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**SUBLETTE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2003 County Plan Update Process**

1. Sublette County’s unique, local culture shall be preserved and enriched - characterized by a rural, Wyoming flavor; a thriving private business community; an atmosphere friendly to working families; and the security of friendly, crime-free communities. (PP4)

**Land Use and Development:**

General Land Use and Development Approach and Philosophy

a. County Policy: Encourage orderly growth and land use development patterns.
d. County Policy: Plan and locate new development carefully to avoid excessive costs in providing public services. (PP 6-7)

**Facilities and Services: Community Services**

a. County Policy: Maintain and encourage high quality general and emergency medical facilities, personnel and services throughout the County.

b. County Policy: Maintain good fire protection service by supporting training programs and recruiting an adequate supply of volunteers.

c. County Policy: Maintain efficient, cost effective law enforcement service that covers the whole County. (PP 10-11)

**County-provided Services**

a. County Policy: Maintain that rural areas/residents of the County should not anticipate “urban type/level” services.

b. County Policy: Include the following public utility/service considerations when reviewing proposed land use and development plans and applications: (1) the proposed development's proximity to available facilities and services; (2) the anticipated demand for County-provided services; and (3) the developer's plans for provision and maintenance of required services. (PP11)

**Water (Culinary, Irrigation and Fire Protection)**

a. County Policy: Require development proposals to demonstrate the availability of an adequate, safe water supply and a safe, reliable method of sewage disposal. In addition, the availability of suitable quality water in sufficient quantity for the proposed land use(s) must be demonstrated before such uses are permitted.

b. County Policy: Require development proposals to identify potential impacts to existing irrigation systems, as relevant.

b. County Policy: Require development proposals to provide a specific water supply for year-round fire suppression purposes. (PP 11)

**Roadway Construction, Maintenance and Improvements**

f. County Policy: Require development proposals for year-round housing to demonstrate adequate primary road construction and maintenance. (PP 13)

**Recreation: General Approach and Philosophy**

c. County Policy: Encourage migratory routes be kept open or established/reestablished where possible, to assist in maintaining game populations.
d. County Policy: Coordinate with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) to preserve the quantity and quality of wildlife and wildlife habitat and provide sustainable hunting and fishing opportunities. (PP13)

j. County Policy: Foster, support and carefully manage recreational uses while respecting the rights of property holders.

k. County Policy: Manage recreational growth in a manner sensitive to and consistent with community values and character of the area.

l. County Policy: Manage recreational vehicles and uses (including off-road and river related) in a manner sensitive to private property rights and the environment. (PP14)

B. LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT - Sublette County Goals and Policies

1. COUNTY GOAL: Encourage orderly growth and land use development patterns which: - provide a compatible/complementary arrangement of various land uses, - promote the efficient and cost-effective delivery of services, - protect sensitive areas and the environment, and - provide for the proper use and conservation of renewable and non-renewable resources.

2. COUNTY GOAL: Maintain County land use plans, policies and regulations designed to protect property values and balance private property rights with the general health, safety and welfare interests of present and future County residents. (PP 21)

General Land Use and Development Approach and Philosophy

a. County Policy: Encourage orderly growth and land use development patterns. (PP21)

d. County Policy: Plan and locate new development carefully to avoid excessive costs in providing public services. (PP22)

Background Information/Data (Land Use) Preserving Private Property Rights

Sublette County recognizes its citizens’ inalienable, natural rights to private property. The people who make up the citizenry of Sublette County are reliant upon the land and its productive uses. Private ownership and the incentive to provide such ownership are the driving forces which support the livelihood, culture, custom and economic stability of Sublette County citizens. (PP25)

D. FACILITIES AND SERVICES - Sublette County Goals and Policies

Community Services

a. County Policy: Maintain and encourage high quality general and emergency medical facilities, personnel and services throughout the County.
b. County Policy: Maintain good fire protection service by supporting training programs and recruiting an adequate supply of volunteers. c. County Policy: Maintain efficient, cost effective law enforcement service that covers the whole County. (PP29)

County-provided Services

a. County Policy: Maintain that rural areas/residents of the County should not anticipate “urban type/level” services.

b. County Policy: Include the following public utility/service considerations when reviewing proposed land use and development plans and applications: (1) the proposed development’s proximity to available facilities and services; (2) the anticipated demand for County-provided services; and (3) the developer’s plans for provision and maintenance of required services. (PP29)

Water (Culinary, Irrigation and Fire Protection)

a. County Policy: Require development proposals to demonstrate the availability of an adequate, safe water supply and a safe, reliable method of sewage disposal. In addition, the availability of suitable quality water in sufficient quantity for the proposed land use(s) must be demonstrated before such uses are permitted.

c. County Policy: Require development proposals to provide a specific water supply for year-round fire suppression purposes. (PP29-30)

Sewer and Solid Waste Disposal

a. County Policy: Require development proposals to demonstrate the availability of adequate and safe sewer and solid waste disposal systems.

b. County Policy: Discourage development on lands that are not suited for on-site absorption systems, unless other acceptable provisions are approved by the County. (PP30)