

With the support of more than 2,000 members, the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance works to protect the priceless wildlife and natural resources that make this valley world-renowned.

Jackson Hole is a critical part of a unique ecosystem that includes some of the world's most cherished wildlife and wildlands. Our community is undeniably linked – culturally, ecologically and economically – to the landscape in which it sits. The decisions we make about how we grow affect the health of this ecosystem, and the quality of life and experience of all who live and visit here. We cannot afford to make mistakes.

All of us who are privileged to experience Jackson Hole have an obligation to take care of it. We are a community that is willing to stand up for our wildlife, open spaces, small mountain-town character and our working families.

JACKSON HOLE DESERVES A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT WILL PRESERVE AND PROTECT OUR ECOSYSTEM, NATURAL RESOURCES, QUALITY OF LIFE AND COMMUNITY CHARACTER IN A SUSTAINABLE AND PREDICTABLE MANNER.

To fulfill this vision and accomplish our community's goals, the Conservation Alliance believes that the Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan must:

- **REPRESENT THE WILL OF OUR COMMUNITY.** In surveys and public comments throughout the Comp Plan revision process, the citizens of Jackson Hole have consistently told town and county officials what our top priorities are, and in what order:
 - 1) Permanently protect wildlife and open space
 - 2) Manage growth responsibly – to include *limiting* growth if it's going to harm wildlife and community character
 - 3) Provide long-term affordable housing opportunities for most of our workforce
- Acknowledge and define: 1) how rare and irreplaceable Jackson Hole's assets are, and 2) all the factors that affect our ability to protect, or lose, these assets. For protection efforts to be successful, we need to define what it is that we want to protect.
- Ensure that permanently protecting wildlife, wildlife habitat and wildlife movement corridors/connectivity is the top priority throughout Teton County, and the primary factor in all land use decisions.
- Promote an economy that does not depend on population growth.
- Acknowledge that Jackson Hole's identity, community character and economy all depend on sustaining our precious wildlife, landscapes and natural resources.
- Figure out where we stand now. Good planning requires accurate baseline data on important planning issues, such as transportation and fiscal impacts.
- Establish end states/buildout numbers for the town and county to ensure that growth will never exceed our carrying capacity.
- Evaluate and account for the consequences of growth.
- Embrace the precautionary principle. If we simply don't have enough specific information about the impacts of growth to make informed decisions, and can't afford the necessary studies, the plan needs to err on the side of caution.
- Promote long-term workforce housing solutions.
- Protect Jackson's "small town" character.
- Incorporate realistic transportation objectives and analysis, and fiscal impacts analysis.
- Incorporate policies that promote energy conservation and efficiency.
- Increase predictability for decisionmakers, the public and landowners.