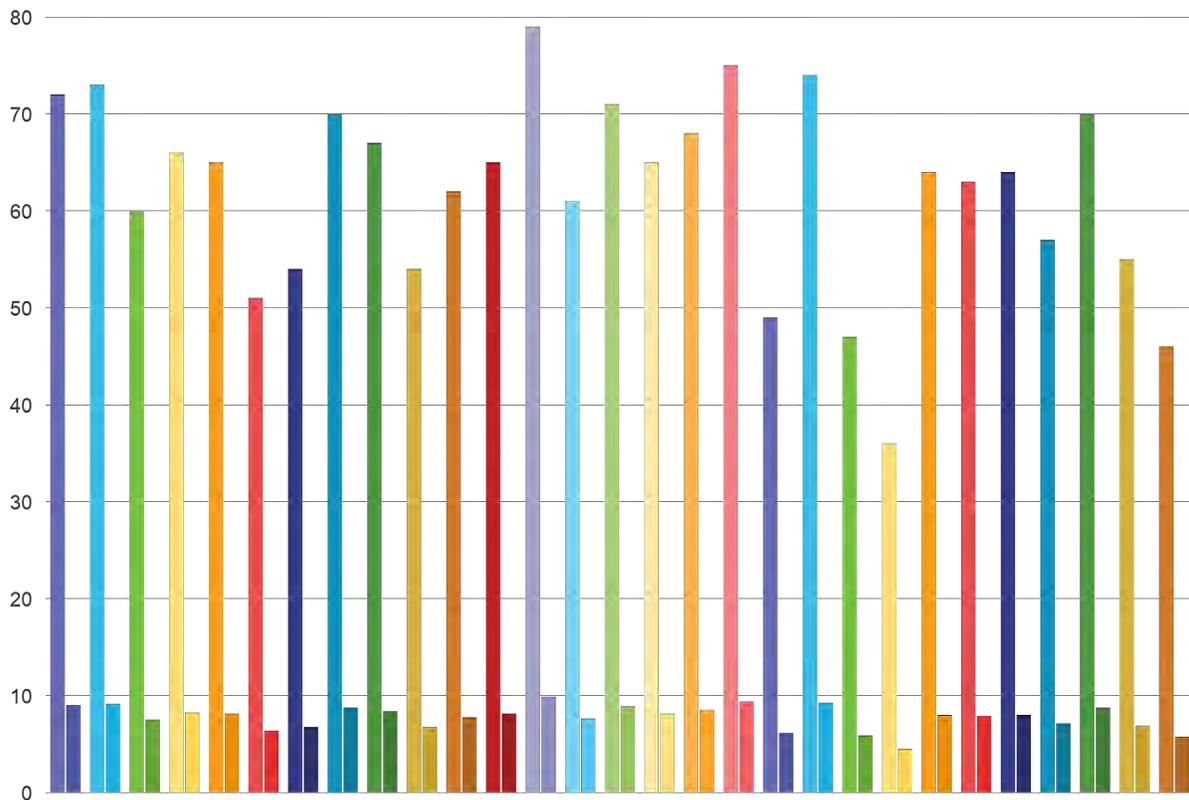


Natrona County Natural Resource Management Plan Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey regarding the creation of this County Natural Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as "the document").

Q1 PART 1: This section seeks to identify important social, economic, and environmental issues associated with public lands within the county.

Rank each area below, based on its importance as a consideration within the county. For areas which you feel have no importance, or you are unsure of their importance, please rank zero. For areas which you feel have the highest importance, please rank 10.



Answered: 8 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Score	Average
Land Use	72	9
Land Access	73	9.13
Wilderness and Special Designations	60	7.5
Fire Management	66	8.25
Forest Management	65	8.13
Mining and Mineral Resources	51	6.38
Energy Resources	54	6.75
Air Quality	70	8.75
Soils	67	8.38
Irrigation and Related Infrastructure	54	6.75

Choice	Score	Average
 Dams and Reservoirs	62	7.75
 Water Rights	65	8.13
 Water Quality	79	9.88
 Flood Plains	61	7.63
 Rivers and Streams	71	8.88
 Riparian Areas and Wetlands	65	8.13
 Wild and Scenic Rivers	68	8.5
 Fisheries	75	9.38
 Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species	49	6.13
 Wildlife	74	9.25
 Predator Control	47	5.88
 Wild Horses and Burros	36	4.5
 Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species	64	8
 Economics and Society	63	7.88
 Recreation and Tourism	64	8
 Law Enforcement	57	7.13
 Cultural, Historical, Geological, and Paleontological Resources	70	8.75
 Economic Considerations	55	6.88
 Livestock and Grazing	46	5.75

Q2 PART 1: This section seeks to identify important social, economic, and environmental issues associated with public lands within the county.

In your opinion, in regards to the county, what natural resources or natural resource issues are impacted by federal and state land management planning and should be discussed in the document?

Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:13 PM UTC

The access and use of the land for all. There should be ways to let everyone use the land and keep it clean for all uses.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

Public land access blocked by checkerboard system not allowing public access to public lands.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

A multiple use approach to land planning must be considered including continued livestock grazing, management of noxious and invasive species, mitigation and control of wildfire, mineral development, recreation such as hunting, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, etc., are very important. Planning should avoid strategies that lock these lands away from multiple use.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:46 PM UTC

Protection of water quality, air quality, wildlife, cultural resources, and recreation opportunities.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6:31 AM UTC

Land use needs to be looked at on a statewide scale. ie what % of land will be developed. What % will remain undeveloped. Buffer zones around protected areas. Long term plans for mining/energy related waste disposal.

Answered: 5 Unanswered: 3

Q3 PART 1: This section seeks to identify important social, economic, and environmental issues associated with public lands within the county.

In your opinion, in regards to the county, what industries are impacted by federal

and state land management planning and should be discussed in the document?

Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:13 PM UTC

The oil and gas industries need to be held accountable for the clean up of any and all spills. the wast water and drilling fluids need to be treated before they are dumped in the waterways.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

Oil & Gas and how beneficial they are to supporting our natural resources and land. Often get looked at as a bad steward but in reality the industry is very good and fully cooperates w/ agencies, not to mention tax benefits it pays.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

Natrona County has a rich ranching history, particularly with sheep and cattle. For many years, this area was a key sheep producing county of the state. Much of what made it a major business hub was from the millions of pounds of wool that were shipped out of Natrona County, as well as other livestock and ranching activities. These activities have a significant impact on the businesses in Casper, from car and truck dealerships, equipment dealers, feed stores to shops, restaurants and hotels.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:46 PM UTC

Recreation, wildlife and tourism.

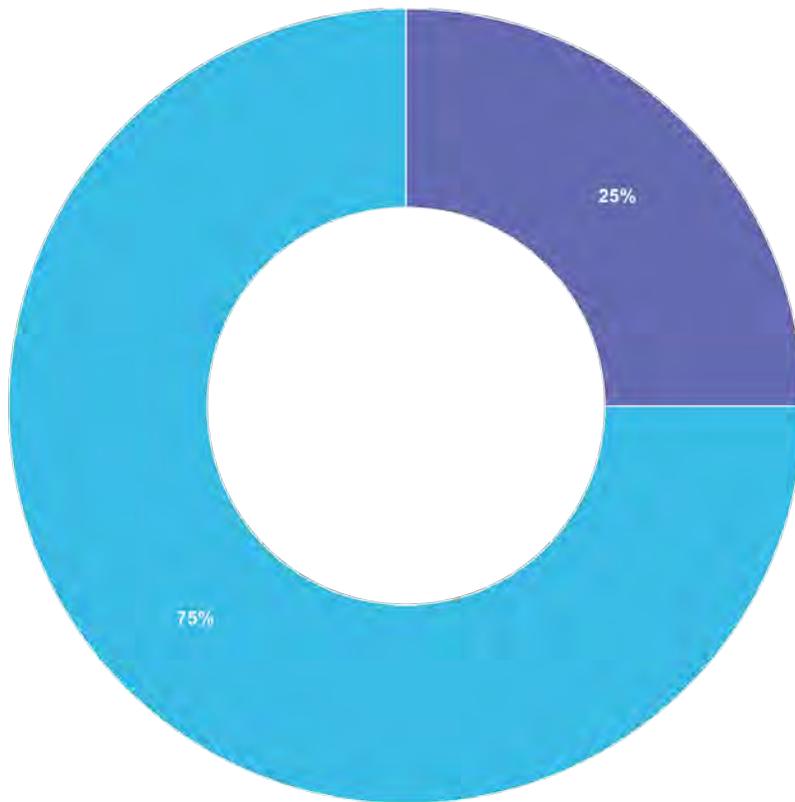
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All industries are affected. The energy industry should not take precedents over hunting, fishing, recreation.

Answered: 5 Unanswered: 3

Q4 PART 1: This section seeks to identify important social, economic, and environmental issues associated with public lands within the county.

Do you or anyone in your household earn income from an industry or commercial service that is dependent (directly or indirectly) on public lands (federal or state)?



Answered: 8 **Unanswered:** 0

Choice	Total
 Yes	2
 No	6
	

Choice
Unsure

Total
0

Q5 PART 1: This section seeks to identify important social, economic, and environmental issues associated with public lands within the county.

If yes, what industry or commercial service?

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

Oil & Gas transportation thru pipelines.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

Wyoming sheep and lamb ranching industry and from land and minerals industry

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6:31 AM UTC

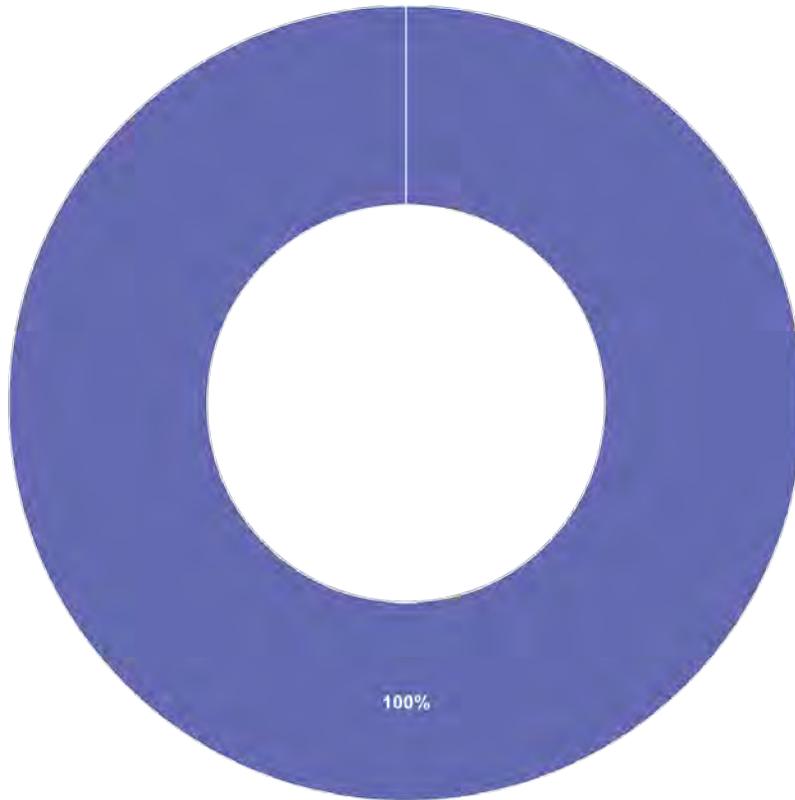
Cattle, energy/ mining. The water is being taken and polluted by industry and cattle. Who is picking up the bill? Our big game animals are being ran out of their territory and forced into town by the energy industry. Wild horses are being removed to make room for cattle and energy industry expansion. Our water is being degraded by oil and gas.

Answered: 3 Unanswered: 5

Q6 PART 1: This section seeks to identify important social, economic, and

environmental issues associated with public lands within the county.

Do you or anyone in your household use public lands in a recreational or other non-economic manner?



Answered: 8 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
● Yes	8
● No	0
● Unsure	0

Q7 PART 1: This section seeks to identify important social, economic, and environmental issues associated with public lands within the county.

If yes, please list those recreational or other non-economic uses.

Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:13 PM UTC

Camping, hunting, fishing, sight seeing.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

Yes, generations enjoy public lands for recreation, hunting, camping, ATV's, hiking, and fishing.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

fishing; hunting; camping and hiking;

Monday, March 2, 2020, 9:29 PM UTC

Reservoirs, River, Mountain

Friday, February 28, 2020, 3:32 PM UTC

Boating, fishing, kayaking, hiking, skiing

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:46 PM UTC

Hiking, wildlife viewing and cultural resources.

Answered: 6 Unanswered: 2

Q8 PART 2: This section seeks to identify the custom and culture of the county.

In your opinion, what components describe the values and culture of the county?

Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:13 PM UTC

This is a beautiful state and all the residents should love the way the area looks and try to keep it so the next generation can do the same.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

Agriculture, Oil & Gas, Hunting, Fishing, general outdoor recreation.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

Natrona County is a microcosm of the entire state. We have the traditional ranching culture and values borne from a lifestyle that is dependent upon both private and public land. We have a diverse business community that is possible from the broad multiple use activities on public and private lands, and we have an important tourism and recreation culture that enjoys our values and enhances our local culture.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:46 PM UTC

Open spaces, clean air and clean water.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6:31 AM UTC

Drill baby drill.

Answered: 5 Unanswered: 3

Q9 PART 2: This section seeks to identify the custom and culture of the county.

In your opinion, what components of the values and culture influence or impede future development?

Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:13 PM UTC

Some people think that it is all good when there is something new going to come into the area. But when it does they don't want it to be in my back yard.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

Blocked public access, negative press on Oil & Gas industry.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

Natrona County has a number of people and families who have been there for generations but it also has a very transient population. Often their planning seems to be follow the influence of the transient population rather than the traditional. What I mean by this is that good ideas are implemented, such as the river trail in Casper, but a long-term plan about maintaining, improving and enhancing these projects does not seem to be developed. Using the River trail system in Casper again, over the years wind, weather and time have caused trees to fall, weeds to become overgrown and certain areas, such as when the trail goes under the I-25 overpass, are populated by homeless and others so that the pathways to become unsightly and uninviting. Planning must include consideration of future use to ensure their value is retained and enhanced. This is true of any public lands planning. If the focus becomes to set on preserving just one use, or one value, it loses the long term value. This is what happens if an area becomes a designated Wilderness Area, or is shut off to grazing in lieu of wildlife preservation, etc.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:46 PM UTC

Too many competing uses on a fixed land base.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6:31 AM UTC

Drill baby drill

Answered: 5 **Unanswered:** 3

Q10 PART 2: This section seeks to identify the custom and culture of the county.

In your opinion, how have the values and culture influenced the economic stability or lack of stability within the county?

Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:13 PM UTC

The energy field is counted on to provide most of the tax base for the general up keep of the state and county and city. There should be more diversity in the economic way things are being done.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

Blocked public access has reduced hunting/fishing interest.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

The fact that the area has a long history of multiple use of the lands around it, including federal, state and private lands, has been key to ensuring it's long term viability. The varied industries do help support the economy of the area but many management policies have reduced the ability of some of these industries to influence the economic stability of the county. Reduced access to public lands for grazing means fewer livestock, which in turn means a reduced income for the producer and a lower economic impact for the area (i.e., no new equipment, etc.). In Wyoming, most ranches have a low carrying rate because so much of the land is publicly owned. In Natrona County, slightly more than half the state is public lands, so in order for livestock ranchers to operate at an economic beneficial level, they must have utilize public lands grazing. In addition, having public lands to graze their animals in the summer allows them to utilize needed acres for growing hay and other products that will help them feed their livestock during the winter months.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:46 PM UTC

Over reliance on extractive industries.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6:31 AM UTC

We've limited ourselves to one source of income for the state..

Answered: 5 Unanswered: 3

Q11 PART 2: This section seeks to identify the custom and culture of the county.

In your opinion, how have the values and culture influenced the diversity of industries or lack of diversity of industries within the county?

Friday, March 20, 2020, 3:13 PM UTC

the boom and bust cycle is going to be repeating as long as other industries don't come into the area.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 9:01 PM UTC

I think Natrona County has diversified well and experienced economic growth beyond our neighboring Counties.

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:26 AM UTC

Because Natrona County has valued a multiple use approach to the area, there is a diversity of industries in the area. This diversity helps in times of economic downturn. For example, when livestock and meat (or wool prices are low) the income from leasing hunting access to outfitters helps keep an operation going. Similarly, mineral and access leasing can provide a rancher with much needed income to continue operating. Leaders often move to increase diversity to enhance economic stability, which is commendable, but sometimes they forget to support the industries that are the foundation of the area in the first place. Building new industries while losing others does not increase diversity, it just changes the complexion.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 4:46 PM UTC

Over reliance on industries with on responsible stewardship culture.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6:31 AM UTC

The drill baby drill mentality has narrowed the playing field.

Answered: 5 Unanswered: 3

Q12 Thank you for completing this survey. If there is anything else you would like to share regarding this process, please use the space below to do so. All information will

be reviewed and considered for incorporation into the County Natural Resource Management Plan.

OPTIONAL: You may provide your name and affiliation, if desired. This information will be included in the compilation of this survey only if you choose to record below.

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 6:31 AM UTC

We have world class hunting fishing and views why are we destroying that for corporations we will look just like every other state. Destroyed..

Answered: 1 Unanswered: 7

Natrona County Natural Resource Management Plan Survey

INSTRUCTIONS: Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your time and opinions are valued. Please return this survey to the survey box at the end of the public meeting. You can also email to ddale@djanda.com or mail to Dessa Dale at DJ&A; 121 Hickory St. Ste 3; Missoula, MT 59801 by **April 1, 2020**. This survey can also be taken online at <https://s.surveyplanet.com/T-qNR81B>.

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1. Rank each area below, based on its importance as a consideration within the county. For areas which you feel have no importance, or you are unsure of their importance, please rank zero. For areas which you feel have the highest importance, please rank 10.

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PART 2: This section seeks to identify the custom and culture of the county.

1. In your opinion, what components describe the values and culture of the county?

Energy
Agriculture
Recreation

2. In your opinion, what components of the values and culture influence or impede future development?

Federal Lands influence

3. In your opinion, how have the values and culture influenced the economic stability or lack of stability within the county?

It has hindered those in the county

4. In your opinion, how have the values and culture influenced the diversity of industries or lack of diversity of industries within the county?

It really hasn't hurt diversity any more than other industries

Thank you for completing this survey. If there is anything else you would like to share regarding this process, please use the following blank page to do so. All information will be reviewed and considered for incorporation into the County Natural Resource Management Plan. Your name and information will be included in the compilation of this survey only if you choose to record below.

Optional: Name: _____ Affiliation: _____

Natrona County Natural Resource Management Cooperative Planning Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. This survey seeks to identify how federal, state, and local agencies can collectively improve their planning coordination.

Q1 In your opinion, over the next 5 years, what are areas of opportunity for local and federal/state cooperation in resource or land management planning?

Monday, March 9, 2020, 3:59 PM UTC

Wildland fuels reduction projects (forest and shrub land area) on and around Casper, Casper and Muddy Mountain, Alcova areas. Also, maintaining and improving recreational opportunities not only around Casper, Casper Mountain, Muddy Mountain, Alcova and Pathfinder, but other outlying areas as well.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 8:09 PM UTC

Increased cooperation with State/Federal agencies working w/ private landowners for better public access to public lands. Hunting, fishing, and general outdoors enjoyment.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 11:08 PM UTC

The ability to think about cumulative impacts across industry lines will be better enabled through county planning. Oil and gas commenting typically only considers oil and gas issues. The same goes for small mining (e.g., bentonite, gravel quarries), industrial wind and solar. By planning at the county level, there will be more opportunities for co-locating disturbances. Also, there may be opportunities to enhance public access to public lands.

Answered: 3 Unanswered: 0

Q2 In your opinion, how can local planning efforts assist or support federal or state planning efforts?

Monday, March 9, 2020, 3:59 PM UTC

It is very important for local planners to be involved in working with both federal and state agency planning processes. Both federal and state agencies welcome and value local input during the local planning process. With the checker board type ownership it is very important for everyone to work together to reach common goals. Submitted comments during planning and working with local federal and state land managers is very important.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 8:09 PM UTC

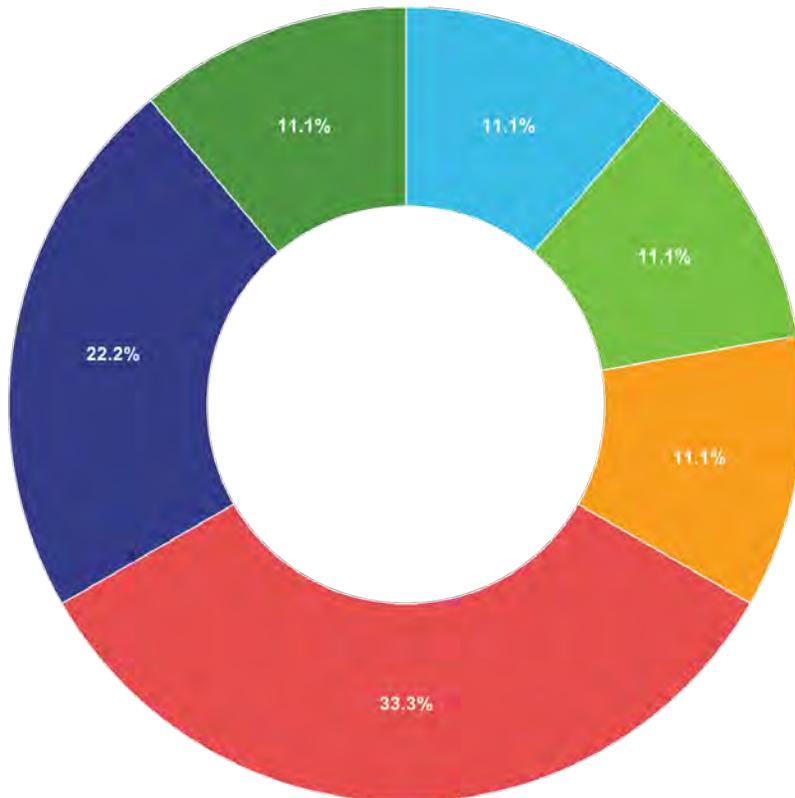
Joint planning boards where all agencies have an equal voice and represent the good of the people but still support landowners. Make sure Developers don't over-develop land and natural resources.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 11:08 PM UTC

By planning at the county level, there will be more opportunities for co-locating disturbances across different industries. In this way, priority wildlife habitats could be better protected, while also better facilitating development in less-valued areas (from a wildlife habitat standpoint).

Answered: 3 Unanswered: 0

Q3 In your opinion, or based on experience, what components of a local plan would be most beneficial for supporting or assisting federal or state planning?



Answered: 3 Unanswered: 0

Choice	Total
 Current socioeconomic data for the county	0
 Historic socioeconomic data for the county	1
 Analysis of socioeconomic trends for the county	1
 Analysis of socioeconomic stability as impacted by specific resources	0
 Specific resource information	1
 Local objectives for management or use of a resource	3
 Priorities for how a county is working towards meeting resource objectives	2
 None of the Above or Unsure	0
 Other	1

Q4 Please explain or expand on Question 3 above.

Monday, March 9, 2020, 3:59 PM UTC

Knowing the counties present and planned resource objectives would be beneficial during the early planning stages for project planning for both federal and state project planning. Knowing the counties priorities for these resource objectives would be invaluable. For instance, funding for planned improvements or projects on state or federal, could possibly be expanded to include work on adjacent county lands, thus possibly offsetting costs for local agencies on planned projects or resource improvements.

Friday, March 6, 2020, 8:09 PM UTC

Make sure local boards have a strong voice in planning and dont get railroaded by State or Federal boards. Use good historical data to anticipate future cycles. Make sure they plans can be supported long term, even in poor economies. Dont over-build and ten not be able to support it.

Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 11:08 PM UTC

Maintaining or enhancing public access to public lands is vital for outdoor recreation and quality of life in Natrona County. There are lots of parcels of public land in Natrona County that are either inaccessible or are very difficult to access. In many instances, public access could be greatly improved by simple road construction, without crossing any deeded lands. In order to meet the needs of developing energy infrastructure and providing jobs within Natrona county, there has been increasing interest in development of natural resources overall. We all acknowledge the needs and reality of natural resource development. However, when development is scattered throughout the county, increasing habitat fragmentation can compromise wildlife habitat functionality while diminishing recreational values. Of particular concern can be developments in otherwise undisturbed habitats. Industrial scale disturbances should be co-located with or adjacent to other disturbances to the extent possible to minimize impacts on wildlife habitats (recognizing private property rights and variable development potentials for different industries).

Answered: 3 Unanswered: 0

I just completed your Online survey and will attempt to answer your four questions as best I can.

1. I am not with a federal agency, but feel the county plan would be a great benefit as reference material for the early stages of their project and plan development process. With more specific input to be solicited during the NEPA planning process.
2. As a local state land manager I would reference the county plan during both short and long range project planning. I already have a very good working relationship with local county managers such as County Fire Warden, Natrona County Fire Protection District, Casper Mountain Fire Department, County Parks and Natrona County Firewise Program and will continue to work them to the best of our ability with present and future planning.
3. The county's planning objectives when it comes to natural resources, recreational and wildfire management/ mitigation would be most beneficial to my agency. Right now and into the near future wildfire mitigation and management is a big priority, with the large Wildland Urban Interface present at the base of and on top of Casper Mountain.
4. Forest management is also a priority to maintain healthy forests not only on Casper Mountain, but in all forested areas in Natrona County. Working closely with County Parks not only to maintain current recreational use and trail systems, but planned future trail expansions onto other adjacent state land areas.

Hope this is what you were looking for, if not let me know.

Thanks,

Questions regarding the Natrona County Development Plan Update for Natural Resource Planning. Please respond to what is applicable:

1) How can this county plan inform Project and Program NEPA?

N/A

2) How can this county plan support State Project and Program planning?

Engage with state agencies early to participate in review of projects. Consider state agency recommendations and guidance during planning processes.

3) What specific county planning data helps with planning? (e.g. socioeconomic data, county goals)

N/A

4) What are your current natural resource priorities? (e.g. wildlife corridors, sage grouse, energy corridors)

- Consider wildlife use of an area when planning developments with increases in human use/activity/structures that pose a risk to wildlife. These include roads, increased traffic, wind turbines, power lines, fences, evaporation ponds, settling ponds, etc.
- Maintain intact native landscapes.
 - Co-locate development to minimize habitat fragmentation. We encourage prioritizing new development near other existing human developments, co-locating linear features like powerlines with other utilities and roads. Upgrade existing roads instead of building new roads, where possible, to minimize new disturbance.
 - Minimize invasion of non-native plant species like cheatgrass, halogeton, medusahead, ventanata, and others through weed management and recover native plants through reclamation practices.
- Species listed as Threatened or Endangered through the ESA.
- Sage-grouse core population areas- maintaining these areas to support sage-grouse habitat and populations in accordance to the Sage-Grouse Executive Order 2019-3.
- Wildlife migration corridors in accordance with the Governor’s Migration Corridor Executive Order 2020-1.
- Big game crucial ranges.
- Species of Greatest Conservation Need – these are designated by the State of Wyoming as species of conservation priority through the Wyoming State Wildlife Action Plan. Species may have individual considerations, although many share similar threats and needs.
- State Habitat Plan priority areas (also called the Strategic Habitat Plan)
- Maintain availability and water quality in naturally occurring sources for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife.
 - Consider chemical applications, run-off, erosion control, stream geomorphology, proximity to water sources, including ephemeral wetlands that provide highly valuable wildlife resources.
- Maintain, and, to the extent possible, increase public access for hunting, fishing, and non-consumptive wildlife use/viewing.