed the content of the workbooks that were distributed to all members.
- The schedule of the next meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be in approximately two weeks. Amy will distribute a Doodle poll via email to all subcommittee members to establish the exact date, time and place.
- The subcommittee compiled a list of names of individuals or organizations that they recommend for stakeholder interviews. The list included:

Geordie Gillette  
 Dave Plourde  
 Ari Kotler (TBIR) Mike Dawes  
 (World Cast)  
 Tony Snowy (Huntsman)  
 John Pinaridi (Teton Springs)  
 Jay Pence (USFS)  
 Jay Calderwood

Mike Whitfield  
 Rob Cavillero (F&G)  
 Chet Work (TRLT)  
 Travis Moulton  
 Mark Trupp  
 Deb and Kevin Little  
 Steve Bagley  
 Dick Weinbrandt (Peaked Sports)

Yostmark, Habitat  
 Jeff and Diane (Rendezvous  
 Yurts)

## **Values, Issues, and Opportunities Exercise:**

Subcommittee members were asked to write what they thought were important values, issues, and opportunities related to natural resources and outdoor recreation on sheets of paper and post them on the boards. All posted comments were read aloud and briefly discussed. The comments included:

### **Values**

Access for recreation  
Clean air, healthy trees  
Extensive zoning, preserving wildlife habitat  
Learn from other communities  
Access to public land / trails  
Strong, diverse economy  
Healthy fisheries  
Ordinances reflect better planning  
Wildlife habitat  
Recreation  
Wildlife abundance  
Fisheries  
Jobs  
Open space  
Nice trails (not often eroded in unwanted locations)  
Clean water  
Hunting opportunities  
Largely unpolluted air  
Observing wildlife

### **Issues**

Public access  
Resource destruction  
Traffic congestion  
Pine beetles, fir beetles, forest fire  
Potential for contamination of drinking water  
Private property rights  
Elimination of public access to public lands

Very few ordinances in Teton County  
Species of greatest conservation need  
Loss of winter range and habitat  
Wildlife habitat  
Property rights  
Access to rivers and forest lands  
Land use  
Changes in use  
Convenience

### **Opportunities**

Working with landowners and developers in  
preserving available winter range  
Promotion of the use of alternative energies (solar,  
wind, no hydro)  
Attract more “demand” for Teton County  
Securing movement corridors and key habitat  
A healthy community  
Potential for further development of fishing industry  
Multiple use  
Preservation of one of the most diverse areas in the  
lower 48 for outdoor recreation  
Scenic beauty, privacy, serenity  
Pursuit of happiness  
Unite the community  
Find compromise among stakeholders  
Potential for further development of mountain bike  
trails

### **Action Items:**

- Amy will send out a Doodle poll via email to all subcommittee members to schedule the next meeting which will occur in approximately two weeks (week of June 20<sup>th</sup>)
- All committee members will reach out to others in the community and collect “Values, Issues, and Opportunities” on the sheets provided. PDF’s of the sheets are attached to these minutes. Sheets will be turned in to Angie at the County planning office.

The meeting was closed at 7:15 p.m.