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Table 1. Property Rights Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
1.01.00	Balancing the integrity of individual property rights while safeguarding public health, safety, and welfare.			
1.01.01	Canyon County will ensure that land-use policies, restrictions, conditions, and fees do not violate private property rights or create unnecessary technical limitations on the use of a property.	On-going	DSD	
1.01.02	The community goal is to acknowledge the responsibilities of each property owner as a steward of the land, to use their property wisely, maintain it in good condition and preserve it for future generations.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.03	No person shall be deprived of private property without due process of law.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.03A	To determine whether property rights are protected, Canyon County will use the evaluation process developed by the Attorney General.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.03B	Canyon County should ask the questions on the checklist to determine potential impact of regulation on property.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.03C	Canyon County will consult with legal counsel if there appears to be a potential adverse impact.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.04	Private property shall not be taken for public use without just compensation.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.05	The objectives provided in this section shall have priority over any other section contained in this Plan in the event of a conflict or contradiction that may result in an unconstitutional taking of private property.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.05A	Develop ordinances that identify or define uses associated with each land-use zone to promote a clear understanding of property rights.	High	DSD	AO
1.01.06	Promote orderly development that benefits the public good and protects the individual with a minimum of conflict.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.07	Property owners shall be responsible for maintaining their property in the best possible condition as circumstances allow.	On-going	Residents	DSD
1.01.07A	Require properties to be in conformance with the zoning code before receiving additional zoning approvals.	High	DSD	AO
1.01.08	Land-use laws and decisions should avoid imposing unnecessary conditions or procedures on development approvals.	On-going	DSD	AO

1.01.09	Property owners shall not use their property in a manner that negatively impacts upon the surrounding neighbors or neighborhoods.	On-going	Residents	DSD
1.01.10	Property owners acknowledge and expect that Canyon County will preserve private property rights and values by enforcing regulations that will ensure against incompatible and detrimental neighboring land-uses.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.10A	Canyon County will take appropriate measures to enforce all nuisance ordinances to protect the quality of life and private property rights.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.10B	Conduct training with County staff to ensure that they properly adhere to and apply provisions of Idaho Code § 67-8003 in land-use planning and development review processes.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.10C	Continue to apply the County's policies and procedures on a case-by-case basis with guidance from the state Attorney General and County legal counsel. Provide such information to community members in response to inquiries or claims.	On-going	DSD	AO
1.01.10D	Review new Comprehensive Plan policies, zoning ordinances and other regulations for consistency with goals and policies in this section of the plan.	Very High	DSD	AO
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Table 2. Population Goals, Policies and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
2.01.00	Incorporate population growth trends & projections when making land use decisions.			
2.01.00A	Maintain up-to-date future land use and zoning maps and participate in COMPASS planning processes to ensure accurate population forecasts.	On-going	DSD	
2.01.00B	Maximize federal and state government funding, grants, and resources with accurate and up-to-date population figures.	Very High		
2.01.01	Plan for anticipated population and households that the community can support with adequate services and amenities.	Very High	DSD	
2.01.01A	Update the County Comprehensive Plan when the Census 2020 data are released.	Very High	DSD	
2.01.01B	Evaluate population forecasts and growth trends annually and update the Comprehensive Plan as needed.	On-going	DSD	
2.01.02	Coordinate with school districts, cities, agencies, and community members to identify proper siting of school facilities for the growing population.	High	DSD	
2.01.02A	Recruit individuals to serve on boards and committees that represent the range of demographics in Canyon County	High	DSD	BOCC
2.01.02B	Create effective strategies for engaging the Hispanic community in On-going planning efforts.	High	DSD	BOCC, PZ
2.01.02C	Appoint a youth county commission member or form a council/task force to engage young people in local government and land use planning.	Medium	DSD	BOCC, PZ
2.01.02D	Identify other key demographic groups present within the County and develop successful engagement strategies.	Medium	DSD	BOCC, PZ
2.01.02E	Review and develop new diversity and inclusion practices with county policies.	Medium	BOCC	AO

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Table 3. Economic Development Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
3.01.00	Promote a healthy and sustainable regional economy by retaining, expanding, and recruiting businesses to favorable locations.			
3.01.01	Direct business development to parcels and areas of the county that can provide necessary services and infrastructure	Very High	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.01.02	Discourage commercial strip development, which draws business, activity, and vibrancy out of downtowns.	High	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.01.02A	Update the zoning ordinance and land use matrix to include new and emerging business types and contemporary names.	Very High	DSD	AO, BOCC, PZ
3.01.02B	Distribute information to businesses on the appropriate locations for them to operate through the designations on the future land use map and zoning map.	Very High	DSD	
3.01.02C	Require pre-application meetings between businesses and DSD to outline requirements and permitting in the early stages of development.	On-going	DSD	
3.01.02D	Create a consolidated pre-application meeting process that includes relevant agencies for efficiency and productivity.	High	DSD	
3.01.03	Direct commercial development in a controlled, planned, and constructive manner, which will enhance the current lifestyle and environmental beauty of Canyon County.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.01.03A	Identify and promote suitable sites for economic growth and expansion that are compatible with the surrounding area.	On-going	DSD	
3.01.04	Direct agricultural, industrial, and distribution/warehouse development to locate within Areas of City Impact and/or designated industrial areas within the County.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.01.05	Meet with businesses to discuss options to provide employee housing for lower wage earners.	On-going	DSD	
3.01.05A	Develop an Economic Development Division of Development Services	Very High	DSD	BOCC
3.01.05B	Develop an economic development strategic plan.	Very High	DSD	BOCC
3.01.06	Direct business development to identified areas such as opportunity zones, foreign trade zones, and urban renewal districts where business development is strongly desired and financial incentives are offered.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.02.00	Coordinate and collaborate with public and private entities on Economic Development Strategies.			

3.02.00A	Coordinate county-wide economic development strategies with cities and business organizations.	On-going	DSD	
3.02.00B	Provide economic development services to the small cities through the rural planning program.	Very High	DSD	
3.02.00C	Participate in local, regional, and state economic development planning efforts.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.02.00D	Participate and support multi-municipal strategies for business attraction, tourism, and developing shovel-ready development sites.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.02.01	Obtain grants that improve communities in Canyon County in the recruitment and retention of businesses.	Very High	DSD	
3.02.01A	Regularly meet with business and industry groups on planning processes and zoning ordinance amendments that directly affect them.	On-going	DSD	
3.03.00	Plan the development and evolution of wineries in the SunnySlope area as Idaho's premier wine region.			
3.03.00A	Create a winery overlay district to promote a blend of commercial, residential, and agricultural uses that support the wine business and promote the region.	Very High	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.03.00B	Update the zoning ordinance to facilitate winery development and accessory uses.	Very High	DSD	BOCC, PZ, AO
3.03.00C	Lead the coordination with wine industry partners on regulatory changes to the wine region.	On-going	DSD	
3.04.00	Develop and work with organizations on improving tourism in the County.			
3.04.01	Allow agri-tourism uses to create clusters and locate in existing clusters such as the Sunny Slope Wine Region and along the Snake River Scenic By-Way.	On-going	DSD	
3.04.01A	Update the zoning ordinance to clarify the different agri-tourism uses allowed, scale, and development standards.	Very High	DSD	BOCC, PZ, AO
3.04.02	Develop a county-wide collaborative tourism marketing campaign for agri-tourism, recreation, and heritage tourism.	Medium	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.04.03	Direct commercial tourism support services to locate within cities such lodging, retail, restaurants, and non or indirect-agricultural-related activities.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.04.04	Coordinate with cities to include tourism as part of their downtown revitalization strategies.	Medium	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.05.00	Increase agricultural-based businesses.			
3.05.01	Build Canyon County as the premier location for agricultural-based businesses of all sizes.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.05.02	Restrict business development in agricultural zones that is not directly related to agriculture.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
3.05.03	Allow shared facilities that support ag-business, such as co-ops, custom crush, ag-incubators, farmworker housing, and other facilities as identified.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ

3.05.03A	Convene stakeholders to identify locations and strategies to build farmworker housing.	Medium	DSD	
3.06.00	Restrict incompatible development near existing agricultural businesses that would cause the operator undue hardship through complaints, traffic, or other complications.			
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Table 4. Land Use & Community Design Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
4.01.00	Initiate zoning text amendments and update the future land use map accordingly to address new land uses.			
4.01.00A	Revise county codes to address the comprehensive plan land use directives regarding future land uses. Amend the codes accordingly.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.01.00B	Develop and adopt design standards to address incompatible uses and encourage sustainable growth.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.01.00C	Coordinate land-use planning with adjoining counties, cities, and other agencies and groups.	On-going	DSD	
4.02.00	Develop land in a well-organized and orderly development pattern, avoiding haphazard growth, protecting public health and safety, and a vibrant economy through sustainable land use planning.			
4.02.00A	Participate in countywide, regional, and other multi-agency planning efforts related to agriculture, water supply, tourism, open space, air quality, housing, recreation, conservation, energy, and emergency preparedness and flood protections to ensure that the needs of the County's residents and businesses are not overlooked.	On-going	DSD	
4.02.01	Designate a supply of developable industrial, commercial, and residential land while protecting and conserving natural resources.	On-going	DSD	
4.02.02	Restrict development in sensitive, scenic, environmental, and agricultural areas to create an atmosphere that promotes a high quality of life.	On-going	DSD	
4.02.02A	Develop and adopt ordinances that limit densities in hazard-prone, rural, natural, and sensitive areas.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.02.02B	Develop and adopt design standards and use appropriate techniques to mitigate incompatible land uses and hazards. Examples include buffers, transitional zoning, and open space.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.02.02C	Review all residential, commercial, and industrial development proposals to determine the land use compatibility and impact on surrounding areas.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.02.03	Require the development of individual parcels and subdivisions to be orderly and does not fragment existing land use patterns, and require development agreements when appropriate.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.03.00	Retain commercial and industrial development to encourage job growth and expand the tax base.			

4.03.01	Identify areas where adequate services and compatible uses exist for commercial and industrial development.	On-going	DSD	
4.03.01A	Update County zoning regulations for commercial and industrial land uses to ensure consistency with updated Comprehensive Plan goals and policies; define allowable commercial uses in rural areas as part of this process.	Medium	DSD	AO
4.03.02	Encourage infill development of vacant lots within identified commercial and industrial zones.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.03.02A	Restrict industrial development to areas that minimize adverse impacts on adjacent non-industrial land uses.	On-going	DSD	
4.03.03	Maintain a supply of industrial land with the objective of attracting a variety of manufacturing and agricultural support uses.	On-going	DSD	
4.04.00	Concentrate future growth in and around existing communities while preserving and enhancing the County's agricultural and rural character.			
4.04.01	Concentrate future development within area of city impact boundaries that provide services as opposed to other rural and remote areas that lack public services and amenities or are not connected to an existing community.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.04.01A	Evaluate and update Area of Impact Agreements with the cities as required by State Statute	On-going	DSD	AO
4.04.01B	Coordinate County and city planning through collaborative planning processes, mutual agreements, and updated impact area agreements	On-going	DSD	AO
4.04.01C	Expand or reduce areas of city impact according to each city's trade area, geographic factors, water and sewer service areas, and areas that can reasonably be expected to be annexed to the city in the future. Idaho Code § 67-6526(b).	Very High	DSD	AO
4.04.02	Align planning efforts in areas of city impact			
4.04.02A	Align zoning districts with communities, corridors, and landscapes to achieve consistency in the pattern of development while protecting natural resources and farmland.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.04.03	Make land use decisions that promote compact communities in areas of city impact by filling in vacant and underutilized land gaps between already developed areas before growing outward.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.04.04	Prohibit freestanding subdivision and large-scale commercial developments that are isolated from existing communities and are outside of city service areas.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.04.05	Direct land adjacent to city limits to annex instead of developing inconsistently within the County	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ

4.04.06	Locate residences away from areas of excessive noise, smoke, or dust, especially in areas adjoining freeways or industrial uses, and ensure that adequate provisions including a buffer or transitional use are made to ensure the health and well-being of existing and future residents.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.04.06A	Develop and adopt standards that require buffers between residential and industrial uses, residential and agricultural uses.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.05.00	Maintain agriculture as the principal land use in the County and ensure land use and planning decisions support a robust agricultural economy.			
4.05.01	Conserve and protect agricultural land through various strategies, including general planning, zoning, taxation, and easements.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.05.01A	Establish preservation standards and incentives that protect the long-term use of land with agricultural soils, used for existing agricultural operations, and designated for rural use. Ensure that proposed changes to zoning ordinances are not in conflict with the policies of the adopted Comprehensive Plan.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.05.01B	Lead meetings with agency and non-profit partners to promote agriculture and natural resources best management practices.	On-going	DSD	
4.05.01C	Review all development proposals to determine the impacts it will have to surface and groundwater quantity and quality.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.05.02	Ensure that future development and land use decisions protect the integrity of agriculture and do not create a hardship for the County's farmers	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.05.03	Ensure that lands presently in agricultural uses that do not adjoin existing communities continue to be designated for agricultural uses and are protected through the County's land use regulations.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.05.04	Only permit development on agricultural land that will not interfere with viable agricultural operations on adjacent parcels.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.05.05	Residential uses on agricultural parcels shall be planned and placed to limit interference with agricultural operations, including clustering of residences and other structures, placement near existing utilities and infrastructure, and placement to minimize conflicts with allowed agricultural uses on the proposed site as adjacent lands.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.06.00	Maintain land use proposals that are consistent with the community design goals and policies within the County.			

4.06.01	Ensure that all planning, zoning, and land use decisions balance the community's interests by protecting private property rights for current citizens and future generations.			
4.06.01A	Enact land use ordinances, policies, and fees, and make decisions, including land use restrictions and conditions of approval that do not violate private property rights.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.06.01B	Conduct regular training with the Board of County Commissioners, Planning & Zoning Commission, and County staff to ensure that the Local Land Use Planning Act is correctly applied in land use planning and development review processes.	High	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.06.01C	Regularly review policies and other county regulations for consistency with State Statute.	On-going	DSD	AO
4.07.00	Require community design that relates to the community's visual appearance and the development's physical relationship to the natural environment within the County.			
4.07.01	Incorporate community design features that promote the health, safety, and welfare of the Citizens of the County	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.07.02	The development design shall accommodate topography and promote conservation of agricultural land.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.07.03	Development shall sustainably address roads, lighting, drainage, stormwater runoff, landscaping, re-vegetation of disturbed areas, underground utilities, and weed control.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.07.04A	Develop design standards for new development that promote conservation of agricultural land and address concerns about infrastructure and protection of natural resources.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.08.00	Protect rural qualities that make the County distinct and conserve and enhance the elements contributing to a good quality of life.			
4.08.01	Plan land uses within communities so that more intense land uses with higher development densities and community-oriented services, retail, and employment uses are located within area of city impact boundaries, transitioning to less intense land uses around community edges	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.08.01A	Develop design standards that foster livability, creativity, and excellence that support community health and safety.	Very High	DSD	AO
4.09.00	Maintain and enhance the aesthetic beauty of the County.			

4.09.01	Preserve and enhance the rural landscape as an important scenic feature of the County.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
4.09.01A	Establish design standards, including community-specific policies, to encourage visually attractive development and lessen the visual impact of existing non-conforming uses.	Very High	DSD	AO
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Table 5. Natural Resources and Hazards Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
5.01.00	Preserve, protect, enhance, and steward natural resources.			
5.01.01	Protect and enhance waterways, groundwater, wetlands, wildlife habitat, air, soils, and other natural resources.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.01A	Update County zoning ordinance requirements, as needed, to ensure consistency with policies in this Plan, including construction, stormwater, and floodplain management, to satisfy County requirements under the Clean Water Act, FEMA, and the National Flood Insurance program.	Very High	DSD	AO
5.01.02	Incorporate existing waterways as amenities in development design.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
5.01.03	Require the protection of groundwater and surface water quality and quantity in land use.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
5.01.03A	Coordinate with water supply providers to ensure policies align for successful water management.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.03B	Evaluate and inform driving forces (i.e. drought, development etc.) for water infrastructure needs.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.03C	Develop guidelines and mitigations for adverse impacts to water resources.	High	DSD	AO
5.01.03D	Work with irrigation districts, landowners, and other agencies to identify opportunities to improve irrigation practices and provide education to promote water conservation.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.03E	Work with irrigation districts to identify where irrigation water is available for preserving agricultural land.	High	DSD	
5.01.03F	Consider enacting "water offset" and/or natural treatment systems such as constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment policies and regulations for new developments to reduce water use.	High	DSD	
5.01.03G	Require subdivisions over 15 lots to install community water systems.	High	DSD	
5.01.04	Protect the areas where crucial aquifers are replenished and restrict new development in flood-prone areas.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
5.01.04A	Develop a wellhead area protection ordinance to safeguard aquifer recharge areas and groundwater supplies where relevant. Explore an overlay option.	High	DSD	AO
5.01.04B	Identify opportunities for parks, recreation facilities, greenways, and open space in flood zone areas and near neighborhoods to prevent flooding.	On-going	DSD	PR
5.01.04C	Identify, adopt and implement best management practices for groundwater protection.	High	DSD	

5.01.05	Educate the general public and farmers on the protection of water quality.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.05A	Work with agencies and organizations to identify, adopt, and implement best management practices to control erosion and protect water quality.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.06	Require future development to install mitigation measures to reduce water usage	On-going	DSD	
5.01.06A	Develop design standards to require future developments to install xeriscaping throughout the development to minimize water usage and lower the maintenance cost of homes and property owners.	High	DSD	AO
5.01.07	Protect and restore natural areas that support water supply sources, including ground and surface waters.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.07A	Provide information and education on groundwater protection, pollutant source controls, and wellhead protection through: private well testing, fertilizer handling, livestock waste management, and soil nutrient testing.	High	DSD	
5.01.08	Protect and preserve species of fish, wildlife, and plant habitat areas.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
5.01.08A	Develop zoning and other strategies to minimize adverse impacts of development on habitat areas.	High	DSD	AO
5.01.08B	Identify and map critical wildlife habitat areas and minimize development encroachment and fragmentation. Maintain large contiguous areas of open space rather than fragmented parcels when possible.	High	DSD	
5.01.08C	Identify and adopt measures to permanently protect open space or maintain low densities. Options include purchasing development rights, conservation easements, or other tools, including cluster conservation or open space subdivisions, additional hillside regulations, and protection of habitat and environmentally sensitive areas	High	DSD	
5.01.09	Protect wildlife corridors that can be incorporated into habitat protection plans as linkages to larger blocks of land; this would include riparian corridors and other greenways.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.09A	Establish buffers and development standards for development adjacent to Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge and other natural areas	Medium	DSD	
5.01.09B	Require the preparation of wildlife protection and mitigation plans for significant developments in areas near natural resources.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.09C	Coordinate with other agencies when endangered species have been identified for local habitat protection efforts.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.09D	Work with other agencies to develop and implement strategies to preserve wildlife habitats.	On-going	DSD	

5.01.09E	Work with Canyon County Department of Noxious Weeds to prevent, eradicate, and manage noxious weeds.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.09F	Educate property owners about their responsibility in controlling noxious weeds and services provided by Canyon County to aid in noxious weed abatement.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.09G	Work with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDF&G) to map important fish and wildlife habitats in sufficient detail to assess impacts during the development review and permitting process. Alternatively, require development applicants to map such habitat based on consultation with IDF&G prior to the development review and permitting process.	On-going	DSD	
5.01.10	Protect rare vegetative features and steer development toward more "common" areas.			
5.02.00	Improve air quality and reduce air pollution.			
5.02.01	Create policies to maintain a high level of air quality.	Medium	DSD	AO
5.03.00	Sustain and enhance, when appropriate, Canyon County's mineral resource industries, support the conservation of productive mineral lands and discourage incompatible uses upon or adjacent to these lands.			
5.03.00A	Continue to map locations of mineral operations such as sand and gravel.	On-going	DSD	
5.03.01	Conserve for mineral extraction designated mineral resource lands of long-term commercial significance.			
5.03.02	Support the use of new technology and innovative techniques for extraction, processing, recycling, and reclamation. Support recycling of concrete and other aggregate materials.			
5.03.03	Sand and gravel mining operations should be located to avoid potential adverse impacts to the river channel.			
5.03.04	Ensure that mineral extraction industries do not adversely affect the quality of life in Canyon County by establishing policies while recognizing the rights of all property owners.			
5.03.04A	Require sand and gravel extraction and associated uses to mitigate adverse impacts on surrounding land uses and natural resources.	On-going	DSD	
5.03.04B	Require a copy of the reclamation plan that will be approved or submitted for approval to state and federal agencies having jurisdiction over reclamation of the site as a condition of any permits granted for both new and expanded extraction operations.	On-going	DSD	

5.03.04C	Pit design (high groundwater areas). Development of mineral extraction sites in areas of high groundwater (where the pit would contain water to within six feet (6') of the surface year-round) should: a. Be designed to create fish and wildlife habitat and enhance their values, including gradual sloping of the sides for the first 10 to 30 feet to improve aquatic habitat. b. Pit design should create a meandering edge and consider future use(s) of the property.	On-going	DSD	
5.03.04D	Pit design (areas lacking year-round water). Development of mineral extraction sites in areas lacking year-round water should: a. Include a re-vegetation plan as part of the overall reclamation plan to blend the site back into the surrounding environment., b. Include consideration for future use(s) in the pit design, whether for development or open space use. c. Include a phasing plan with the reclamation of the currently completed phase occurring concurrently with the start of the next phase. Phasing plans should include manageable units to provide quicker reclamation or peripheral buffering that shield the view of major extraction sites if long-term reclamation is considered a more appropriate alternative. d. Include plans to manage any water remaining in pits to protect water quality.	On-going	DSD	
5.03.04E	Require a flood mitigation plan for any gravel extraction within a designated floodplain and where the depth of excavation falls below the lowest point in the adjacent channel. a. The mitigation plan should address the routing of flood flows and access to riverbanks for routine maintenance during and after operations. b. The mitigation plan also should ensure that the integrity of the pit is maintained after extraction is complete. c. The mitigation plan should apply to all future gravel extraction operations on the subject property, regardless of a change in ownership.	On-going	DSD	
5.04.00	Protect and improve soil health to sustain and promote plant, animal, and human health.			
5.04.00A	Establish a method to track development on best-suited and moderately-suited lands.	High	DSD	
5.04.00B	Develop incentives to protect the long-term use of land with prime agricultural soils, used for existing agricultural operations, and designated for agricultural use.	High	DSD	
5.04.00C	Develop and implement a Land Evaluation and Site Assessment requirement for land use projects such as rezones, comprehensive plan amendments, non-viable land divisions, subdivisions, and transfer of development rights.	Very High	DSD	

5.04.00C	Collaborate with Canyon Soil Conservation District, United States Department of Agriculture, and other agencies to identify ways to promote and protect soil health in the County.	On-going	DSD	
5.04.01	Reduce and prevent erosion.			
5.04.01A	Protect steep slopes and erosive soils from development. Require adequate on-site mapping of slopes, alluvial fans, and other erosion and debris flow hazard areas in development submittals.	On-going	DSD	
5.04.01B	Identify methods to require cover crops to protect soils on vacant lands to prevent erosion losses and enhance fertility and soil structure.	High	DSD	
5.04.01C	Update County zoning ordinance requirements to ensure consistency with policies in this plan related to erosion, stormwater runoff and impacts on water quality. Adopt "Best Management Practices" to control erosion and protect water quality.	Very High	DSD	
5.05.00	Protect the health, safety, and welfare of Canyon County inhabitants by reducing the risk and effects of natural and technological hazards.			
5.05.01	Protect human life and property and reduce public and private expenditures resulting from natural and man-made disasters.			
5.05.01A	Work with Emergency Management on the implementation of the All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.	On-going	DSD	
5.05.01B	Map environmental and man-made hazards for residents and developers to understand overlapping risks	On-going	DSD	
5.05.02	Restrict development in hazardous areas or require site planning or construction techniques to mitigate the hazard.			
5.05.02A	Amend as necessary, development standards designed to protect existing hazardous areas.	On-going	DSD	
5.05.03	Minimize the degree of risk to life and property from wildfire.			
5.05.03A	Adopt fire safety standards for new construction and access in WUI lands, where fire protection is inadequate or unavailable, to reduce the threat of loss of life and property from wildfire hazards.	High	DSD	
5.05.03B	Ensure that appropriate measures are used to minimize loss of life and property in rural developments.	On-going	DSD	
5.05.03C	Require development abutting rangelands such as BLM land and farmland to meet wildland-urban interface standards to protect development from rangeland fire hazards.	On-going	DSD	

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Table 6. Public Services, Facilities, Utilities & Schools Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
6.01.00	Endeavor to continue providing public services, facilities & utilities that are reliable and support existing developed areas and future growth.	On-going	DSD/All Providers	
6.01.00A	Develop a process to improve coordination with providers in identifying long-term service and facility needs.	High	DSD	
6.01.00B	Evaluate and improve the delivery of the public services.	On-going	DSD/All Providers	
6.01.00C	Develop procedures and requirements that can be used to assess the impact of proposed developments on the water supply of adjacent landowners or residents.	Very High	DSD	IDWR
6.01.01	Encourage the extension of sewer infrastructure and wastewater treatment in areas of city impact.	High	DSD	
6.01.02	Encourage annexations within city impact areas where municipal services can be provided.	On-going	DSD	
6.01.03	Restrict residential development in area of city impact which is not connected to central sewer to dedicate easements for the future construction of trunk lines shown on regional sewer plans.	On-going	DSD?	
6.01.03A	Coordinate with providers to develop plans for energy services and public utility facilities for the long-term energy needs of Canyon County.	High	DSD	P
6.01.04	Require new development to retain stormwater onsite.	High	DSD	DEQ
6.01.04A	Develop design standards for new development to retain stormwater onsite.	High	DSD	
6.01.05	Require co-location and joint use of utility corridors and facilities.	Medium	DSD	
6.01.05A	Work with service providers to designate locations of future utility corridors.	Medium	DSD	
6.01.05B	Develop a Future Acquisitions Map for inclusion into the Comprehensive Plan that identifies existing and future utility facilities and corridors.	Medium	DSD/GIS	
6.02.00	Create environmentally conscious communities.	High	DSD	
6.02.01	Educate residents on recycling opportunities.	High	DSD/SW	DEQ/SWDH
6.02.01A	Enact recycling incentives and promote recycling of construction debris.	High	DSD/SW	DEQ/SWDH
6.02.02	Encourage conservation of energy through the support of public education, incentives, and other tools that encourage conservation.	High	DSD	P
6.02.02A	Prepare and distribute informational materials that promote energy conservation.	High	DSD	P

6.02.02B	Adopt and implement guidelines and standards for energy conservation practices within County facilities.	High	DSD	P
6.02.02C	Identify incentives for energy-efficient design in private development and construction.	High	DSD	
6.03.00	Ensure adequate school facilities and services meet the community's educational, social, and recreational needs.	Very High	DSD	SD
6.03.01	Encourage school districts to consult Canyon County Development Services regarding acquisitions of land for future school sites.	High	DSD	SD
6.03.02	Work with school districts, cities, and agencies on the siting of schools to ensure they are accessible and compatible with surrounding areas.	High	DSD	SD
6.03.02A	Continue providing information regarding land development proposals with all affected school districts.	On-going	DSD	
6.03.02B	Traffic control devices, such as pedestrian crosswalks or traffic signals, shall be installed when a new school is built.	High	DSD	SD
6.03.03	School districts should be given the opportunity to participate in pre-application processes and planning.	On-going	DSD	SD
6.03.03A	Provide ongoing opportunities for school representatives of Canyon County School Districts to participate in the community planning process.	On-going		
6.03.03B	Coordinate County, City and School District efforts to identify and designate future school sites and associated open space or recreational facilities.	Medium		
6.03.04	Support construction of multi-use facilities that both schools and the community can use.	Medium	DSD	
6.03.05	Strongly discourage schools from locating along an arterial highway or a local street.	Medium	DSD	
6.03.06	Large residential developments should be encouraged to work with the affected school district to provide land for or funding toward the purchases of land for school site(s), in correlation to the development's demand.	High	DSD	
6.03.06A	Develop a pre-application requirement for large residential developments to meet with the affected school district to see what demands the development will have on the schools in that district and have the school district make recommendations to alleviate those demands.	High	DSD	
6.04.00	Strive for better connectivity, safer access, and pedestrian-friendly transportation options to schools.	On-going	DSD/SD	
6.04.01	New development adjacent to existing or planned schools should provide for adequate pedestrian and bicycle access for school children along both internal and connecting roads and pathways.	On-going		

6.04.01A	Develop design standards for new development adjacent to school properties to provide a dedicated paved public access for pedestrian travel to existing and/or planned school site.	Very High	DSD	
6.04.01B	Develop design standards for major pathways in all residential subdivisions as part of the landscaping.	Very High	DSD	
6.04.01C	Develop design standards for safe and accessible bus stops within new residential developments with adequate lighting, pathways, and signage.	Very High	DSD	
6.04.01D	Develop a trail system with linkages between parks, schools, and residential neighborhoods.	Very High	DSD	
6.04.02	Encourage the placement of new school facilities in areas that can support all modes of transportation and maintain the function of classified streets.	On-going	DSD	
6.04.03	Work with highway districts to restrict school bus stops along an arterial highway or a local street.	On-going	DSD	Student Transportation Division
6.05.00	Support serving jurisdictions development of capital improvement plans and adoption of impact fees to pay for the increase in service and infrastructure caused by growth.			
6.05.00A	Continue to adopt & amend jurisdictions' capital improvement plans and impact fees as developed.	On-going	DSD	
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Table 7. Transportation Goals, Policies and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
7.01.00	Actively participate in regional collaboration and coordination.			
7.01.01	Integrate transportation and land use planning.			
7.01.01A	Coordinate land use and transportation planning so that urban development is located in urban areas and near appropriate transportation corridors and services.	On-going	DSD	
7.02.00	Work closely and proactively with the communities within the County and other local, regional, and state agencies to develop sustainable land use and transportation system.			
7.02.01	Facilitate project collaboration and promote efforts to coordinate the design and implementation of local and regional projects.			
7.02.01A	Initiate activities that bring together different communities, agencies, and other stakeholders to develop creative ways to meet County goals and those of others.	On-going	DSD	
7.02.01B	Protect and preserve city street extensions/corridors into areas of impact.	Ongoing	DSD	Cities
7.02.02	Assist highway partners in managing access to the transportation network.			
7.02.02A	Consider an access management program that systematically manages the number, location, spacing, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, and road connections to ensure all road users' safety and mobility and minimize environmental impacts.	Medium	DSD	
7.02.02B	Coordinate with and assist Canyon County Highway Districts, the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), Valley Regional Transit (VRT), and the Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) in developing and managing a well-planned, sustainable, multi-modal transportation system that provides for the safe, efficient, cost-effective movement of people and goods and that supports the region's residential, commercial, industrial, and public development vision.	On-going	DSD	
7.02.03	Support intergovernmental and land development agreements that define the responsibilities of the developer and the community regarding any required improvements and ongoing maintenance to roadways and funding of such improvements			

7.03.00	Provide safe and environmentally compatible transportation improvements.			
7.03.01	Require all transportation improvements to uphold the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.			
7.03.02	Connect communities by focusing County services and resources on enabling seamless multi-modal travel between urban and rural areas within the County and region.			
7.03.03	Work in cooperation with highway partners to minimize and mitigate impacts...Ensure that transportation system facilities and access improvements, which may include sections on public and/or private lands, are designed, constructed, and maintained to minimize impacts to the natural environment, including scenic views and rural character, and to the surrounding community. All improvements should reasonably mitigate the adverse impacts resulting from them.			
7.03.03A	Ensure that transportation system facilities and access improvements, including sections on public and/or private lands, are designed, constructed, and maintained to minimize impacts to the natural environment, including scenic views and rural character, and the surrounding community. All improvements should reasonably mitigate the adverse effects resulting from them.	On-going	DSD	
7.03.03B	Continue to actively participate in implementing policies, goals, and objectives of the Communities in Motion regional transportation plan and land use vision where appropriate and not in direct conflict with other county objectives.	On-going	DSD	
7.03.04	Work in cooperation with highway partners to prohibit improvements with unacceptable impacts.			
7.03.04A	After considering reasonable mitigation, transportation system facilities and access improvements may be prohibited. This may include improvements on public and/or private lands that cause unacceptable impacts on the natural environment, including scenic views and rural character, or to the surrounding community; that unreasonably compromise public safety or emergency response, or facilitate development incompatible with the goals of the Plan.	On-going	DSD	
7.04.00	Support efforts in managing access and design of transportation networks in order to effectively maintain the safe and functional integrity of roads and bridges within Canyon County.			
7.04.01	Assist in managing rural roads to preserve rural character.			

7.04.02	Explore reasonable means to retain necessary existing, unimproved or unmaintained public roads in a relatively undeveloped state to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prevent the over-intensive use of sensitive or remote lands • preserve the County's valued rural character • minimize adverse scenic and environmental impacts • avoid inappropriate and costly road maintenance activities in environmentally fragile areas • discourage development in natural hazard areas or other dangerous locations where unsafe conditions may be exacerbated or emergency services are not practically or safely available. 			
7.04.03	Promote public safety through safe design.			
7.04.03A	Promote the safety of transportation system users and the public as a core parameter when designing, constructing, or approving transportation facilities. Coordinate with local fire districts, emergency responders, and other agencies to implement appropriate transportation public safety measures.	On-going	DSD	
7.04.03B	Require all new developments to be accessible and regularly maintain roads for fire protection and emergency service purposes.	On-going	DSD	
7.04.04	Support the use of the existing road network to the greatest extent possible before creating additional roads to accommodate future development, minimize land disturbance and efficiently use tax dollars.			
7.04.04A	Update the County's subdivision code or other regulations, as needed, to improve safety and calm traffic on local streets as part of the development review and permitting process.	High	DSD	
7.04.04B	Require new developments to provide stub streets that will connect to future developments on adjacent lands wherever possible in accordance with highway district standards and require appropriate signage.	High	DSD	
7.05.00	Enhance multi-modal opportunities for local and regional travel for Canyon County citizens and visitors.			
7.05.01	Develop more multi-use trails to connect to regional trails.			
7.05.02	Support alternative modes of travel.			
7.05.02A	Work with transportation agencies to develop alternative modes of travel for Canyon County residents, particularly for people with limited access to the automobile system, such as the elderly and disabled, and children.	On-going	DSD	

7.05.02B	Plan for and design well-connected street and bike/pedestrian pathway systems to preserve transportation corridors, future transit routes, road extensions and facilitate access management plans.	On-going	DSD	
7.05.02C	Coordinate with VRT, highway districts, ITD, and COMPASS to ensure that sidewalks and other needed pedestrian facilities are available within a ¼ mile radius of the designated transit routes and corridors where appropriate	On-going	DSD	
7.05.02D	Work with highway districts to update their street and signage standards, as needed. Ensure that sidewalks, crosswalks, signage, and other traffic control measures are installed along routes schools; new development near schools should provide these features as a condition of approval and existing neighborhoods should retrofit as funding becomes available or as land uses are redeveloped.	On-going	DSD	
7.05.03	Support programs that provide for the transportation needs of the elderly and persons with disabilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.			

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Table 8. Recreation Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
08.01.00	Expand and enhance the connectivity of trails and pathways systems within Canyon County.			
08.01.00A	Participate in the Canyon County Parks and Recreation Master Plan	Very High	PR	DSD, BOCC
08.01.00B	Make unincorporated canyon county one recreation district for expanded funding and include recreation impact fees.	Medium	PR	DSD, BOCC, AO
08.01.00C	Assist parks in developing a property acquisition program.	Medium	PR	DSD, AO
08.01.01	Support city recreation plans where they propose facilities in unincorporated Canyon County.	On-going	DSD	
08.01.02	Work with other recreation providers and groups to support and implement improved and expanded recreational facilities at county-owned and/or managed parks.	On-going	DSD	PR, BOCC
08.01.03	Implement corridor preservation, acquisition, and pathway construction along the Boise River to continue the extension of the greenbelt system from Lucky Peak Dam to Fort Boise Wildlife Management Area.	On-going	DSD	PR, BOCC
08.01.03A	Develop pathways along irrigation ditches and canals where access provides obvious connections between neighborhoods, natural features, and other amenities.	Medium	DSD	PR, BOCC
08.01.03B	Develop partnerships with irrigation districts to consider pathways on some waterways.	Medium	DSD	PR, BOCC
08.01.04	Preserve existing public rights-of-way and other easements for future pathways and accessways, particularly along powerline and utility corridors, railway corridors, and waterway or irrigation corridors.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.01.04A	Lead corridor preservation and pathway development along the Snake River.	High	PR	BOCC
08.01.05	Require developers to provide connecting easements and construct pathways where routes have been proposed in a planning document.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.01.06	Require developers to provide pathway easements and connections within ½ mile of existing and proposed schools.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.01.06A	Amend subdivision ordinance to require a park/pathway/open spaces if over so many lots.	Very High	DSD	PZ, BOCC, AO
08.01.06B	Require subdivisions within 1/2 mile of existing or planned schools to provide an access easement for walkways/pathways to reach school, require connection to any current or proposed path, irrigation road, or other walkway feature.	Very High	DSD	PZ, BOCC, AO

08.01.07	Design trails for specific user groups (i.e., hiking, mountain biking, & equestrian, and ATV/UTV/dirt bike) to reduce conflicts and enhance the trail experience.	On-going	DSD	PR
08.01.08	Allow the development of equestrian trails in private development projects and on public lands and along the Snake River.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.01.09	Equestrian trail development should refer to the Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads and Campgrounds when designing and constructing trails and facilities.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.01.10	Trailhead parking lots must be large and open enough to accommodate RV's, and truck and trailer combinations such as horse trailers and be separated from passenger vehicle parking.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.01.11	Coordinate with federal and state management agencies with a presence in Canyon County, and participate in those agencies' recreation and land use planning processes.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.01.11A	Support public and private development of tent and RV campgrounds adjacent to public lands, trail systems, and other natural features.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.01.11B	Support and coordinate with other entities on "recreate responsibility" programs to educate residents on environmental protection, stewardship, and outdoor ethics.	On-going	PR	PZ, BOCC, DSD
08.01.12	Support a progression of pathway development from corridor preservation, easement agreements, gravel and dirt surfacing to paved pathways.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.00	Expand outdoor recreation offerings and access in Canyon County, particularly water-based recreation.			
08.02.01	Coordinate with highway districts and Idaho Department of Transportation to accommodate recreational access points and development of recreational facilities where roadways terminate or cross the Snake River, Boise River, and Indian Creek or other navigable waterways.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.02	Coordinate with federal and state management agencies with a presence in Canyon County, and participate in those agencies planning processes.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.03	Emphasize parks and recreation development around existing natural features, such as the Snake River, Boise River, Indian Creek other waterways.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.03A	Identify and develop access and supporting recreational facilities to public lands and navigable waterways.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR

08.02.03B	Support development of tent and RV campgrounds along river corridors and or near public access points.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.03C	Support RV dump station development in cities and where connected to centralized waste systems is available.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.03C	Develop a waterfront development plan along the Snake River from Marsing to Homedale.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.04	Require the development of waterfront amenities incorporated into subdivision design such as public and neighborhood access points, shared boat ramps, shared docks, vehicle boat parking, picnic areas, and fishing access. Consider non-motorized spaces or separated boat ramps between motorized and non-motorized users.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.02.04A	Develop and acquire public access points for boat ramps, docks, parking, designated camping, picnic areas, and fishing to the Snake and Boise River in development proposals.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.05	Boat ramp parking lots should be large and open enough to accommodate RV's, and truck and trailer combinations, such as boat trailers and separated from passenger vehicle parking.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.06	Require residential and commercial developments abutting navigable waterways to provide a shared public access point as part of the development.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.06A	Work with other agencies to develop and implement strategies to preserve the Boise River and river corridor, such as; required setbacks, easements for pathways and river access, and educational signage.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.06B	Require a 100-foot recreation easement from the high watermark of the Boise and Snake Rivers.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.02.06C	Encourage property owners to share boat docks in the Snake River.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC, PR
08.03.00	Support development of private recreation facilities as part of development processes.			
08.03.01	Support developers in creativity in subdivision design, which clusters structures, preserves open space and incorporates shared recreational features that support specific lifestyles such as agri-hoods, vineyard estates, horse communities, waterfront communities, OHV communities, airport communities, and other private recreationally based residential developments that are compatible with agriculture and rural areas.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC

08.03.02	Consider combining park lands with stormwater management areas, in areas of flood hazard, properties that house other publicly owned facilities, oddly and non-conforming lots, and any areas that could provide dual uses of recreation space and a public facility	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.03.03	Require well-designed parks with a signature element and consideration of park image. Encourage parks that can be enjoyed in all four seasons and appeal to all ages.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.03.04	Require pedestrian easements or non-motorized rights of way in subdivisions to provide access connections.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.03.05	Require the development of neighborhood trail systems into subdivision design such as perimeter recreation easements or rights of way, connectivity to adjacent existing and proposed pathways, public and neighbor access points such as trailheads to pathways and adjacent open space	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.03.06	Encourage creativity in the use of common lots such as community gardens, natural playgrounds, pump tracks, arena's, trail systems, boat ramps, 4-H project areas, neighborhood meeting facilities, trailheads, and other desired non-traditional facilities.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.03.07	Prioritize development of recreation that is highly desired by the public and fits the agricultural and tourism priorities of the county.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.03.08	Require the residential and commercial developments abutting navigable waterways to provide an access point as part of the development.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC
08.03.09	Support the development of agritourism activities in the county.	On-going	DSD	PZ, BOCC

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Table 9. Special Areas or Sites Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
9.01.00	Honor the power of place in Canyon County by preserving our history and landscapes and linking our past to our future.			
9.01.01	Support and develop the preservation of historical, archeological, and architectural landmark areas of the county for the beneficial use of future generations.			
9.01.01A	Adopt the Canyon County Historic Preservation Plan.	Very High	BOCC	PR
9.01.01B	Work with the County Historic Preservation Board’s in their role in surveying, inventorying, and registering the County’s historic resources in sufficient detail and in an on-going manner.	On-going	PR	DSD
9.01.01C	Identify historic sites, structures, and areas for listing on the National Register of Historic Places	On-going	PR	DSD
9.01.01D	Rehabilitate and retain existing prehistoric and historic structures and sites in Canyon County.	On-going	PR	DSD
9.01.01E	Identify and map identified and potential archaeological sites as overlay zones with specific development standards to protect their integrity.	Very High	DSD	PR
9.01.01F	Provide historic based agencies and tribes notification of developments on or near identified prehistoric and historic cultural resources.	Very High	DSD	PR
9.01.01G	Identify and implement other funding sources to preserve the Counties history.	High	PR, DSD	BOCC
9.01.01H	Create GIS data and maps that support historic preservation planning efforts.	Very High	DSD	PR
9.01.01I	Recommend the use of federal historic tax credits and other sources to assist in the private and public preservation of historic buildings.	On-going	DSD	PR
9.01.01J	Encourage interagency planning efforts to address the evaluation and protection of historic resources.	On-going	DSD	PR, BOCC
9.01.01K	Develop a Historic Preservation Policy with updated zoning codes.	Medium	DSD	BOCC, PZ
9.01.01L	Recognize the importance of archeological sites and districts and the potential for future discoveries.	Very High	PR	BOCC
9.01.01M	Support development of Historic Walking tours in printed and digital form in each city.	Medium	Cities/PR	BOCC, PZ
9.01.02	Provide education on adaptive reuse and compatible re-development of historic buildings that meets national and state historic preservation standards.	On-going		
9.01.03	Identify and foster historic and natural resource connections to advance their protection and maintain quality of life.	Medium		

9.01.04	Recognize the importance of historic city centers as the heart of the community and identify and implement ways to support their redevelopment and continued prominence.	On-going	DSD	BOCC
9.01.04A	Restrict commercial strip development on the outskirts of communities which draws business, activities, and vibrancy out of historic downtowns.	On-going	DSD	BOCC
9.01.04B	Develop and support a county-wide downtown revitalization program for rural towns.	High	DSD	BOCC
9.01.04C	Identify and leverage sites for the development of heritage tourism marketing programs and campaigns.	Medium	BOCC	PR, DSD
9.01.05	Protect historic viewsheds and vistas as a critical component of our sense of place and community character.			
9.01.05A	Identify and protect key viewshed and vistas along the scenic by-ways through an overlay district.	High	DSD	
9.01.05B	Preserve the stories of our cultural heritage and connect them to our residents and future.	On-going		
9.01.06	Encourage, enhance and celebrate Canyon County's ethnic and cultural diversity and heritage.			
9.01.06A	Support development of a written record of Hispanic/Latinx heritage in Canyon County.	Medium		
9.01.06B	Encourage identification and preservation of sites of particular interest to Hispanic/Latinx culture and history in the county.	High		
9.01.06C	Encourage activities and events that will celebrate the diversity of the cultural heritage of Canyon County.	On-going		
9.01.06D	Identify and support the development of Latinx Cultural districts within the County.	Medium		

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Table 10. Housing Chapter Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
10.01.00	Provide affordable and suitable housing and create additional diversity in the housing supply in appropriate and suitable areas.			
10.01.01	Increase the variety of housing styles, sizes, locations, and price points for all residents regardless of circumstance.			
10.01.01A	Regularly communicate with housing groups to identify and address Fair Housing issues and remedies.	On-going	DSD	
10.01.01B	Recognize all housing types and determine which feasible models for Canyon County and accommodate those styles within planning documents and zoning ordinances.	High	DSD	
10.01.01C	Provide incentives to developers that produce affordable housing units as defined by federal and state agencies.	High	DSD	
10.01.01D	Incentivize development that is fiscally responsible and cost-effective to the taxpayer	On-going	DSD	
10.01.01E	Allow a mix of residential and commercial uses, where appropriate services and access to transportation are available in areas of city impact.	On-going	DSD	
10.01.01F	Utilize county-wide housing studies to inventory existing housing types, numbers, and conditions.	On-going	DSD	
10.01.01G	Amend the zoning ordinance to allow living in an RV for longer than 90 days.	High	DSD	PZ, BOCC, AO
10.01.01H	Explore different models for providing farmworker housing.	High	DSD	PZ, BOCC, AO
10.01.02	Launch County-Wide Housing Task Force & Housing Study			
10.01.02A	Coordinate a centralized task force made up of County, municipalities, transportation, economic development, developers, employers, housing entities, and others to develop a housing study to assess current conditions and needs.	High	DSD	
10.01.02B	Identify regulatory barriers, provide public education and foster housing awareness, establish funding needs, identify properties, and provide a menu of strategies to achieve the goals.	High	DSD	
10.01.02C	Annually review Canyon County demographics to define better which housing types are needed for each demographic and how many units are required.	On-going	DSD	

10.01.02D	Identify and adopt incentives to build a variety of housing, including density bonuses and transfer of development rights in areas of city impact.	High	DSD	
10.01.03	Provide opportunities to assist those in need of housing.			
10.01.03A	Seek funding sources to offset the cost of providing housing to families in the most need.	Medium	DSD	
10.01.03B	Review and modify zoned densities to ensure needed diversity in type and affordability of product for low-moderate income and underserved populations.	Medium	DSD	
10.01.03C	Identify opportunities for Housing Land Trusts to provide local (affordable) housing options.	On-going	DSD	
10.01.04	Support Canyon County workforce by providing housing opportunities.			
10.01.04A	Require large employers to provide housing for workers on or off-site to accommodate the demand generated by these projects.	High	DSD	
10.01.04B	Lead meetings with non-profit housing agencies, government housing agencies, and employers to develop and improve housing in the communities.	On-going	DSD	
10.02.00	Maintain the rural character of Canyon County while providing sufficient housing without fragmenting agricultural land and natural resources.			
10.02.01	Preserve the rural character and encourage higher residential density adjoining incorporated cities, where adequate services and infrastructures are located.			
10.02.01A	Preserve existing housing to maintain the quality and overall supply of affordable housing.	On-going	DSD	
10.02.02	Direct rezones and new residential subdivisions that are well connected and accessible to infrastructure, public services, jobs, recreation, and amenities in the area of city impact.			
10.02.02A	Adjust the future land use map to direct residential zoning within city areas of impact and encourage annexation and infill development within the area of city impact where services exist.	Very High	DSD	AO
10.02.02B	Update impact area agreements with municipalities. City areas of impact may be adjusted to reflect a realistic time frame of development.	Very High	DSD	AO
10.02.02C	Limit residential rezones and subdivisions to locate within areas of impact and connect to city services as available.	Very High	DSD	
10.03.00	Restrict housing in incompatible areas.			

10.03.01	Limit and mitigate housing in areas that are hazardous whenever possible. Such constraints or hazards include but are not limited to the following: flood hazards, unstable geologic conditions, contaminated groundwater, and wildfire risk.			
10.03.01A	Develop design standards to mitigate risks such as defensible space and other standards.	High	DSD	AO
10.04.00	Provide safe, attractive, and well-maintained neighborhoods with sustainable open space and amenities for various lifestyles.			
10.04.00A	Develop design standards for new residential development that addresses impacts to natural resources and public health.	High	DSD	AO

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Table 11. Agriculture Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
11.01.00	Preserve and protect agricultural lands for long-term agricultural production from the encroachment of non-agricultural uses.			
11.01.01	Preserve and maintain agriculturally designated lands for agricultural use and direct non-agricultural related development the cities and areas of city impact and other clearly defined and comprehensively planned development areas.			
11.01.01A	Work with agencies and organizations that play a role in agricultural conservation.	On-going	DSD	
11.01.01B	Establish an Agriculture Preservation Ordinance.	Very High	DSD	
11.01.01C	Increase participation in Agriculture Preservation Programs and other agriculture programs.	On-going	DSD	
11.01.02	Increase protected farmland through zoning, purchase and transfer of development rights, clustered development, conservation easements, and other opportunities to guide development to more suitable areas.			
11.01.02A	Regularly update County zoning regulations and standards to ensure the protection of farmland and reduce land-use conflicts.	Very High	DSD	AO
11.01.03	Restrict the conversion of agricultural land to other uses.			
11.01.03A	Develop criteria that discourage the conversion of agricultural land. The findings may include: a. The net community benefit derived from the conversion of the land outweighs the need to protect the land for long-term agricultural use; b. There are no feasible alternative locations for the proposed use that would appreciably reduce impacts upon agricultural lands; and The use will not have significant adverse effects, or can mitigate such effects, upon existing and future adjacent agricultural lands and operations.	Very High	DSD	AO
11.01.04	Prioritize protection of agriculture and farmlands in Canyon County as an essential part of the County's economy, identity, and sense of place.			
11.01.04A	Conduct a study to determine the feasibility of implementing agricultural land preservation and conservation programs such as farmland preservation fund, transfer of development rights, conservations easements, clustered development, use-value assessments, and agricultural land mitigation.	Very High	DSD	AO

11.01.04B	Develop programs, policies, and other regulations to achieve agricultural conservation, preservation, and support agricultural activities.	Very High	DSD	AO
11.01.04C	Partner with other organizations, such as land trusts and other groups, to encourage conservation easements for agriculture.	On-going	DSD	
11.01.04D	Create an Agricultural Land Mitigation Program and identify agricultural mitigation banks areas in which the County will encourage private landowners to voluntarily participate.	High	DSD	
11.01.04E	Support a regional approach to agriculture and identify partners on issues with mutual interest by hosting or attending events and training focused on agriculture.	On-going	DSD	
11.02.00	Support farmers and enhance local farmland.			
11.02.01	Encourage and foster stewardship of the land, water, and air resources to ensure that agriculture remains an essential and sustainable part of Canyon County's future.			
11.02.01A	Develop programs to help conserve soil resources by coordinating with adjacent counties, cities, USDA, and Soil Conservation Districts.	Very High	DSD	
11.02.01B	Develop design standards allow developers to include community gardens and other sustainable agriculture-type designs as open space.	Very High	DSD	AO
11.02.02	Require farm management plans and best management practices.			
11.02.02A	Work with agencies and advisory groups to develop informational materials and educational opportunities regarding best management practices for agricultural activities.	On-going	DSD	
11.02.02B	Require farming techniques and best management practices (examples include no-till, reduced-till, cover crops, and contour plowing) that help protect farmland and water quality.	High	DSD	
11.02.03	Support farmers, farmworkers, and agricultural industries.			
11.02.03A	Partner with agencies and organizations to help recruit young farmers and reduce the barriers to entry inherent to farming.	On-going	DSD	
11.02.03B	Support the needs of agricultural operations to evolve with trends in the industry by partnering on education opportunities and documents.	On-going	DSD	
11.02.03C	Collaborate with incorporated cities, rural communities, the agricultural industry, and housing developers to provide affordable housing for farmworkers.	On-going	DSD	
11.03.00	Develop and adopt an Agriculture Strategic Plan			

11.03.01A	Create an Agriculture Strategic Plan to be used in conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan to lay the framework for preservation, conservation, agritourism, education, and other topics that support agriculture.	Very High	DSD	
11.03.01B	Appoint an Agricultural Board or Commission to review zoning applications for agricultural conflicts, provide policy direction, assist in the review and development of agriculture preservation tools, and propose funding levels for agricultural preservation and other topics.	Very High	DSD	
11.04.00	Promote a diverse, healthy, and competitive agricultural industry in the County. Promote, support, and strengthen a diverse local and regional-based economy and lifestyle, including local food production, entrepreneurial opportunities, and emerging agricultural practices.			
11.04.01	Identify opportunities for visitor services and attractions through agritourism to enhance and support Canyon County's agricultural heritage.			
11.04.01A	Work with organizations to provide On-going training and technical assistance to farmers. Programming may include: helping farmers to identify new products and develop marketing strategies; business planning and management; grant writing and agricultural technical advice; and other programming opportunities.	On-going	DSD	
11.04.01B	Work with local farmers to engage in agritourism to turn their current revenue sources into additional revenue opportunities.	On-going	DSD	
11.04.01C	Review existing codes and policies that promote and incentivize agritourism.	High	DSD	AO
11.04.01D	Allow visitor-serving uses in agricultural designated areas through administrative permit approval, subject to all of the following criteria: a. The use shall promote and market agricultural-related products, the majority of which must be grown or processed in the local area; b. The use is compatible with and secondary and incidental to agricultural production activities in the area; c. The use will not require the extension of services; The use is compatible with existing adjacent uses in the area.	High	DSD	AO
11.04.01E	Collaborate with economic development organizations and increase Canyon County's marketing and coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions to support a regional approach to agri-tourism.	High	DSD	

11.04.01F	Launch a Countywide campaign to promote agritourism and related tourism and entertainment uses both within the County and across the larger region.	High	DSD	
11.04.01G	Establish a program to help local farmers establish themselves as an agritourism business via partnerships with farms already in the industry.	Medium	DSD	
11.04.01H	Develop materials that offer information regarding starting and expanding an agritourism business, partnering with organizations that assist small businesses within the County.	Medium	DSD	
11.04.02	Promote agricultural products in Canyon County through "buy-local" efforts, agritourism programming, and other tourism and local food-system programs.			
11.04.02A	Work with the cities and other appropriate agencies and establish a marketing committee to promote agricultural products.	On-going	DSD	
11.04.02B	Update County code to allow direct farm marketing, U-pick, value-added product sales, wineries, breweries, nursery sales, and accessory uses. Examples of farm-related uses: bakery sales, restaurants, microbreweries and wineries, sales of feed or farm equipment, recreational activities and educational tours, company picnics, birthday parties, and weddings.	Very High	DSD	AO
11.04.03	Provide for growth, expansion, and diversification of Canyon County's agricultural industries.			
11.04.03A	Allow the development and use of new technologies that facilitate the resource-efficient operation of agriculturally related industries, including food processing. These technologies may include energy development technologies, such as wind, solar, and waste sources; energy and water conservation technologies; cultivation practices; global positioning system (GPS) applications; and others that improve the profitability of agriculture Canyon County.	On-going	DSD	BOCC, PZ
11.04.03B	Explore ways of creating and supporting new and existing community gardens, farmers' markets, produce stands, and other county-based local food projects	On-going	DSD	
11.04.03C	Allow recreational uses on privately-owned lands where such uses are compatible with on and off-site agriculture and with scenic and environmentally sensitive resources.	On-going	DSD	
11.05.00	Minimize conflicts between agricultural uses and operations and adjacent non-agricultural uses.			
11.05.01	Require that new development adjacent to agricultural areas be designed to minimize conflicts with adjacent agricultural uses and operations.			
11.05.02	Require disclosure agreements for new developments within 1,000 feet of agricultural land			

11.05.03	<p>Protect agricultural operations from conflicts with non-agricultural uses by requiring buffers between proposed non-agricultural uses and adjacent agricultural operations.</p> <p>Affirm and protect the right of agricultural operators in agricultural areas to continue their agricultural practices ("right-to-farm). The right-to-farm shall acknowledge through noticing that landowners and residents adjacent to agriculture should be prepared, accept, and not consider a nuisance the impacts inherent with lawful farming activities. At a minimum, the Right-to-Farm Notice shall be recorded with the Deed of Trust at the time of transfer of all applicable properties.</p> <p>a. Buffers should be physically and biologically designed to avoid conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses. The biological design should ensure that the buffer does not provide a host environment for pests or carriers of disease which could potentially impact adjacent farming operations.</p> <p>b. Buffers shall not be located on the agricultural parcel(s).</p> <p>c. Buffers should primarily consist of a physical separation (setback) between agricultural and non-agricultural uses. The appropriate width of the buffer shall be determined on a site-by-site basis considering the type of existing agricultural uses (i.e. crop type and associated operational requirements); the nature of the proposed non-agricultural development; the natural features of the site; landscaping, walls or other barriers planned by the proposed development; and any other factors that affect the specific situation.</p> <p>d. In addition to a physical separation, the following buffer options may be considered: greenbelts/open space, limited park and recreation areas, roads, waterways, and vegetative screens. These buffering options may be used in any combination to most effectively reduce conflicts arising from adjacent incompatible uses.</p> <p>e. An On-going maintenance program for the buffer shall be established.</p>			
11.05.00A	<p>Create an ordinance that provides that certain existing agricultural activities, operations, or facilities or appurtenances thereof do not constitute a nuisance as long as they continue to operate similarly to that in which they have historically performed.</p>	Very High	DSD	AO

11.05.00B	Develop land development guidelines for new projects proposed in the vicinity of existing agricultural activities, operations, or facilities. Such policies may include but are not limited to specific mitigation measures such as sound walls, landscaping, beams, and constructions standards. Require mitigation measures from developers of lands to make up the buffer concurrently with any peripheral development.	Very High	DSD	AO
11.06.00	Support the promotion of the significance of agriculture through educational initiatives.			
11.06.00A	Utilize the Agricultural Preservation Board to convene stakeholders, including farmers, developers, municipalities, non-profits, industry organizations, and others, to coordinate and develop preservation strategies for an annual Agricultural Preservation Summit.	High	DSD	
11.06.00B	Develop and publish an annual State of Canyon County Agricultural report to create awareness and educate the public on the significance of agriculture.	High	DSD	
11.06.00C	Work with farmers, non-profits, and other agencies to establish projects to teach residents about the agricultural industry and provide a forum for dialogue between residents and farmers.	On-going	DSD	
11.06.01	Enhance the protection of cultural resources related to agriculture, such as historical, recreational, and tourism resources.			
11.06.01A	Identify and promote the stories of currently designated Century Farm and Ranches and encourage other families eligible to apply for the designation through the Idaho State Historical Society and Department of Agriculture.	On-going	DSD	
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Table 12. Public Airport Facilities & National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors Goals, Policies, and Action Items		Priority	Lead	Support
12.01.00	Support development and operation opportunities for all Canyon County general aviation and reliever airports			
12.01.01	Direct aviation-related businesses to the appropriate public airport or local airstrip.			
12.01.01A	Assist Canyon County public airports on expansion efforts (as necessary)	On-going	DSD	
12.01.02	Recognize private airstrips permitted by the FAA within Canyon County.			
12.01.03	Restrict residential development adjacent to recognized private airports and private airstrips within Canyon County to restrict the disruption of flight patterns and runway approaches.			
12.02.00	Support growth and development of existing and future public airports in Canyon County.			
12.03.00	Recognize the importance of crop dusting to the counties agriculture and protect existing operations			
12.03.01	Restrict residential development that fragments crop dusting flight patterns of adjacent farms.			
12.03.01A	Provide notice to crop dusting operations when new communication towers are being considered by the County, especially those below 200 feet in height.	On-going	DSD	
12.03.01B	Develop aviation easements or buffers around existing private airstrips and airports to prevent incompatible development.	High	DSD	AO
12.03.02	Cluster new structures to minimize disruption to crop-dusting flight patterns.			
12.03.03	Provide public awareness campaigns of the importance of crop dusting to the food supply, and discourage the public from drone interference and spotlighting aircraft.			
12.03.03A	Require subdivisions to have a 100-foot buffer or setback from the property line, when locating directly adjacent to farmland.	High	DSD	
12.04.00	Coordinate with providers to develop plans for energy services and public utility facilities for the long-term energy and utility needs of Canyon County.			
12.04.01	Plan sufficient transmission facilities to serve current and future needs of the County.			

12.04.01a	Recognize and support the long-range planning electricity infrastructure detailed in the Treasure Valley Electric Plan and develop a local Community Advisory Committee.	On-going	DSD	
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