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## **Move Comp Plan forward**

Our community has come a long way since work began in 2007 to “update and prioritize the values” in the Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan from 1994.

Tomorrow, June 10, yet another phase of the Comp Plan revision will begin when the planning commissioners start their joint review of the third draft of a main section of the plan.

For this phase of the review, the planning commissioners agreed that they would not reconsider items they’ve already discussed and voted on over the past year. They’ve said they will only consider new ideas and possible inconsistencies within and between chapters.

For the benefit of the public process, and to avoid an endless, circular discussion at the planning commission level, the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance requests that the planning commissioners abide by these rules they agreed on. It’s time for our community to look ahead to the role that our elected officials must play in sorting through some of the plan’s most challenging issues.

The Conservation Alliance greatly appreciates the extensive time and effort that town and county planning commissioners have given to this process. In many ways, due to public input and the commissioners’ willingness to carefully consider that input, the latest draft released in May is an improvement over the second draft that came out in April 2009. That said, much more work still needs to be done to ensure that the plan includes the policies needed to protect our irreplaceable wildlife, scenery and community character. We expect that much of this work will need to be undertaken by elected officials.

The Conservation Alliance has been deeply involved in community planning since 1979, and this latest Comp Plan revision process is no exception. We will continue working to keep Jackson Hole wild and beautiful, and we urge the entire community to join with us to stay informed and involved. (Our Comp Plan comments are all available at [www.jhalliance.org](http://www.jhalliance.org).)

Please – discuss the Comp Plan with your friends and neighbors. Let our appointed and elected officials who will vote on the plan know what you think. Let’s continue to work together to create a Comp Plan that will protect this valley’s wildlife – and the quality of life and experience for all who live and visit here – for generations to come.

We’ve come a long way, but we still have a long way to go to get to a Comp Plan that will do a better job of achieving our community’s goals than our existing plan.

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