

DRAFT - SUMMARY  
Big Horn County Land Use Plan Steering Committee  
Eighth Meeting – November 20, 2008  
7:00-9:00 p.m., Sheriff's Office, Basin, WY

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Persons Present

- Committee Members: Mary Flitner, Mike Hinkley, Carol Lowe, Debbi McKim, Tim Mills, Sr., Mary Russell, Brad Tippetts,
  - Consultants: Ken Markert, Anne Cossitt
  - County Planner: Jim Waller
  - Public: None Present
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Brief Summary

Committee members met to finalize draft goals before holding the open houses in December.

Ken Markert presented a map showing town expansion areas (from municipal land use plans) in relation to irrigated crop land.

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Decisions/Action Items

- Primary Goals:
    - i. Change #9 to read: Encourage rehabilitation or replacement of substandard housing and/or structures and ensure that all new housing meets health and safety standards. (new language underlined).
    - ii. Change #10 as follows: Delete the words “the county” at the end of the sentence and replace with “existing communities.”
    - iii. Group #s 6, 7, and 10 within the list.
    - iv. Do not number the goals—use alphabetic letters instead (to clarify that the goals are not prioritized in any way in this list)
    - v. With those changes, the goals are ready for public review, recognizing that the committee has not tried to “perfect” them, but instead to convey broadly stated ideas. Hopefully, people who attend the open houses (and others who submit comments) will help hone the concepts.
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Other Discussion (not decision items)

- Mary Flitner shared that the Wyoming Humanities Council has published a newcomers' guide to rural Wyoming that touches on land use issues. Copies are available at the library.
- Steering committee discussed “junkyards,” in goal # 8. There was a general sentiment that each person may have a different perspective on what exactly constitutes “junk,” some cases are indisputably eyesores and problems. Defining the turning point is problematic.
- Debbi McKim announced that the EIS on the energy corridor is now available and suggested a link to this on the Land Use Planning web page.

- Committee discussed the BLM's Resource Management Plan scoping open houses, saying that these seemed to be well prepared and well-attended. Several committee members had personally attended one or more meetings.
  - Committee discussed their role in determining if the county should adopt new regulations regarding divisions of land between 35 acres and 140 acres (as now allowed under state law). Ken Markert suggested that it was the role of the Land Use Committee to make a recommendation as part of this land use plan.
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#### Next Steps/Follow-up

- OPEN HOUSES – December 2, 3, and 4. Committee members are requested to attend at least one of the open houses.
    - Mary Flitner requested that the Open House information include the data showing how town populations are shrinking (or not growing as fast) and the unincorporated area populations are growing
    - Have refreshments at the open houses (BLM had water and cookies)
    - Jim Waller sending personal invitations to municipalities to attend open houses
    - Suggested that Jim Waller also contact Extension regarding the open houses and see if they could post or send out info via their lists (as this appeared effective for the BLM scoping meetings)
  - NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: January 22 in Lovell to continue with goals and objectives (incorporating public comment from meetings)
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#### Corrections

If you would like to make a correction or addition to this summary, please contact Ken Markert (307-587-4480) by no later than January 22.