



This Spring, decisions are being made about the Comprehensive Plan that will impact the future of this valley and everyone in it.

Shouldn't you help make them?

Your town and county elected officials are several meetings into their discussions about the revised Comp Plan, and it's not clear yet whether we'll end up with a plan that will accomplish what the community wants it to do: protect wildlife and manage growth responsibly.

On the plus side, the electeds have reaffirmed that the plan should work toward these goals. So there seems to be agreement on what the plan should do, but questions remain about how best to do it.

We encourage you to get involved to make your priorities clear. Here's how you can help:

Before April 27, 2011:

Talk with or write to your elected representatives to let them know what you think about how their review is going, and send a copy of your letter to the local papers. See the back of this flier or [click here](#) for everyone's contact information. You can also submit written comments at any time via www.jacksonstetontoplan.com.

Below are some key points to raise. Visit www.jhalliance.org/issuescompplan.htm for more.

- Throughout the four-year revision process, community comments and surveys have made it clear that residents want a plan that will not add any more development capacity or "buildout" beyond the baseline of what's allowed under our current Comp Plan. However, in late March the town and county elected officials made an interim decision to not commit to limiting expansion to current entitlements, *even though these entitlements essentially allow twice as much development as is already built*. This decision has huge implications for the rest of the plan and the valley's future, and we urge you to ask your elected representatives to reconsider it.
- The plan needs to include policies for monitoring and accounting for the cumulative impacts of development.
- Planners say the themes and policies section of the rewritten draft will be released on May 20, with public hearings to follow on June 8 and 29. The electeds need to ensure that their review process allows adequate time for the public to make comments on the revised draft, plus enough time for the electeds to consider those comments.
- The entire second part of the Comp Plan – the "character district" maps, formerly called the FLUPs – has yet to be reviewed by decision makers. Since these maps and accompanying narrative form an integral, predictable component of the plan, they should not be treated as just an addendum.

On April 27, 2011:

We also urge you to speak up at the only Comp Plan hearing in April at which verbal public comments will be taken:

Wednesday, April 27th • 4 to 7 p.m. • Grandview Lodge, Snow King Resort

Note: Parking is limited at the Grandview Lodge, which is in back and above Snow King's main lodge building. We suggest that people carpool, take the Start Bus or park in Snow King's main lot and walk from there.

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Much more information about the elected officials' review of the draft Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan is available at www.jacksontetonplan.com. You can also visit www.jhalliance.org/issuescompplan.htm for background info and links to the Alliance's detailed comments.

Have questions or need help with *your* comments? Please contact Kristy Bruner, Alliance community planning director, at (307) 733-9417 or Kristy@jhalliance.org.

How to submit your comments:

The town and county elected officials are now jointly reviewing the current draft Comp Plan, and your timely comments can help them reach informed decisions. Written comments are being accepted throughout the revision process at www.jacksontetonplan.com. (Click on "Submit a comment" at the left-hand side of the page.)

We urge you to also send your personalized comments directly to:

Your elected representatives:

Teton Board of County Commissioners

Ben Ellis, Chair, Andy Schwartz, Vice Chair,
Paul Perry, Hank Phibbs, Paul Vogelheim
Teton County, P.O. Box 3594, Jackson, WY 83001
commissioners@tetonwyo.org

Town of Jackson Mayor Mark Barron

Town of Jackson, P.O. Box 1687, Jackson, WY 83001
mbarron@ci.jackson.wy.us

Jackson Town Council

Bob Lenz, Greg Miles, Mark Obringer, Melissa Turley
Town of Jackson, P.O. Box 1687, Jackson, WY 83001
electedofficials@ci.jackson.wy.us

Your local newspapers, as a letter to the editor:

Jackson Hole News&Guide

Thomas Dewell and Angus M. Thuermer Jr., editors
P.O. Box 7445, Jackson, WY 83002-7445
editor@jhnewsandguide.com
(400-word maximum for letters;
800-word maximum for guest editorials)

JH Weekly, Matthew Irwin, editor

P.O. Box 3249, Jackson, WY 83001
editor@jhweekly.com
(300-word maximum)

(Remember to include with your letter your full name, hometown and a means of contacting you for verification. Letters are due by 5 p.m. Monday.)

Parting thoughts:

"[The Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan] will set in motion development patterns that will leave a legacy for the rest of our lives and the rest of our kids' lives. And I think it's important to do the planning within the entitlements and implications that are on the ground today....

Without designing within the potential as listed in Appendix I*, or with a percentage less than that so that we have the ability to move forward, I think that we would be making a grave mistake....

I think we would be ignoring what is a strong comment by the community that predictability is tied to this concept. And I think we would not be planning as well as we could by using Appendix I*, which is again essentially the entitled development rights today, for our discussion."

*Comments made during the March 25, 2011, Comp Plan hearing
by Teton County Commission Chairman Ben Ellis, who was outvoted.*

*Note: Appendix I in the current draft Comp Plan spells out how the valley's current entitlements essentially allow twice as much residential and commercial development as what's already on the ground.



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The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance published this flier to encourage friends and neighbors to stand up for our unique community, wildlife and natural resources.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact us at (307) 733-9417 or info@jhalliance.org, or visit our website at www.jhalliance.org. Thanks!