

Land Use

Topic:

Land Use

Goal:

To promote a future for Plumas County citizens in which land use decisions balance social, economic, and natural resource health

Objectives:

- To support the growth of new and existing businesses that are compatible with our rural county culture and environment

Area of Focus:

Countywide

Strategies/Activities:

- Review land use plans at county, state, and federal levels. Update to reflect current industry
 - Concentrate group/commercial and industrial zoning in towns with appropriate infrastructure (consider noise)

Stakeholders:

- Plumas County Planning Department
- Land Use topic group
- CDF
- USFS

Barriers:

- Time and funds

Outcomes:

- No urban sprawl

Strategies/Activities:

- Provide safe and sanitary infrastructure to commercial/industrial zoned properties
 - Roads, power, water, wastewater, telecom, fire plugs
 - Consider noise levels in planning

Stakeholders:

- Public Works
- Plumas County Planning Department
- LAFCO
- Plumas County Environmental Health
- Businesses
- Electric and Utility Districts
- Plumas Corporation
- COF

Resources:

- Money-many opportunities

Barriers:

- Money

Strategies/Activities:

- Provide clear zoning/building rules for home-based businesses
 - Make rules easily accessible
- Conduct a "Buy Local" and Produced Locally' campaign
 - Update product and services analysis
 - Conduct local polls
 - Encourage policies like USFS "Best Buy" rather than lowest bidder

Stakeholders:

- Potential businesses
- Plumas County Planning Department
- Businesses
- Chambers of Commerce

Resources:

- Media

Barriers:

- Time
- Products not available in Plumas County
- Money

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness
 - Increased local purchasing
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Objectives:

To create recreational opportunities for Plumas County citizens and visitors, while protecting the natural and scenic environment

Area of Focus:

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Strategies/Activities:

- Develop master plan for countywide public and private trails for walking, hiking, horse (motorized and non-motorized)

Stakeholders:

- Community trails groups
- County Transportation
- Commission
- USFS

Barriers:

- Time
- Money

Strategies/Activities:

- Set aside land for community parks
 - Consider USFS land exchange
 - Board of Supervisors ruling to require builders to commit to "green Space" in projects

Stakeholders:

- Recreation Districts
- Developers
- USFS
- Plumas County Planning Department

Resources:

- Proposition 40 funds

Strategies/Activities:

- Develop more campgrounds

Stakeholders:

- Public
- Visitors
- Recreation Districts

Resources-

- USFS Capital Improvement funds

Barriers:

- Time
- Money

Strategies/Activities:

- Develop more water recreation projects
 - Example: develop Spanish Creek Harbor for Chester

Stakeholders:

- PG&E

Resources:

- RAC money

Barriers:

- Money

Strategies/Activities:

- Review Land Use Plan for zoning applicable to increased youth and recreation
 - BMX Park
 - Ski facilities-keep operational
 - Skateboard parks

Stakeholders:

- Recreation Topic Group
- Recreation Districts
- Youth Topic Group

Strategies/Activities:

- explore new ideas to attain "best use of land"
 - land swaps (federal to state; federal to private; private to federal)

Stakeholders:

- CDF
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Objectives:

To promote and maintain an environment that enhances and respects the integrity of all natural resources while providing opportunities for forestry, agriculture, mining, and recreation

Area of Focus:

Countywide

Strategies/Activities:

- Identify wildlife corridors

Stakeholders:

- All residents
- Public agencies
- Conservation groups

Resources:

- California Wilderness Coalition

Barriers:

- Lack of understanding

Outcomes:

- Acceptable habitat for all

Strategies/Activities:

- Preserve creeks as greenways to preserve habitat and create trails for walking, hiking, biking
 - Private and federal lands

Stakeholders:

- USFS
- Plumas County
- State of California
- Resource conservation districts

- Private landowners
- Conservation groups

Resources:

- Feather River Land Trust
- California Wilderness Coalition

Strategies/Activities:

- Restore fire resiliency into wild lands
 - Develop and maintain programs to augment fuel breaks
 - Thinning for co-generation
 - Grazing
 - Replanting after fires

Stakeholders:

- All residents
- Mills
- Foresters

Resources:

- CDF
- Plumas National Forest
- Sierra Nevada Framework

Strategies/Activities:

- Maintain existing exotic weed control programs

Stakeholders:

- Agriculture Commission

Resources:

- RAC Title 11

Barriers:

- Money

Strategies/Activities:

- Increase local involvement and influence on resource uses
 - Create Natural Resources Advisory Committee (wide range of interests) to advise Plumas County Planning Department on Zoning Issues
 - Streamline NEPA process
 - Provide landowners who want to keep land open
 - Develop voluntary "working conservation easements" on private lands

Stakeholders:

- Congress
- Local Congress people
- Land Trusts
- Realtors
- Farms Service Agencies (NCRS)
- Feather River Land Trust
- Range land Trust
- CDF

Resources:

- Ag Advisory committee
- RAC
- Snowmobile groups are models
- Land Trusts
- Realtors
- Farms Service Agencies (NCRS)
- CDF

Barriers:

- Congress

Outcomes:

Resources will be used in ways that reflect residents' wishes, not merely special interests

Objectives:

- To institute programs and policies that better integrate the natural environment into public health and safety

Area of Focus:

Countywide

Timeline:

By 2010

Strategies/Activities:

- Expand and update countywide disaster plan
 - Incorporate all capacities of local, state and federal, as well as private citizens
 - Makes more available to public

Stakeholders:

- OES
- Law Enforcement
- All residents
- Fire districts

Barriers:

- Time-consuming

Strategies/Activities:

- Develop Fire Safe Plans in each community and settlement
 - On-going implementation

Stakeholders:

- Fire Safe Councils
- Realtors
- Volunteer Fire Departments
- CDF

Resources:

- USFS
- State money
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private money
- CDF

Strategies/Activities:

- Develop trail networks for each community that promote physical activity (non-motorized)

Stakeholders:

- Trout Unlimited
- American Valley Pathways
- Conservation education groups
- Horse groups

Resources:

- Proposition 40 money
- Plumas County money

Barriers:

- Money

Outcomes:

- More physical activity opportunities
- Increased appreciation of natural resources

Strategies/Activities:

- Reconsider and redefine "high fire risk" areas
 - Increase the standard
 - Require fire-resistant building materials in high risk areas
 - Enforce fuel clearances

Stakeholders:

- Plumas County Board of Supervisors
- Fire Safe Councils
- County Fire Warden
- Plumas County Planning Department
- State of California
- Federal Army Corps of Engineers

Resources:

- CDF

Barriers:

- Current state definitions are too lax

Outcomes:

- Reduced number of single family dwellings in fire prone areas
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Objectives:

To promote awareness of the value and use of natural resources, and the land use planning process

Area of Focus:

Countywide

Strategies/Activities:

Promote "Ag in the Classroom" and other awareness programs for use in county schools, all grade levels

Stakeholders:

- Schools
- Ag Advisory groups
- Ag Commissioner

Resources:

- Existing curriculum

Barriers:

- Time
- Energy

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of value of land use by young people

Strategies/Activities:

- Include information about value of agriculture, forestry, and natural resources in Plumas County Visitors Guide and other publications aimed at visitors

Stakeholders:

- Vision 2020
- Ag Commissioner

Resources:

- Money
- CDF

Outcomes:

- Visitors will have increased knowledge and awareness

Strategies/Activities:

- Create an education piece regarding stewardship of land, benefits of land use programs
 - Media campaign: series of articles to inform community
 - Consider public forums as a means to educate
 - Have all sides represented and explained

Stakeholders:

- Ag Advisory Board
- NRCS
- Quincy Library Group
- Feather Publishing
- Land Trusts
- USFS

Resources:

- CDF

Barriers:

- Time
- Money

Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of issues involved and impact of land use such as Sierra Nevada Framework

Strategies/Activities:

- Make general plan and Federal Land Management Plan more available and understandable to the public
 - Hold land use planning workshops to educate public on how process works and how best to participate
 - Use venues such as Indian Valley Forum and Canyon Community Council for information exchange
 - Develop ways for public to access general plan via county website
 - Provide for public comment on proposed changes via website/chat room, etc.

Stakeholders:

- Plumas County Board of Supervisors
- USFS
- Plumas County Planning Department
- League of Women Voters
- Feather River Land Trust

Resources:

- Planning director and others are skilled communicators
- Existing groups
- County information systems

Barriers:

- Time
- Money

Outcomes:

- More participation
- Decisions will reflect the will of the people

Objectives:

To integrate the Vision 2020 land use goal into all levels of planning, while considering diverse options

Area of Focus:

Countywide

Strategies/Activities:

- Increase participation and decision input by local residents
 - Consider a different system that allows residents to share in land use decision making
 - Consider establishment of a planning commission (representative of all sides, commitment to communicate) or some other vehicle to allow decisions to be made locally
 - Consider regional planning groups throughout the county

- Use internet and citizen advisory committees to improve communication between elected officials, federal, state, and local departments, and residents (feedback loops a must)

Stakeholders:

- Plumas County Board of Supervisors
- CDF

Barriers:

- Legal restrictions on function

Strategies/Activities:

- Maintain agricultural zoned land for agriculture
 - Increase awareness of land conservation
 - Support local Ag Advisory committees

Stakeholders:

- CDF
- Private landowners

Strategies/Activities:

- Develop stable local source of general funding to accomplish county goals

Stakeholders:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State office of Planning and Research • Plumas County Board of Supervisors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political organizations • Electorate |
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Barriers:

- Increased taxes, potentially

Outcomes:

- Secure, stable source of funding to promote vision