



**AGENDA  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
April 12, 2016  
STARTING AT 5:00 PM**

*Amended  
3/28/2016*

**LOCATION: 150 Courthouse Dr., Driggs, ID  
Commissioners' Chamber – First Floor (lower level, SW Entrance)**

1. Approve Available Minutes
  - March 8, 2016
2. Chairman Business
3. Administrator Business

**5:00 PM – Item #1 – PUBLIC HEARING: Amendment to Title 9, Teton County Subdivision Ordinance.**

Proposing amendments to Title 9 to add CHAPTER 11 - GRANTING BUILDING PERMIT ELIGIBILITY OF PREVIOUSLY CREATED PARCELS. This process is intended to rectify parcels that are currently out of compliance with our ordinance and need an official process to solidify their building rights.

The full text of the amendments is available at the Teton County Planning & Zoning office or on our website [www.tetoncountyidaho.gov](http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov)

**5:30 PM – Item #2 – WORK SESSION: Draft Code:** Discussion of Draft Land Use Development Code. ~~with the Board of County Commissioners.~~

**No public comment will be taken regarding the Draft Land Use Development Code.**

**ADJOURN**

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- **Written comments received by 5:00 pm, April 1, 2016 will be incorporated into the packet of materials provided to the Planning & Zoning Commission prior to the hearing.**
  - Information on the above application(s) is available for public viewing in the Teton County Planning and Zoning Office at the Courthouse between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday through Friday.
  - The application(s) and related documents are posted, at [www.tetoncountyidaho.gov](http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov). To view these items, select the Planning & Zoning Commission department page, then select the Public Hearing of April 12, 2016 item in the Additional Information Side Bar.
  - Comments may be emailed to [pz@co.teton.id.us](mailto:pz@co.teton.id.us). Written comments may be mailed or dropped off at: Teton County Planning & Building Department, 150 Courthouse Drive, Room 107, Driggs, Idaho 83422. Faxed comments may be sent to (208) 354-8410.
  - Public comments at this hearing are welcome.

Any person needing special accommodations to participate in the above noticed meeting should contact the Board of County Commissioners' office 2 business days prior to the meeting at 208-354-8775.

**DRAFT TETON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes from March 8, 2016**  
**County Commissioners Meeting Room, Driggs, ID**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mr. Dave Hensel, Mr. Bruce Arnold, Mr. Chris Larson, Ms. Marlene Robson, Mr. Jack Haddox, Ms. Sarah Johnston, and Mr. David Breckenridge.

**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Jason Boal, Planning Administrator, Ms. Kristin Rader, Planner.

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM.

**Administrative Business:**

Mr. Boal gave a brief introduction to a proposed ordinance before leaving the meeting. The proposed ordinance, which would create a process to provide building rights to previously created parcels that are not currently eligible to build on, will be reviewed by the Board on Monday, March 14, so the PZC could have a public hearing scheduled for the ordinance in the future.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Larson moved to approve the minutes from February 9, 2016. Mr. Breckenridge seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in favor. Mr. Arnold abstained from voting because he was absent from the 2/9 meeting.

**Chairman Business:**

There was no Chair business.

**WORK SESSION: Draft Code Discussion,** Article 8: Building Types & Article 14: Administration

The Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed draft code presented by Ms. Rader.

*Article 8 Review:*

- Staff will add a description of the zoning districts to the table in Div. 8.1 as a reference for the abbreviated districts listed throughout the Article.
- The Accessory Building section will be added to the redline version.
- The “Heated Floor Area” will be adjusted to reference the correct section in Article 10 (for accessory dwellings), and the language will be changed to match the rest of the code related to accessory dwellings, such as total square footage or building area.
- The height of agricultural buildings versus accessory buildings was discussed. Agricultural buildings are still allowed to be 60’ in height, but accessory buildings would be limited to 30’ in height.
- Staff will look into changing the maximum length for a Recreation Residence. The current length and the maximum size would create a 5’ wide building.

- Carriage Court garage parking (Div. 8.19.1) was discussed, and it was not necessarily liked as an option.
- Consider rewriting Div. 8.19 Parking Location to be based on zoning district instead of building type. Generally, the PZC did not have a problem with parking being allowed on grass or off of a hard surface. It was suggested that rural zones or lots of a certain acreage could park in the grass, but residential, commercial, or industrial lots may need to have a hard surface for parking. Staff will look into changing the language in this section.

*Article 14 Review:*

- PZC agreed that the table in Div. 14.1 made sense.
- PZC felt that notice should be provided for the One Time Only. Site posting would be sufficient.
- References to other sections need to be verified and/or included (i.e. 14.3.5).
- It was asked if a time limit should be applied to how often the public could apply to amend the Land Use Code or the Comprehensive Plan. The PZC agreed that a time limit did not seem necessary as amendment applications are not a frequent occurrence. They also did not want to limit the ability of someone to propose an amendment if it was for a legitimate change.
  - PZC asked if there was a limit in the existing code. 8-11-1-C includes the following limit:
 

SIMILAR APPLICATIONS: Any application substantially similar to one filed and denied within one year from the date of such denial may be summarily denied by the commission.
- Examples and density values need to be updated based on the new density values in Article 3.
- Design Review for the Scenic Corridor was discussed. PZC agreed that the Design Review could be approved administratively, but they would like to remain updated on the applications to see how the new standards are working (staff would provide a written determination for the Design Review, which could be compiled as part of a staff updated to PZC at their regular meetings). If PZC feels the standards need changed or it is not working, they may ask to have PZC approve the review again or just change the standards. If the standards are working, then staff could stop providing updates to PZC about the reviews. The fee for the Design Review can also be reviewed to possibly reduce the fee since PZC will not hold a meeting for the approval.
  - After discussing the design review and building types, PZC pointed out that language should be added to Article 9 for the Agricultural Option that states only Agricultural Buildings qualify.
- PZC felt a rezone to PRS: Preservation should be an expedited process compared to other rezone applications. Staff will work on writing this.

*Moving Forward:*

- The remaining articles (1, 2, 4-7, and 15) will be discussed at the March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- IDFG will be contacted again, and a date will be provided of when staff feels Article 13 can be finished and given to the PZC.

- Staff will have all redline versions to PZC by March 22, with the exception of Article 13 (unless IDFG comments and changes can be made by then).
- The joint meeting with the BoCC is currently scheduled for April 12. Depending on the timeframe for Article 13, this may be rescheduled to the second meeting in April or in May.
- If the joint meeting remains scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup>, the complete redline version of the code will be provided to the BoCC and the PZC by April 1<sup>st</sup> (the “markup” version showing the changes and a “clean” version showing all changes accepted).

**MOTION:** Mr. Booker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Larson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristin Rader, Scribe

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Dave Hensel, Chairman

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Attachments:

1. PZC March 8, 2016 Meeting Packet



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 PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
 WORK SESSION  
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DRAFT TETON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
 Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2016  
 County Commissioners Meeting Room, Driggs, ID

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 Planning Department Conference Room – First Floor (lower level, SW Entrance)

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  - February 9, 2016
2. Chairman Business
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5:00 PM - WORK SESSION: **Draft Code:** Discussion of Article 8: Building Types and Article 14: Administration

No public comment will be taken regarding the Draft Land Use Code.

ADJOURN

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**COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:** Mr. Jason Boal, Planning Administrator, Ms. Kristin Rader, Planner.

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Larson moved to approve the minutes from January 12, 2016. Mr. Booker seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in favor.

**MOTION:** Mr. Booker moved to approve the written decisions for the Cowboy Church CUP and the Walipini Concept Approval. Ms. Robson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in favor. Mr. Moyer abstained from voting because he was not present at the meeting.

**Chairman Business:**

Mr. Hensel asked if there has been an update from Idaho Fish and Game. Mr. Boal explained that he spoke with them a couple weeks ago, and they said to expect comments soon. He also explained that Ms. Williams has met with the local NRCS office.

**Administrative Business:**

Mr. Boal informed the PZC that the BoCC has proposed to have a joint meeting on April 12 instead of the last Tuesday in March due to scheduling conflicts. Because of this, PZC will only meet twice in March.

**WORK SESSION: Draft Code Discussion:** Article 3: Rural Districts

The Commission reviewed and discussed the proposed draft code presented by Mr. Boal.

Ms. Johnston had to leave the meeting early, but she left comments with Mr. Hensel.

*Density Options for Rural Agriculture, Lowland Agriculture, and Foothills*

Mr. Larson mentioned that he was not at the previous meeting when the scenario tool was discussed, but he thought the tool was very helpful. Mr. Hensel explained that the Commission decided the rural zones (RA, LA, and FH) would have the same density. Mr. Larson commented he felt that was a great idea.

Mr. Hensel read Ms. Johnston's comments (attachment 2).

The PZC discussed utilizing similar density in each of the zones and all agreed it was a defensible, justifiable approach. It was discussed how a more complex approach could be devised, but it becomes harder to defend, and this approach is a step in the right direction.

Mr. Hensel explained that the PZC would take a vote on the density options to be used for the rural zones. PZC discussed the different options using land splitting scenarios before voting.

**VOTE**

Density Options (1 lot/# acres)	Vote
Option 1: OTO: 1/10 LD: 1/20 SP/FP Max: 1/10 SP/FP Mid: 1/20 SP/FP Min: 1/30	Mr. Arnold (via email) Mr. Breckenridge Mr. Moyer Ms. Robson
Option 2: OTO: 1/20 LD: 1/30 SP/FP Max: 1/20 SP/FP Mid: 1/30 SP/FP Min: 1/40	Mr. Hensel (or Option 5)
Option 3: OTO: 1/15 LD: 1/22 SP/FP Max: 1/15 SP/FP Mid: 1/22 SP/FP Min: 1/30	None
Option 4: OTO: 1/10 LD: 1/20 SP/FP Max: 1/10 SP/FP Mid: 1/25 SP/FP Min: 1/40	Mr. Larson, Mr. Booker, and Mr. Haddox
Option 5: OTO: 1/15 LD: 1/22 SP/FP Max: 1/15 SP/FP Mid: 1/25 SP/FP Min: 1/40	Mr. Hensel (or Option 2)

*Ms. Johnston did not vote on the density option.*

It was decided that Option 1 (OTO: 1/10; LD: 1/20; SP/FP Max: 1/10; SP/FP Mid: 1/20; SP/FP Min: 1/30) would be used for the density in the RA, LA, and FH zones. The PZC also discussed the density option proposed for the Agricultural Rural Neighborhood (ARN) zone. It was agreed that the proposed density (OTO: 1/10; LD: 1/3.75; SP/FP Max: 1/2.5; SP/FP Mid: 1/3.75; SP/FP Min: 1/5) would be used for the ARN zone.

*Open Space*

The different types of ownership of open space were discussed. The majority agreed that having open space in one ownership versus spread across multiple, private parcels would be a better approach for management and enforcement. Staff will clarify Div. 3.7.3.A.1 to provide examples of a single landowner (i.e. a legal entity, HOA, or individual).

Staff will work on definitions for Passive Recreation and Active Recreation.

Staff will look into the possibility of including stormwater management (i.e. retention/detention ponds, bioswales, etc.) as an allowed open space use.

Language for signage of open space will be added to Div. 3.7.8: Access (i.e. notice of boundaries for restricted use or access).

The formatting and content of this Div. 3.7.5 Open Space Priorities may change slightly. Open space priorities will be included with each zone. Information on wildlife areas will be updated after IDFG's comments have been received.

*Moving Forward*

Mr. Boal gave a brief overview of Articles 9, 10, 11, and 12, which will be discussed at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Hensel asked for a draft Public Outreach Plan so the PZC could review and comment on it before the final draft of the code is completed by the joint BoCC/PZC meeting. Mr. Boal will provide a copy of the draft plan for the next meeting.

Mr. Boal explained that the joint BoCC/PZC meeting was originally planned for March 22. The BoCC has asked to reschedule this meeting to April 12 because of scheduling conflicts. PZC will only meet twice in March now.

The next version of the code that PZC will see is the Red Line version. After this meeting, the Red Line version of Article 3 will be completed. The Article 13 Red Line version is partially complete. Staff is still waiting for comments from IDFG. When those are received, the Red Line version will be completed and sent to the PZC.

**MOTION:** Mr. Booker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Larson seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Kristin Rader, Scribe

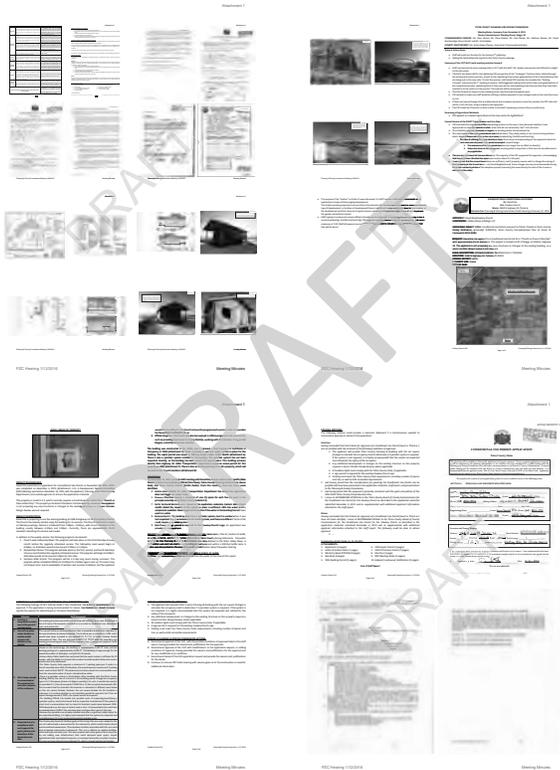
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Attachments:

1. PZC February 9, 2016 Meeting Packet
2. Ms. Sarah Johnston's comments





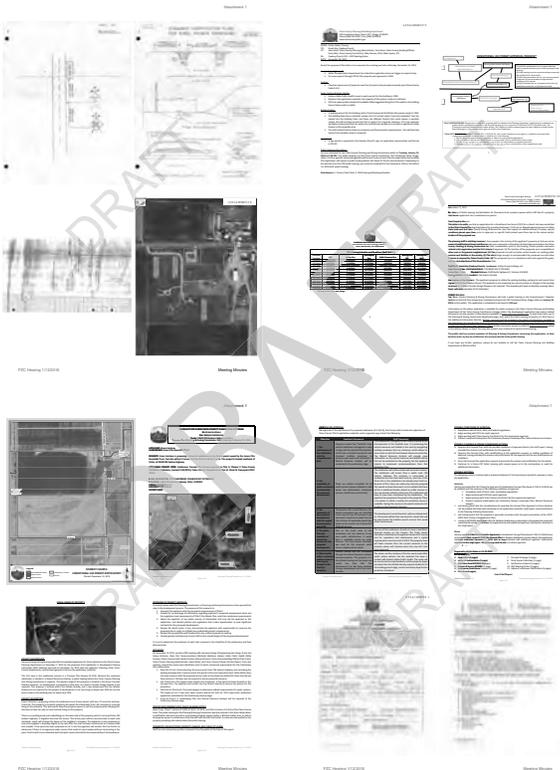
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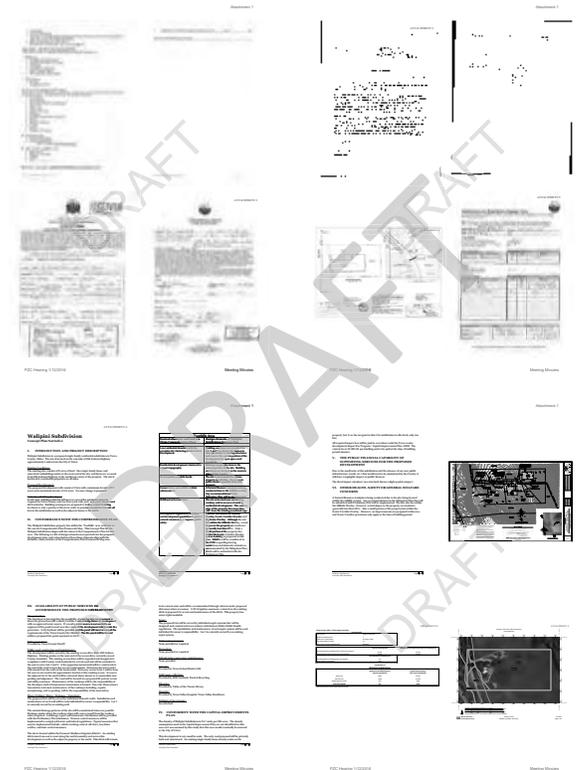
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**Meeting Notes, February 16, 2016**  
**County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Driggs, ID**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mr. Dave Hensel, Mr. Cleve Booker, Mr. Chris Larson, Mr. Jack Haddox, Ms. Sarah Johnston, Mr. Pete Moyer, and Mr. David Breckenridge.

The March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the Planning Conference Room instead of the Commissioners' Chambers because there is an election that evening.

*Ms. Robson provided comments prior to the meeting, which were read by the PZC throughout the meeting.*

**All Articles:**

- Update Agricultural Wetlands (AW) to Lowland Agriculture (LA)
- Verify all references to other sections and bold the text (hyperlinked in PDFs).

**Article 9 Review:**

*Airport Overlay*

- We are still waiting for a map from Driggs for the Airport Overlay Area.
- In general, PZC was comfortable with this section. They agreed it could be tightened down in some areas by clarifying the heights/uses allowed or restricted within the overlay. Staff will clarify what requirements need to be met (i.e. underlying zoning vs. overlay).
- PZC had concerns that the language in the section could apply the overlay area to the entire county. There will be a map, which will designate where the actual overlay area is located. Staff showed a map from the Airport Master Plan that shows an area extending from each end of the runway. Some PZC members commented that the overlay could extend further than that map, but it shouldn't extend all the way to the Big Holes.

*Floodplain*

- The state is working on a new ordinance. It is currently being reviewed by IDWR, so it is expected in a couple weeks. The intent is to use the new state model ordinance in Article 9.
- Article 13 requires a setback from floodplains, so this section will only be used for those properties that cannot build outside of the floodplain. Staff will reference Article 13 in the floodplain section, so it is clear that development is not allowed in the floodplain without a variance.

*Scenic Corridor*

- Staff is working with a graphic designer to create residential graphics for this section. Measurements and requirements shown on the graphics will be updated to match the text.
- Staff will clarify in the description of the scenic corridor that it does not include within city limits.
- Staff will add language that clarifies native vegetation or agriculture between the highway and buildings.
- PZC agreed to remove that fencing is required.
- An Option 5 will be added for Agricultural Buildings.

*Transferred Development Rights*

- A map of desirable open space was discussed. The RA, LA, and FH zones are being used as sending areas for open space.
- Staff will add language to this section to identify the Area of Impacts as receiving areas.

*Workforce Housing*

- This section is intended for the cities and Area of Impacts.
- Using this overlay in Felt was discussed for agricultural workers, and it was agreed that it is not feasible because of the small lot sizes already in Felt, and this needs to be located near existing services.

**GENERAL CONCERNS**

My concerns with this code are too numerous and fundamental to address in the context of our article-specific work meetings. I do not think it is effective or efficient for us (PZC) to be reviewing entire sections of code verbatim and suggest sentence level edits at this stage in the process, when various big-picture policy decisions remain unanswered and unaddressed. Furthermore, when we have discussed specific sentence-level changes, they have not been consistently or reliably incorporated into the code. Changes that have been made to the code are not trackable and the progression of discussion, decisions, and resulting changes to the code language has not been documented.

**DEFINITIONS**

As I review Article 3, there are many inclusions of subjective language that are not defined in the Article nor in the Definitions.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

During the time I have been a member of the PZC, we have not solicited or even allowed public input into the code drafting process or into the policies and priorities that the new code is seeking to implement. I believe the public should be involved.

**DENSITY & OPEN SPACE**

I disagree with the approach of using identical density across the various rural zones. Staff has indicated the goals of the comp plan will be met by using different development requirements and open space priorities in each zone, however, as these hypothetical changes are not available yet they are impossible to evaluate. The way I read the comp plan, there are different areas of the County where differing densities are appropriate. Using a one-size-fits-all approach of uniform densities seems to be in contradiction to the comp plan. My current position is that densities should be set independently for each zone in a way that protects the unique resources of that zone. We have not clearly identified or understood the specific resources we are trying to protect in each area; we do not know what particular steps are necessary to protect what we are trying to protect; and as such we do not have the necessary information to be setting densities and open space percentage requirements at this point. The density allowances and open space percentages that have been proposed to date seem arbitrary.

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**Article 10 Review:**

- Staff will verify the letters used for each permit type are accurate in the chart (i.e. "C" for Conditional Use not "S")
- Minor Utilities will be updated to include sizes of water/wastewater systems.
- Language will be added for Private Burials as an accessory use to bury someone on your private property.
- Light vehicle/equipment will be included as Limited in the Industrial Light Zone.
- Building-Mounted Wireless TC Facility will be included as a Conditional Use Permit in the Mixed Use Zoning Districts.
- Staff will reach out to the Cemetery Districts about zoning them as Civic now.

**Article 11 Review:**

*Signs – The sign ordinance has been partially updated to reflect a recent US Supreme Court Case. Signs may not be regulated based on their content.*

- Signs are not allowed along designated Scenic Byways as per Idaho/Federal Laws. The ITD website states that existing signs may stay, but no new signs are permitted. Staff has emailed ITD about this.
  - Language will be added to Article 11 stating signs are not allowed along the Scenic Byways (this includes Highways 31, 32, and 33)
- Real Estate Signs were discussed. They could be allowed through the temporary sign provision or by getting a permit. There is also a provision that allows one, incidental sign (6ft<sup>2</sup> or smaller) per lot that does not require a permit.
- Election signs fall under temporary signs.
- The majority of PZC members agreed off-premise signs should not be allowed.

**Lighting**

- Language will be added to athletic field lights to require shielding (11.4.1.B.1.d)
- Language will be added to allow for temporary agricultural lights, similar to the language already included for temporary lights (11.4.1.B.1.c).

**Article 12 Review:**

- Connectivity between subdivisions was discussed. This section does require stub streets.
- Emergency services access was discussed for subdivision.
  - 12.2.7.A.3 will be updated to include that subdivisions may be required to provide multiple entrances/exits to a public or private street.
- Requiring phone lines to be installed in subdivisions was discussed. It was agreed that should remain a requirement because phone lines are still need for areas with poor cell reception, not everyone has a cell phone, internet services, etc.

**Draft Public Outreach Plan**

- The joint meeting with the BoCC is scheduled for April 12.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> will be a PZC meeting to review the Redline Version of the code, review any comments from the BoCC/PZC joint meeting, and make any necessary changes before beginning public outreach.
- Public Outreach will take place in May and June. July will be used to review public feedback and make any necessary changes. If possible, public hearings will take place in August or the end of July to make a formal recommendation to the Board.
- Outreach events will take place in multiple locations. Staff will also consider local events for public feedback, such as Music on Main and the Farmers' Market.

PZC Work Meeting 3/8/2016

**TETON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Primer, March 8, 2016**  
**Planning Department Conference Room, Driggs, ID**

**Goals:**

- Make sure we are comfortable with Articles 8 and 14 as a whole.
- Identify any deficiencies

**Article 8 – Housing Types**

This article provide the basics "form" criteria for buildings allowed in the county. It also identifies in what Districts the identified buildings are allowed.

**Specific Goals-**

1. Are the proper building types identified? (Are there any missing?)
2. Is the criteria for each building type appropriate?
3. Are the zones where each building type allowed appropriate?
4. Does 8.19 Parking Location make sense?

**Article 14- Administration**

We previously spent quite a bit of time reviewing this section and the process for approval of each type of application. It is important to go back and review to make sure we are comfortable with the processes as identified.

**Div. 14.1. Summary of Review Authority**

Does this table make sense?

**Div. 14.4. Legislative Review**

Do we want to put time limits on how often the public can apply to modify the Comprehensive Plan or Land Use Code?

**Div. 14.5. Subdivision Review**

14.5.11- The biggest change from our current code is that final approval comes after the construction and acceptance of improvements.

**Div. 14.6. Administrative Review**

14.6.10. Design Review- This is intended to be used for the scenic corridor. Does the PZC want to continue to review and approve application in the Scenic Corridor, or are you comfortable enough with the adopted standards?

**Div. 14.7. Quasi-Judicial Review**

14.7.11. Rezone Map Amendment Application Review- Do we want to include a different process of rezoning a property to PRS - Preservation?

**Div. 14.10. Modifications to Previous Approvals**

This section has been included to clarify the process for modifying any previous approval.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2015-9-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF TETON, STATE OF IDAHO, ADDING TETON COUNTY CODE TITLE 9, CHAPTER 11 TO ADDRESS PREVIOUSLY CREATED PARCELS THAT DID NOT FOLLOW THE LEGAL PROCESS AT THE TIME OF CREATION TO QUALIFY FOR BUILDING PERMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County, Idaho that Title 9, Chapter 11 of the Teton County Code shall be added as follows:

CHAPTER 11

GRANTING BUILDING PERMIT ELIGIBILITY OF PREVIOUSLY CREATED PARCELS

SECTION:

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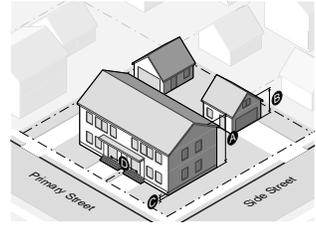
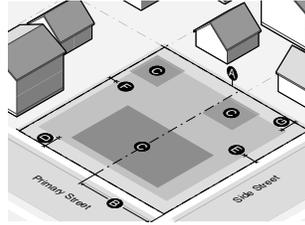
8.18.1. Description

**Definition**  
 An accessory building includes detached buildings such as garages, carports, storage sheds, barns, pole barns, greenhouses, metal storage containers, and other buildings that are incidental to and located on the same lot as a principal building or use (Accessory buildings may be constructed on a property prior to the principal building, as long as the use is incidental to the underlying use of the property). This building type may not be used as a dwelling unit.

**Districts Allowed**  
 RA LA FH ARN RC RS-16 HS-7 RS-5 RS-3 RM-1 RM-2 RX NX CX DX IX



8.18.2. Lot and Placement



Lot	
Area	set by district (A)
Width	set by district (B)
Coverage	
Lot coverage	set by district (C)
Building Setbacks	
Primary street	set by district (D)
Side street	set by district (E)
Side interior	set by district (F)
Rear	set by district (G)
Building separation	5' min (H)

**8.18.3. Height and Form**

Site Location	
Garage door restrictions	see Div. 8.20.1
Building Size Restrictions	
Height*	set by district *Metal Storage Containers: 10' max Metal Storage Containers are limited to a maximum of 400 SF
Building Area	

**TETON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Notes, March 15, 2016**  
**Commissioners' Chamber, Driggs, ID**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Mr. Dave Hensel, Mr. Cleve Booker, Mr. Chris Larson, Mr. Jack Haddox, Ms. Sarah Johnston, Ms. Marlene Robson, and Mr. Pete Moyer.

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**All Articles:**

- Update Agricultural Wetlands (AW) to Lowland Agriculture (LA)
- Make sure the language is the same (section vs. division)
- Verify all references to other sections and bold the text (hyperlinked in PDFs).

**Article 1 Review:**

- Right to Farm Act language will be added to this section. Staff will look at the Comprehensive Plan to see if it referenced any other acts/legislation that should be added.
- Zoning districts will be updated to Div. 1.2.
- Staff will have Kathy Spitzer read the language in Div. 1.1.3 to verify that the restrictive language (state code vs. local code) is adequate.

**Article 2 Review:**

- Language for rounding will be added to this section (lot area, linear measurement, & time measurements).
- Using “street” vs. “road” was discussed in Div. 2.2.1. Street is defined as a road in Article 15, so street is sufficient.
- Div. 2.5.2.A should say height encroachments “may exceed...” instead of “must”
- Change the maximum height of agriculture buildings to 60’ in Div. 2.5.2.D.
- There was a question on the height of wireless communication facilities and public utilities. Div. 2.5.2.E says they are exempt from general height limits. Article 10 includes height restrictions for these structures, so this section will be updated to match and/or reference that section.
- Graphics will be updated.

**Articles 4 & 5 Review:**

- Language will be added to these sections that clarifies they are only intended for the Area of Impact after a negotiation between the County/City.
- Industrial Flex was discussed on whether it should be in the County in addition to the Light and Heavy Industrial districts. In general, the PZC did not feel Industrial Flex should be in the County, but the Light and Heavy Industrial districts could allow accessory dwellings (i.e. Backyard Cottages).
- Building Heights will be updated in these sections to match the 30’ required in the County.

**Articles 6 & 7 Review:**

- Language about building types not applying due to the unique, purpose built building types found in these districts will be added. It has already been added to the Article 8 redline version.
- Building Heights will be updated in these sections to match the 30’ required in the County.
- The Civic District and zoning existing uses was discussed. Staff will work with GIS to build an inventory of existing civic uses. Some of these uses may be appropriate to zone as Civic now, like the cemetery districts, but other uses should be zoned with the Rural Districts. Property Owners have the option to rezone in the future.

### **Article 15 Review:**

- Some definitions are repeated. These will be addressed.
- Floodplain definitions will be updated to match the new ordinance.
- Riparian definitions will be verified with Article 13 when it is finished.
- Permit types in Article 14 will have definitions added.
- Definitions will be referenced to their appropriate section in other Articles (i.e. Skylining (Article 13), Rezone (Article 14), Scenic Corridor (Article 9)).
- Definitions to be added:
  - ADA Accessible/Compliant
  - Contiguous
  - Master Plan
  - Parent Parcel
  - Yard, Corner
  - All Permit Types from Article 14 will be defined.
- Definitions to be updated/clarified:
  - Accessory Building (update to comply with building code)
  - Accessory Structure (update to comply with building code)
  - Eligible Parcel (i.e. accessory dwellings allowed)
  - Ordinary High Water Mark (currently shown as High Water Mark)
  - Indicator species/habitat (waiting for IDFG comments and Article 13)
  - Indirect Impact → Indirect (Secondary) Impact
  - Junk → Junkyard definition from existing code
  - Manufactured Home (state definition has changed)
  - Mobile Home (state definition has changed)
  - Mobile Home Park
  - Surveyor → Professional Land Surveyor
  - Skylining
  - Street, Private (add road)
- Definitions to be removed:
  - Building, Accessory
  - New Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision

### **Moving Forward:**

- Redline Version update by article
  1. 3/15 changes will be made and sent out by 3/18
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  3. Finished – sent out previously but will be verified with the changes made to other articles and sent out by 3/18
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  7. 3/15 changes will be made and sent out by 3/18
  8. Finished and will be sent out by 3/18
  9. Waiting for new floodplain ordinance from IDWR.
  10. Updating Temporary Uses/Permit, then will be finished, potentially by 3/18
  11. Needs graphics updated and signs updated - waiting on ITD about scenic byway sign rules
  12. Needs graphics updated, then finished.

13. Waiting for IDFG comments for wildlife sections and maps from GIS.
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- The joint meeting with the BoCC is currently scheduled for April 12. Jason will inform the BoCC at their next meeting of some of the delays that have occurred (IDFG comments, floodplain, ITD), so they are aware that the completed “final draft” may not be ready by April 12. Later in April may be an option or in May.
  - There will be a public hearing during the April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting to recommend adoption of a new ordinance.



**AMENDMENT TO TITLE 9, TETON COUNTY SUBDIVISION**  
**ORDINANCE** –  
**ADDING CHAPTER 11 - GRANTING BUILDING PERMIT**  
**ELIGIBILITY OF PREVIOUSLY CREATED PARCELS.**

Prepared March 22 for the Planning and Zoning Commission

**APPLICANT:** Teton County Planning Department

**APPLICABLE CODE:** Idaho State Code- 67-6513 Subdivision Ordinance  
Teton County Subdivision Ordinance- Title 9-10-1 Amendment Procedure

**REQUESTS:** Add a section of code to the Subdivision Ordinance to develop a process for rectifying parcels that are currently out of compliance with our ordinance, out of compliance when they were created, and need an official process to obtain building rights.

**APPLICABILITY:** County wide, all zoning districts

**AMENDMENT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed ordinance identifies the application, processing and approval requirements that are needed to utilize this new process. This process will be used to “rectify” parcels that were created and may have had an expectation of a building permit. However, they cannot be considered “legally designated “lots”” (Teton County Code: 8-3-5) because they did not meet the legal (ordinance) requirements at the time of their creation. The purpose is to provide an official process, for land owners, where these lots can be reviewed and approved, and the building rights guaranteed.

**BACKGROUND:** At present, if a lot was created through a survey, but did not meet the ordinance at the time of the creation, it is not considered “legally designated” and building permits cannot be issued on the lot. As the Planning Department has researched how lots were created, we have identified a large number of lots that appear to be “legally designated” but are not. The reasons they did not meet the ordinance mainly can be narrowed down to two issues: 1) lot size and 2) they were not eligible to split (the parent parcel was created through the OTO, the parent parcel was illegally created, or the parent parcel was created through an Ag Split). The ordinance is mainly aimed at remedying parcels that didn’t meet the ordinance due to reason #2. If a new zoning ordinance is adopted with different minimum lots sizes, parcels with issue #1 may be able to use this process within the new code as well.

## **AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 9 -TETON COUNTY SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE**

See attached text.

### **STAFF ANALYSIS:**

1. **Consistent with purposes of the Teton County Subdivision Ordinance.** The proposed amendment and associated text changes are consistent with Section 9-1-3 **Purposes and Scope** of Title 9 of the Teton County Subdivision Ordinance, and in particular 9-1-3-G: “The manner and form of making and filing of any plat.” This process would require a plat to be recorded to ensure the building rights are obtained.
2. **Consistent with Comprehensive Plan.** The proposed amendment is consistent with the Teton County Comprehensive Plan 2012-2030. This proposal maintains larger lots in most cases, and provides an approval process to reduce the “incentives” or desire to subdivide into smaller lots to obtain building rights.
3. **Consistent with other sections of the Teton County Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance.** The proposed amendment is consistent with other provisions of the Teton County Code. The proposed amendment utilizes the basic framework for the Plat Amendment Process.
4. **Consistent with State Statute.** The proposed amendment is consistent with the Idaho State Local Land Use Act 67-65.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

1. The proposed amendment supports the goals, purposes and intent of the Teton County Comprehensive Plan.
2. The proposed amendment supports the goals, purposes and intent of Teton County Title 9, Subdivision Ordinance.
3. The proposed amendment is in compliance with Idaho State Statute.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** Legal ads were made to the Teton Valley News in accordance with local and state requirements.

### **COMMENTS FROM NOTIFIED NEIGHBORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC**

No comments have been received at the time of this reports writing.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** It is staff’s recommendation that you recommend approval this amendment to the BoCC.

**Recommended Motion:** Having found that the proposed amendment to Title 9 is in compliance with state statute and supports the comprehensive plan and other Teton County ordinances, and that a public hearing was legally noticed and conducted, I move to recommend approval of the amendment as presented in the attachment entitled “**CHAPTER 11 GRANTING BUILDING PERMIT ELIGIBILITY OF PREVIOUSLY CREATED PARCELS**” to the Board of County Commissioners [with the following changes].

**ORDINANCE NO. 2016-9-11**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF TETON, STATE OF IDAHO, ADDING TETON COUNTY CODE TITLE 9, CHAPTER 11 TO ADDRESS PREVIOUSLY CREATED PARCELS THAT DID NOT FOLLOW THE LEGAL PROCESS AT THE TIME OF CREATION TO QUALIFY FOR BUILDING PERMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County, Idaho that Title 9, Chapter 11 of the Teton County Code shall be added as follows:

**CHAPTER 11**

**GRANTING BUILDING PERMIT ELIGIBILITY OF PREVIOUSLY CREATED PARCELS**

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## TETON COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Meeting Primer, April 12, 2016

Board of County Commissioner Chambers, Driggs, ID

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We have made revisions to Article 13. I worked on developing 3 different options for the Wildlife Habitat Plan division. These are not our only options, but I felt these were the ones we had the most discussion about previously. I did email some information, including one of the options, over to IDFG's new Regional Habitat Manager to get some feedback. I am hoping to have it back before our meeting. You should have received Blaine County, Idaho's Habitat ordinance to give you an idea of what another community is doing. Finally, you should have received the- A Summary of Key Fish and Wildlife Resources of Low Elevation Lands in Teton County, Idaho report as well.

### Goals:

- Make sure we are comfortable with Article 13. Make sure everyone has Redline versions.
- Identify any deficiencies

### Article 13 – Property Development Plan

This is the general list of changes that were made-

Throughout Article 13-

- Added "Requirement Table" in each section.
- Updated language to match/corrected typos

13.3.1 Riparian Buffer Plan-

- Clarified that the uses allowed in 13.2.1.H, are only allowed as part of the permit being applied for.
- Clarified that a variance is required to encroach into the Riparian Buffer.
- Removed NRCS Standards.
- Added Section K. Implementation

13.3.2 Skyline View Protection Plan-

Only minor changes.

13.3.3 Steep Slopes Plan-

- Only minor changes.
- Changed "no development on slopes that exceed 25%" to "30%" to match the current ordinance

13.3.4 Grading Plan-

Only minor changes.

13.3.5 Vegetative Management Plan-

- Removed NRCS Standards
- Added clarification in the Standards section
- Modified required portions of the plan
- Added F. Implementation section

### 13.3.6 Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Plan-

Only minor changes.

### 13.3.7 Fencing Plan- **REMOVED**

### 13.3.7 Wildlife Feeding Plan-

- Only minor changes.

### 13.3.8 Wildlife Habitat Management Plan-

As noted in an email that was sent out 3/28, Idaho Fish and Game was not able to make comments. At the time of this primer I have had a phone conversation with the local biologist. I forwarded him the Code and am anticipating sitting down with him. I will keep you updated on our conversations. From the 3/30 conversation he offered these comments-

1. Blaine County had issues not using a map for their habitat protection
2. The Teton River buffer should be 300 ft.
3. There should be a required buffer from the Forest Service Lands.
4. There should be a required buffer from land that is in a conservation easement.

In the meantime, I have developed 3 options- 2 with a map and 1 without. The map comes from an IDF&G report- [A Summary of Key Fish and Wildlife Resources of Low Elevation Lands in Teton County, Idaho](#) that was developed for the Comprehensive Plan. The 3 options are fairly similar with the exception of the map.

1. Option #1 bases the Applicability (Sections A. & B) on density.
2. Option #2 bases the Applicability (Sections A. & B) on density and the map.
3. Option #2 bases the Applicability (Sections A. & B.) on the map.

In the review section, I added an optional IDF&G review prior to the application.

### 13.3.9 Nutrient Pathogen Analysis-

- Only minor changes.

### 13.3.10 Public Service/Fiscal Impact Analysis-

- Added Conditional Use Permits
- We talked about me including a set formula. In researching other ordinances, and fiscal impacts it may not be prudent to include a set formula. Depending on the location and type of development there are different types of Average Cost Methodology analysis.

### 13.3.11 Traffic Impact Analysis-

- Added Conditional Use Permits.
- Rearranged portions to make it flow better.

### 13.3.12 Lighting Management Plan-

- No changes

### 13.3.13 Stormwater Management Plan-

- Removed the NRCS Standards
- Added [“Catalog of Stormwater Best Management Practices for Idaho Cities and Counties. Based on the Public Works Directors recommendation](#)

#### 13.3.14 Access Management Plan-

- Added reference to the “Local Highway Technical Assistance Council Manual for Use of Public Right of Way Standard Approach Policy.
- Minor changes.

#### 13.3.15 Plat

- Only minor changes.

#### 13.3.16 Survey-

- Clarified when mylars are required

#### 13.3.17 Deed-

- Clarified the difference between new deeds being created and existing deeds to verify ownership

#### 13.3.18 Geotechnical Analysis

- Removed the Map

#### 13.3.19 Parking Plan

- No changes

#### 13.3.20 Fire Protection Plan

- Added this section

### 13.3.8. Wildlife Habitat Management Plan #1

	Site Disturbance: Driveway, Grading, etc.	Building Permit or Variance	Conditional Use Permit	Rezone	One Time Only Division	Land Division	Short Plat	Full Plat
Wildlife Habitat Management Plan	P	--	P	--	P	P	P	P
Key: R = Required P = Possibly Required -- = Not Required								

#### A. Areas Applicability

This Division **Section** applies to all land found in Teton County

#### B. Scale/Scope of Development Requiring Applicability

1. If the proposed development will cause the density of the property to reach or exceed the following, the standards of this Division are applicable.
  - a. Rural Districts- 1 unit per 30
  - b. Agricultural Rural Neighborhood- 1 unit per 5 acres.
2. For Grading and Conditional Use permits, Div. 13.3.8.F.1 should be followed.

#### C. Intent

The intent of this Division is to ensure that habitat utilized by key indicator species, along with other forms of wildlife is managed in a way to ensure the long term viability of the habitat.

#### D. Standards

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## F. Review

### 1. Optional preliminary IDF&G review

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IDF&G shall forward all preliminary reviews to the Administrator. If sensitive lands are determined to exist on the subject property, the applicant shall be required to complete the provisions in this division.

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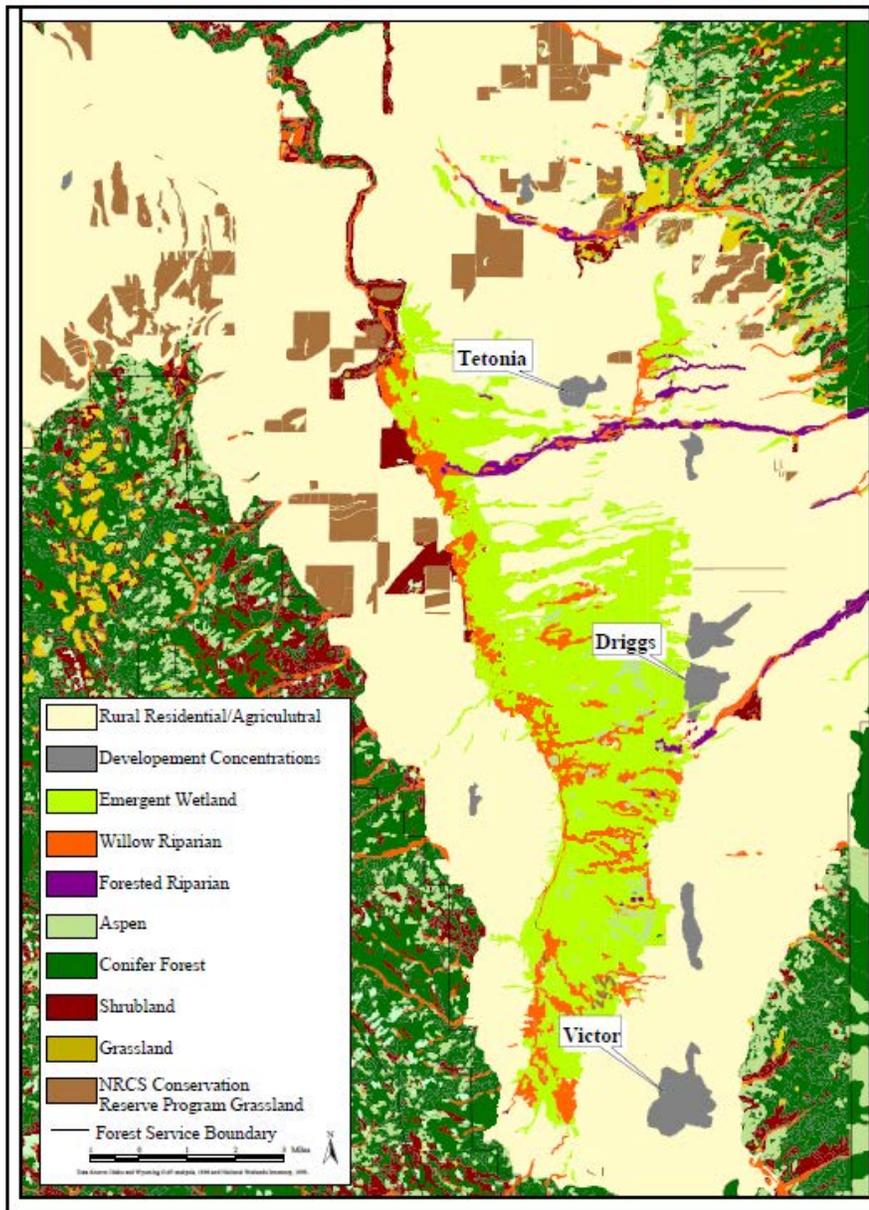
### 13.3.8. Wildlife Habitat Management Plan #2

	Site Disturbance: Driveway, Grading, etc.	Building Permit or Variance	Conditional Use Permit	Rezone	One Time Only Division	Land Division	Short Plat	Full Plat
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**B. Areas Applicability**

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**C. Scale/Scope of Development Requiring Applicability**

1. If the proposed development will cause the density of the property to reach or exceed the following, the standards of this Division are applicable.
  - a. Rural Districts = 1 unit per 30
  - b. Agricultural Rural Neighborhood- 1 unit per 5 acres
2. For Grading and Conditional Use permits, Div. 13.3.8.G.1 should be followed.

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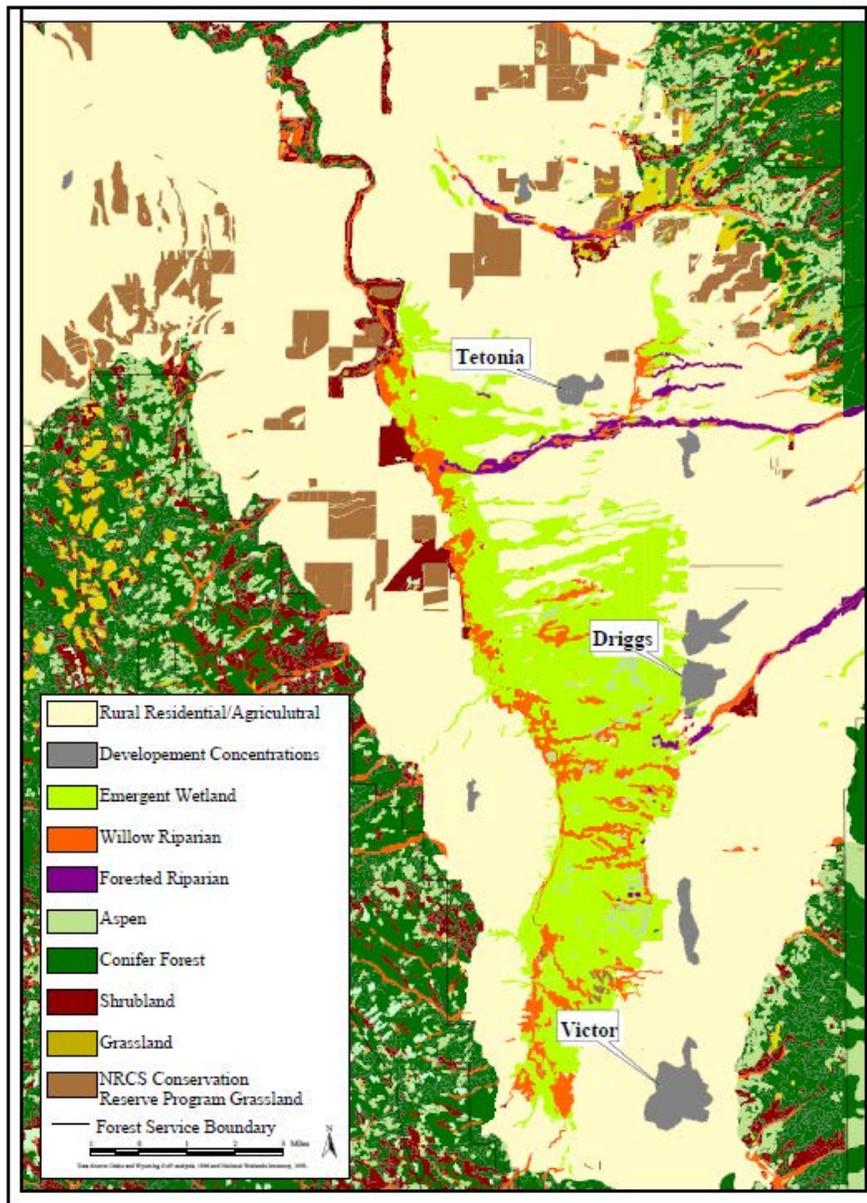
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# Chapter 20

## WILDLIFE OVERLAY DISTRICT (W)

### 9-20-1: PURPOSE:

The Blaine County board of county commissioners finds that the county contains wildlife habitat and species of local, statewide, and national significance as documented by Idaho department of fish and game (IDF&G), the federal bureau of land management, United States fish and wildlife service and the United States forest service. It is the purpose of these regulations to preserve and enhance the diversity of wildlife habitat and species throughout the county for the economic, recreational, and environmental benefit of county residents and visitors. (Ord. 2006-19, 11-14-2006)

### 9-20-2: ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT:

The wildlife overlay district (W) is hereby established and shall cover all lands within Blaine County. (Ord. 2008-17, 11-25-2008)

### 9-20-3: APPLICABILITY:

Any subdivision of land within Blaine County. (Ord. 2006-19, 11-14-2006)

### 9-20-4: DEFINITIONS:

The following terms used in this chapter shall be defined as follows:

**CLASSIFIED LANDS:** Lands within Blaine County, as follows:

**Class I Lands:** Lands within Blaine County that include elk winter habitat or mule deer winter habitat as defined within references used by IDF&G and other professional sources.

**Class II Lands:** Lands within Blaine County that include elk migration corridors or mule deer migration corridors as defined within references used by IDF&G and other professional

**sources.**

**Class III Lands:** Lands within Blaine County that include current endangered, threatened, and candidate species pursuant to the endangered species act of 1973, species of greatest conservation need as listed within IDF&G's 2005 Idaho comprehensive wildlife conservation strategy, or defined within references used by IDF&G and other professional sources.

**CONSERVATION PLAN (MITIGATION PLAN):** A plan that discusses wildlife habitat management and protection, mitigation, and habitat enhancement planned to become part of the development.

**ELK MIGRATION CORRIDORS:** The migration routes used by elk to migrate from summer habitat to winter habitat. Elk migration corridors in Blaine County are designated by IDF&G.

**ELK WINTER HABITAT:** Generally consists of low to mid elevation, southern exposed xeric and mesic sagebrush grasslands and mixed shrub grasslands that are used during winter months by elk. Winter habitat is essential to the survival of these animals during winter. Elk winter habitat in Blaine County is designated by IDF&G.

**ENDANGERED, THREATENED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES:** Protected under the endangered species act of 1973, and administered by the U.S. fish and wildlife service.

**HABITAT ASSESSMENT:** A study that determines the types and values of vegetation and habitat, including sensitive lands. It shall include, but not be limited to, a description and maps of ownership, location, type, size, condition, habitat potential, and other attributes of wildlife habitat on site. A habitat assessment shall be prepared at the applicant's expense under the direction of a qualified person who has demonstrated appropriate expertise in the fields of resource biology, fish and wildlife management, and similar disciplines. It may be subject to peer review at the applicant's expense. Habitat assessments for subdivisions creating ten (10) or more lots shall be subject to peer review at the applicant's expense.

**MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE:** Under the circumstances, that reasonable efforts have been undertaken to comply with the regulation or requirement, that the costs of compliance clearly outweigh the potential benefits to the public or would unreasonably burden the proposed project and that reasonable steps have been undertaken to minimize any potential harm or adverse impacts resulting from noncompliance.

**MULE DEER MIGRATION CORRIDORS:** The routes used by mule deer to migrate from summer habitat to winter habitat. Mule deer migration occurs over a few days or may span several weeks, depending upon the weather and other factors. Mule deer migration corridors in Blaine County are designated by IDF&G.

**MULE DEER WINTER HABITAT:** Generally consists of low elevation, southern exposed xeric and mesic sagebrush grasslands and mixed shrub grasslands that are used during winter months by mule deer. Winter habitat is essential to the survival of these animals during winter. Mule deer winter habitat in Blaine County is designated by IDF&G.

**SENSITIVE LANDS:** Lands professionally determined to be integral to the functioning of the

ecosystem, including wetlands, riparian areas and wildlife habitat.

**SPECIES OF GREATEST CONSERVATION NEED:** Those species listed as within the IDF&G's 2005 Idaho comprehensive wildlife conservation strategy, or as subsequently updated.

**WILDLIFE HABITAT:** An area with a combination of resources (food, water, cover, and space) and environmental conditions (temperature, precipitation, and presence or absence of predators and competitors) that promotes occupancy by individuals of a given species (or population) and allows those individuals to survive and reproduce. Components of wildlife habitat include, but are not limited to, principal feeding or foraging areas, winter range, summer range, transition areas, production and breeding areas, movement corridors, and areas providing essential minerals and water.

**WILDLIFE SURVEY:** Current and historical observation and documentation of the animals using the property. It shall include, but not be limited to, a description and map of the populations of wildlife species that inhabit or use the site, including a qualitative description of their spatial distribution and abundance. A wildlife survey shall be prepared at the applicant's expense under the direction of a qualified person who has demonstrated appropriate expertise in the fields of resource biology, fish and wildlife management, or similar disciplines. It may be subject to peer review at the applicant's expense. Habitat assessments for subdivisions creating ten (10) or more lots shall be subject to peer review at the applicant's expense. (Ord. 2008-17, 11-25-2008; Ord. 2006-19, 11-14-2006)

## **9-20-5: REVIEW PROCEDURE:**

The following procedures shall apply to all applications for subdivision in Blaine County:

### **A. Preliminary Review:**

1. Prior to the planning or designing of any subdivision, the applicant shall contact IDF&G and any other applicable agency or professional as determined by the administrator to identify any classified lands on the subject property. IDF&G shall forward all preliminary reviews to the planning and zoning administrator who will determine if classified lands are on the subject property. If classified lands are determined to exist on the subject property, the applicant shall be referred to section [9-20-6](#) of this chapter.
2. If the preliminary review by the administrator determines that the proposed subdivision will have no significant impact on wildlife or wildlife habitat, no further action is required of the applicant pursuant to this chapter.
3. An applicant may appeal the administrator's classified lands determination to the board pursuant to section [9-32-3](#) of this title. (Ord. 2008-17, 11-25-2008; Ord. 2006-19, 11-14-2006)

## 9-20-6: CONSERVATION PLAN:

The following procedures shall apply to all subdivisions in the wildlife overlay district determined by the administrator in section [9-20-5](#) of this chapter to have classified lands:

- A. Plan Preparation: A conservation plan required by this section shall be prepared by a qualified person at the applicant's expense and shall be submitted by the applicant.

A conservation plan shall be prepared at the applicant's expense, under the direction of a qualified person who has demonstrated appropriate expertise in the fields of resource biology, fish and wildlife management, and similar disciplines. It may be subject to peer review at the applicant's expense. Habitat assessments for subdivisions creating ten (10) or more lots shall be subject to peer review at the applicant's expense.

- B. Plan Content: The conservation plan required by this section shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:

1. Wildlife survey and habitat assessment, as described in section [9-20-4](#) of this chapter.
2. Conservation plan:
  - a. An analysis of the potential adverse impacts of the proposed development on wildlife and wildlife habitat on or off site;
  - b. A list of proposed mitigation measures and an analysis of the probability of success of such measures;
  - c. A plan for implementation, maintenance and monitoring of mitigation measures;
  - d. A demonstration of prohibition of wildlife feeding;
  - e. A plan for any relevant enhancement or restoration measures, including noxious weed eradication and control; and
  - f. A demonstration of fiscal, administrative, and technical competence of the applicant or other relevant entity to successfully execute the plan.

- C. Waiver Of Requirements: The administrator may waive in writing specific submittal requirements based on the location of the development, the previous use of the site, the size and potential impact of the development, the absence of a particular species on the site and other relevant factors.

- D. Commission Or Board Review: If upon review of the application, the commission or board determines that a conservation plan is necessary the commission or board may require a conservation plan be prepared and submitted. (Ord. 2008-17, 11-25-2008; Ord. 2006-19, 11-14-2006)

## **9-20-7: DESIGN STANDARDS<sup>1</sup>:**

The following standards shall apply to all subdivisions in the wildlife overlay district and for which a completed conservation plan has been required. The applicant has the burden of demonstrating compliance with this chapter, including each of the following design review standards of evaluation. Before approving or conditionally approving this application, the board shall find that the proposed development meets the following standards:

- A. Wildlife And Wildlife Habitat: All development shall be designed so it does not have a significant adverse impact on wildlife or wildlife habitat or that such significant adverse impacts have been avoided or mitigated to the maximum extent practicable. In determining if a new development will or may have a significant adverse impact on wildlife or wildlife habitats or that such adverse impacts have been avoided or mitigated to the maximum extent practicable, the administrator, commission, or board as relevant shall consider the following criteria:
1. Wildlife Species: Impacts on wildlife species, including, but not limited to, human related activities (including impacts from domestic pets) that disrupt necessary life cycle functions of wildlife, displace wildlife from suitable habitat or decrease the capacity of an area to support wildlife. Assessment of significant impacts will be based on the following:
    - a. Activities in previously undisturbed areas involving any combination of humans, pets, and machines or equipment that disturb or harass an individual animal, group of animals or wildlife species;
    - b. Site development or activities that disrupt necessary life cycle functions, resulting in stress to the extent that physiological damage is done to an individual animal, group of animals or wildlife species. Examples include, but are not limited to, introduction of nonnative vegetation; excessive use of fertilizers and other chemicals; placement of structures in close proximity to nesting and feeding areas; and excessive exterior lighting;
    - c. Species reliance on specific, unique habitat features, such as riparian areas, that may be affected;
    - d. Mitigation efforts that directly address the potential adverse impacts of the proposed land use on wildlife species, including, but not limited to, controls on domestic animals and household pets; approval of an outdoor lighting plan as required by chapter 29A of

this title; seasonal restrictions of recreational travel (motorized and nonmotorized) and activities, clustering of development to avoid intrusion into or fragmentation of habitat; and creation of buffers around critical areas.

2. **Wildlife Habitat:** Impact on wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, the loss, degradation or fragmentation of wildlife habitat to the extent that the capacity of an area to support wildlife is diminished and the diversity of wildlife species occurring in the county is reduced. Assessment of significant impacts will be based on the following:
  - a. The amount of vegetation/habitat removal or alteration within the development site;
  - b. The amount of habitat of similar type and quality within the development site that remains contiguous;
  - c. The existing and proposed amount of lot coverage;
  - d. The existence of contiguous habitat of similar type and quality on adjoining land; and
  - e. Mitigation efforts that directly address the potential adverse impacts of the proposed land use on wildlife species, including, but not limited to, clustering of development to avoid intrusion into or fragmentation of habitat; creation of buffers around critical areas; limits on the amount of disturbance on a site; restrictions on vegetation removal; and enhancement or restoration of equivalent habitat on or adjacent to the site.
3. **Wildlife Movement Patterns:** Impact on wildlife movement patterns, wildlife displacement and habitat use, including, but not limited to, disruption of necessary migration or movement patterns that prevent wildlife from using current or traditional habitats; displacement of wildlife species into areas that cannot support or sustain the species over the long term; or decrease the capacity of an area to support wildlife. Assessment of significant impacts will be based on the following:
  - a. Preventing wildlife from using current or traditional habitats, such as blocking migration corridors from summer to winter range;
  - b. Causing wildlife to find new routes that expose them to significantly increased predation, interaction with motor vehicles, intense human activity or more severe topography and climatic conditions;
  - c. The size of the affected habitat and availability of similarly sized and quality habitat within the surrounding area;
  - d. The human activity and development that would result in the inability of a single or multiple species to adapt to the new conditions;
  - e. Inability of affected species to adapt to significant alteration of their current habitats or to find a new habitat that is sufficient to sustain the species over the long term; and
  - f. Mitigation efforts that directly address the potential adverse impacts of the proposed land use on wildlife species, including, but not limited to, clustering or location of development to avoid intrusion into migration or movement areas; creation of buffers

around critical areas; limits on fencing that might interfere with migration and movement patterns; and enhancement or restoration of equivalent habitat on or adjacent to the site.

4. Uniqueness Of Habitat And Species: Uniqueness of habitat and species to Blaine County, including, but not limited to, loss, degradation, or fragmentation of important wildlife habitat that is identified as unique to Blaine County in that it supports wildlife species that do not commonly occur outside the county to the extent that the health and viability of a species is threatened in the county and impacts on wildlife species that do not commonly occur outside Blaine County to the extent that a species is threatened in the county. Assessment of significant adverse impacts will be based on the following:
  - a. The extent that habitat similar to that affected by the proposed development exists in Blaine County;
  - b. Whether the species does not commonly occur outside Blaine County, as determined by listing by state or federal agencies as threatened or endangered or as determined by Blaine County in conjunction with the Idaho department of fish and game;
  - c. Whether the habitat does not commonly occur outside of Blaine County as determined by the county in conjunction with the Idaho department of fish and game;
  - d. The extent of the threat to the viability of the species;
  - e. The extent of the reduction of the diversity of wildlife species in the county; and
  - f. Mitigation efforts that directly address the potential adverse impacts of the proposed land use on wildlife species, including, but not limited to, clustering of development to avoid intrusion into or fragmentation of habitat; creation of buffers around critical areas; limits on the amount of disturbance on a site; and enhancement or restoration of equivalent habitat on the site or elsewhere in the county.
5. Cumulative Impacts Assessment: An assessment of cumulative impacts including the effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions within and beyond the boundaries of the proposed site. Assessment of significant adverse impacts will be based on the following:
  - a. The area, including land outside the project site, in which effects of the proposed project will occur and the impacts of the proposed project that are expected to occur in that area; and
  - b. A cumulative assessment of the incremental impacts on wildlife populations and habitat of the proposed development in conjunction with the past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future impacts of other activities and developments.
6. Vegetation Removal And Revegetation:
  - a. Removal of natural vegetation shall be minimized and restricted to the smallest area necessary to construct permitted uses and associated structures, septic systems, and driveways within an activity envelope.

- b. All disturbed areas shall be revegetated with native vegetation as soon as possible and no later than one growing season after construction of the primary structure(s) is completed.
- c. Planting nonnative ornamental plants on sites near or adjacent to designated big game winter habitat is prohibited and strongly discouraged on all other sites. In areas immediately surrounding residential dwelling units, planting of nonpalatable vegetation is strongly encouraged to reduce potential human/wildlife conflicts. (Ord. 2010-06, 5-25-2010; Ord. 2006-19, 11-14-2006)