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- Serve as a resource for assisting communities in finding and obtaining grants for rural projects
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- Promote, through education, the understanding of the needs, values, and contributions of rural communities.

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PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS REPORT

The Wyoming Rural Development Council (WRDC) has provided a resource team to assist the town of Bear River, Wyoming in evaluating the community's assets and liabilities and in developing suggestions for improving the environment, social and economic future of Bear River.

The City of Bear River requested a community assessment from the Wyoming Rural Development Council. Mayor Pete Moser served as the community contact and took the lead in agenda development, logistics and publicity in town for the assessment. Resource team members were selected to visit, interview citizens and develop a plan of recommended action for the town. The team members were carefully selected based on their fields of expertise that Bear River officials indicated would be needed to respond to the problem areas identified.

The Resource Team toured the town and interviewed approximately 45 people over a two-day period from October 2-3, 2001. Each participant was asked to respond to three questions designed to begin communication and discussion and to serve as a basis for developing the action plan. The three questions were:

- What do you think are the major problems and challenges in Bear River?
- What do you think are the major strengths and assets in Bear River?
- What projects would you like to see completed in two, five ten and twenty years in Bear River?

Upon completion of the interviews, the team met to compare notes and share comments following the two days of intense study. The team then agreed that each team member would carefully analyze what was said, synthesize what they heard with their knowledge of programs and resources, prepare their notes and suggestions, and forward these items to be combined into WRDC's final report to Bear River.

The oral report was presented to the people of Bear River on October 3, 2001 and many of the citizens of Bear River who participated in the interviews were in attendance.

Following the oral report, a formal written report was prepared and presented to the Town of Bear River.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This was a very exciting community for the Wyoming Rural Development Council to facilitate a Resource Team Assessment. It was also a unique opportunity for Bear River - Bear River being the newest incorporated community in Wyoming. I commend the leadership in Bear River for having the foresight to sponsor a community assessment. You have taken the first and most important step in planning the future of your community – finding out what the citizens like, do not like and what their vision is for your community. The elements are all here for Bear River to have a successful future. To become a growing, vibrant community takes only a few people willing to roll up their sleeves and go to work. Once this nucleus begins to exert effort, it will begin to show some successes. Then this nucleus needs to expand to include more and more of the community until the entire community is involved. But the work is not on big jobs; it is on small ones that can be achieved quickly. The big ones come later after Bear River has seen the results of the smaller and sees that it can accomplish things.

There is a number of short term, accomplishable recommendations that the review team has provided. The most important thing is to get the entire community involved in trying to find ways to accomplish its goals. A few celebrations at the successful conclusion of an activity which has involved a large number of citizens will lead to a feeling of accomplishment that will carry over into other activities. Look through the short-term suggestions, pick out one that you know what you can do, and get started!

Each of you individually must decide what it is that you want to do what kind of project you want to tackle. There are enough tasks for everyone. Each small step, every accomplishment, no matter how limited, is movement in the right direction toward achieving Bear River's goals. It can be done! There is no problem facing Bear River that cannot be solved by the people living in the community. It is your choice, your decision, you can do it.

On behalf of the Bear River Resource Team, I want to thank the community and our sponsors, the Bear River Chamber of Commerce and the town of Bear River for the warm hospitality shown to us during our stay. The meals and accommodations were outstanding. We heard over and over in the listening sessions that Bear River was filled with warm, caring individuals and we certainly can attest to that! Thank you very much.

We hope you will find great value in this report and remember any team member is available for you to call to clarify information or provide more information and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Bear River, Wyoming Resource Team Members October 2-3, 2001

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**Bear River, Wyoming
Community Assessment Agenda
October 2-3, 2001
Location for listening sessions: Town Hall**

October 2, 2001

2:00 p.m.	Team Orientation
3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Tour of community
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.	Listening session

October 3, 2001

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	Listening session
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	Listening session
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	Listening session
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	Listening session
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Team Meeting and prepare for Town Meeting
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Town Meeting

WHAT WE HEARD FROM WHAT WAS SAID

After listening to the citizens of Bear River, the Resource Team reviewed what was said and condensed the comments down to a few basic statements.

WATER

- Quantity
 - Fire flows
- Quality
 - Pipeline/well sources
 - Shared trench
- Irrigation
- Metering/management aspects

ROADS

- Improvement
 - School bus, paving
- Safety Aspects
 - Speed, guardrails, markers
- Horse trail
- Enforcement
- Maintenance
- Access

EQUIPMENT AND ASSETS

- Fire (equipment and station)
- Road
 - Crew, Department of public works
- Shop
- Snow removal

PARKS AND RECREATION

- BLM land
- River Easements
- Community Center

COMMUNICATION – EDUCATION

- Timely
- Accurate as opposed to rumor
- Clear
- Accessible
- Zoning

UTILITIES

- Franchise agreements
- Operational Responsibilities

RESOURCE TEAM MEMBER REPORTS

RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED **BY RESOURCE TEAM MEMBERS**

The Resource Team would like to thank the town of Bear River for the immeasurable amounts of honesty, hospitality, and friendliness that you gave during the Resource Team effort. We have every confidence that the kind of effort and enthusiasm you produced for the Resource Team will be responsible for your future successes.

The Resource Team has given many suggestions, some which have been repeated by more than one of the team members. We have listed the individual recommendations, along with contact information for the respective team members. You are encouraged to communicate directly with any team member.

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After community members have had an opportunity to read this report, the Wyoming Rural Development Council will call you and offer to come back to your community and help set priorities. We will once again invite community members back, review the recommendations made by team members in the report, and then help you prioritize the issues you want to tackle.

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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

This assessment was somewhat different than the other assessments the Wyoming Rural Development Council has completed. In that you are a brand new community, just beginning to get your feet wet in this municipality game. Your current needs are getting the community established and securing basic resources. It was very apparent from the

listening sessions and what the team ultimately presented as major themes, that your first needs are basic: water, roads, and equipment.

As you read through the following reports, those basic needs have been addressed quite well by the team members. I have several general recommendations I would like to offer.

Solution/Contact: USDA Rural Development (of which 2 members of the team are with this agency) can be a very useful contact for you. Both KayLyn and Keith have given you very good contacts and I would encourage you to find out more about USDA Rural Development and the resources they have to offer. USDA publishes a book each year that describes programs and grants available, and I would encourage you to get a copy of that publication. It can be obtained by calling:

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT
John Cochran, State Director
307-261-6300

Solution/Contact: Many of your current needs will take grant dollars to accomplish. If you need someone to assist with grant writing, or would like to further train someone in your community in grant writing skills, the Wyoming Rural Development Council sponsors community members to attend grant writing school. This is a 40 hour course sponsored by RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development) and is outstanding. Wyoming Rural Development Council will pay for the course and expenses for your community person to attend. Other grant writing courses are offered throughout the year through the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM).

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For information on grant writing through RC&D
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Solution/Contact: There are many recommendations in this report that will require funding. To assist you further in finding these resources, please contact and use the Wyoming Community Network. This network maintains a database of information as well as a person who can do grant searches for you.

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I would like to personally thank the **Town of Bear River** for their hospitality during our recent visit. It is really exciting to see a new incorporated Town here in Wyoming.

This report is organized around the major themes identified by the resource team, but focuses mainly on municipal water system improvements, road improvements, fire station and equipment, community center, and parks/trail system.

WATER

Challenge: The need for adequate and safe drinking water was mentioned numerous times in every session. The quality and quantity of water appears to be a real concern throughout the community.

Solution/Contact: There are several funding sources available that can provide assistance with improvements to the Town's water system. Projects often require partnering of funding sources in order to complete all aspects of the project - water supply, transmission, distribution, etc.

USDA Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has loans and grants available for improvements to a municipal water system. Loan and grant funds may be used to construct, repair, improve, expand, or modify rural water supply and distribution facilities. The maximum term on all loans is 30 years (due to statutory limitations) and the interest rates are set quarterly. The current interest rates are between 4.5% and 5.25%. Eligibility for grant funds is based on the income of the Town in comparison to the State median household income. For further information contact:

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USDA Rural Development - Southwest Area Office
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Afton, WY 83110
307-886-9001, ext. 4
linda.ziegler@wy.usda.gov

Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) has grants available for Water supply projects including project construction and rehabilitation. Typical grants range from 50 percent to 75 percent of project costs. For further information contact:

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Wyoming Water Development Commission (WWDC) is also involved with the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds program. Loans through this program may be made for up to 20 years at an interest rate determined by the State Loan and Investment Board, which is currently established as 4%. A loan origination fee of one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the loan amount is collected. For further information contact:

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The Office of State Lands and Investments also has loan/grant programs that can be used for Water System Repairs. For further information contact: Brad Miskimmins at 307-777-7331.

Challenge: The several community members expressed concern over selecting the right alternative for the water system – pipeline versus new well sources, etc. The Town also exhibited some frustration with the obstacles they are encountering with purchasing water from the City of Evanston.

Solution/Contact: The Town is already working towards a solution for the water system. It is my understanding a WWDC Level I Reconnaissance Study has been completed and a Level II Feasibility Study is currently in the works. The Level I Study would have addressed different alternatives for the Town's water supply. The Level II Study will address the project feasibility (and if determined feasible) will refine project to the status necessary for a funding request. If funding from USDA/RUS is going to be requested, the Town's engineering consultant will need to obtain the agency's guide for a Preliminary Engineering Report. This will allow USDA/RUS requirements to be included in the Level II Study or as an addendum to the study. USDA/RUS also requires an Environmental Report be completed in conjunction with the Preliminary Engineering Report. Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) has agreed to assist Towns (who receive RUS funds) at no charge with the Environmental Report. The Town's engineering consultant will need to contact Mel Oberholtzer at 307-742-2236 to coordinate with MAP.

Several municipalities who purchase their water from other Towns through pipelines include, the Towns of Midwest and Edgerton (Salt Creek Joint Powers Board). They purchase water from the City of Casper through a 35-mile long pipeline. These Towns

may have insight that can help Bear River in negotiating the purchase of water from the City of Evanston. Suggested contacts:

Town of Midwest
Dolly Harrison , Clerk/Treasurer
307-437-6513
or
Town of Edgerton
Bill Bounds, Mayor
307-437-6763

ROADS

Challenge: The need for various degrees of road improvements throughout Town was expressed in all sessions. The Town faces some unique road improvement issues due to land differences in the various subdivisions, such as the steep terrain to Deer Mountain subdivisions and the high water table in El Cabio subdivision.

Solution/Contact: The Town needs to begin the planning/feasibility phase for needed road improvements. It is recommended the actual improvements wait until after the water system project is complete to avoid additional repair/maintenance costs for the Town.

The State of Wyoming has grant funds that can be used for planning, construction, acquisition, improvement or emergency repair of public facilities, including street and road projects. The board meets regularly on the third Thursday of each January and June to review grant applications. Matching funds may be required depending on the program used. For further information contact:

Brad Miskimins
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USDA Rural Development, Rural Housing Service (RHS) has loans and grants available for essential community facilities in rural areas. Funds may be used to construct, enlarge, or improve community facilities for health care, public safety and public services - which include streets and roads. The maximum term on all loans is 30 years (due to statutory limitations) and the interest rates are set quarterly. The current interest rates are between 4.5% and 5.25%. Eligibility for grant funds is based on the income of the Town in comparison to the State median household income. For further information and applications processing contact:

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Other possible contacts: The US Economic Development Administration (EDA) has grant funds available for infrastructure such as streets and roads. There does need to be some industrial development located in the area or proposed for the area when EDA funds are involved. For information and program guidelines contact:

John Rogers
EDA
P.O. Box 10074
Federal Building, Room 196
Helena, MT 59626
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EQUIPMENT AND ASSETS

Challenge: The need for a building to house a Fire truck was mentioned during various listening sessions. The building could also be used to store other maintenance equipment. As a newly incorporated Town, there is also a need for a fire truck and equipment to be used by the Volunteer Fire Department.

Solution/Contact: The Town first needs to identify possible locations for the facility, and what is needed to acquire the land. Next would be the specifics of the building needed, what size, what type (new construction or prefabricated), what amenities to include, etc. A small committee, made up of residents interested in being part of the Volunteer Fire Department, could be formed to research and make recommendations to the Town council. Sources of funding would include:

USDA Rural Development, Rural Housing Service (RHS)
Community Facility Loan/Grant Program
Contact: Linda Ziegler at 307-886-9001, ext. 4

Mineral Royalty Grant Program
Administered by Office of State Lands and Investments
Contact: Brad Miskimins at 307-777-7331

Community Development Block Grant Program
Administered by Wyoming Business Council
Contact: Steve Achter at 307-777-2811

PARKS AND RECREATION

Challenge: During several listening sessions the desire for a Community Center was brought up as a long-term goal. A public place for community events, craft fairs, youth or other club meetings, etc.

Solution/Contact: A short-term solution for a Community Center might be the use of Town Hall. Now that the Town Hall is on-site and renovations are nearing completion, it might be used for small group meetings or gatherings as well as Town Council meetings.

On a long-term basis, the Town might start with a survey of local residents to determine what type of facility is wanted for the community. A modest center for club meetings and social gatherings, a multi-purpose center which includes a place for indoor recreation, or even a more elaborate place which includes an indoor roping arena. Along with size and type of facility, other specifics would need to be evaluated including location for facility, costs to operate and maintain the facility, personnel to manage facility, etc. Possible funding sources for this type of Community Facility include:

USDA Rural Development, Rural Housing Service (RHS)
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Mineral Royalty Grant Program
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Challenge: Some of the Town's assets mentioned during the listening sessions were the rural atmosphere of the community and the open spaces for riding horses or other recreation. A project to help emphasize these assets would be the development of a trail system and the parks along the Bear River. The Town already owns land along the river for three parks, but the biggest challenge is safe access to the parks. Another project would be the purchase of the BLM land and the development of a Park on Deer Mountain.

Solution/Contact: The State Land and Water Conservation Program offers a reimbursable grant to acquire and/or develop/renovate public outdoor recreational lands and facilities. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$100,000 and require a 50 percent match. For further information contact:

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The State Game and Fish Department offer grants up to a maximum of \$20,000 for promotion and development of Wyoming's fishery resources. Development of public access to fishing along the Bear River through the Town's easements might be considered an eligible project. For further information contact:

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5400 Bishop Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82006
307-777-4559

Other possible contacts: Many Wyoming communities have developed outdoor parks and trail systems in their towns. The trail system along the Bear River in Evanston is a very good example of this type of project. In the Northeast part of Wyoming both the Town of Sheridan and the Town of Buffalo have constructed trail systems along creeks through their towns. I would suggest visiting with other Towns at the next WAM convention to find out what funding sources they used to help make their projects a reality.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

BLM Land for city park

Challenge/need: Numerous people mentioned the desire to create a city park on the adjoining BLM land to ensure that it is not used for housing development and to keep it open and public for all to use and enjoy for walking, horseback riding, play area for children, etc.

Solution/contact: Municipalities can obtain BLM lands for recreation and public purposes.

You must file a request with BLM under the Recreation & Public Purchases Act.

There are three options:

- Lease the land under a long-term lease. A special rate is available for communities.
- Purchase the land and patent it. A special rate is available for communities.
- Lease the land with option to purchase later.

You will need to provide BLM with a map and a development plan for the park. There may be other requirements.

For more information and to file a request, contact:

Mark Hatchel – Realty Specialist
BLM Kemmerer Field Office
Box 632
Kemmerer, WY 83101
Phone (307) 828-4507

River Easements

Challenge/need: A need was expressed to improve access to the river easements and city park areas along the river and perhaps make other improvements.

Solution/contact: Bear River might qualify for a Rural Community Assistance grant from the U.S. Forest Service. RCA grants provide for a variety of projects aimed at

helping a community develop its natural assets, diversify its economic opportunities, etc. RCA grants are provided on a 20-80 cost sharing basis. This means the community must provide at least 20 percent of the cost of the project and the Forest Service will provide up to 80 percent. The good news is that the community's share can be an in-kind contribution. For example, the community could provide volunteer labor, materials, etc. on a project as an in-kind match.

Forests usually receive funding for RCA grants around February, so you should contact them before then to apply for a grant for that year.

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COMMUNICATION - EDUCATION

Challenge/need: Some concerns were expressed about Bear River residents receiving timely, accurate information about what is going on in the community, being informed about meetings, plans, projects, etc.

Concerns also were expressed about community cohesiveness and involvement and developing a "sense of community."

Solution/recommendations: Good communication is critical and is everyone's responsibility, not just the responsibility of the mayor, council members or a few members of the community.

Here are some suggestions to help improve communications and cohesiveness within the community.

- Establish a central information point or process for all community members. This can be a simple newsletter, a bulletin board or a kiosk in a central location that is

- accessible to everyone and where notices and information can be posted. Newsletters can be relatively expensive and time consuming because of folding, mailing, etc., but they have the advantage of knowing that everyone gets them. Bulletin board or kiosk notices are easier and cheaper, but residents have to be trained/encouraged/committed to take time to stop and read the notices.
- If you have a local radio station that talks about local community events on a daily talk show or news broadcast, ask the station to broadcast your news on meetings and other community news. Be sure to provide accurate and timely information. Have someone from your community get on the talk show occasionally to talk about community events, projects, etc.
 - Likewise, if a local newspaper has a community news section, get your community news included.
 - Avoid rumors, don't start rumors and don't pass rumors on. Squelch them. If you hear something that doesn't sound quite right or that you want to be sure of, pick up the phone and call whoever is involved to get the straight scoop. Then share it with people you talk to.
 - Avoid the "them vs. us" syndrome, (i.e. the town council "them" doesn't care about "us"). This is divisive. Instead, be proactive. Help the town council understand your concerns, help develop solutions, etc. Remember that everyone can't have his or her way on every action or decision. Life is compromise and working together
 - Discuss the concern about good communication at a town meeting and in one of your first newsletters or bulletin board notices. Let everyone in the community know that good communication is a concern and a priority, that it is being addressed, and that everyone needs to be committed to it. Enlist other people to be part of the solution. (See next item on volunteers.)
 - Use volunteers. Don't just rely on the mayor, town clerk, etc. to communicate or publish the newsletter or bulletin board. They can't do it all. Enlist the help of other people in the community. This not only spreads the workload, it also helps to avoid the notion that the community is only hearing what the town council or others want it to hear. The wider community involvement you have, the more credibility, support and cohesiveness you will have.
 - Make sure that your newsletter, bulletin board notices, etc. are timely, accurate and clear.
 - Hold some community events: potluck suppers, community cleanup day followed by potluck supper, fund raisers, etc. to help build cohesiveness and get people acquainted. Enlist the help of people from different areas or subdivisions to plan,

arrange and advertise events. There are always people who enjoy this and are good at it. Form a welcoming committee to welcome newcomers. Form an activity committee to plan and promote activities. Use local talent such as a mechanic to teach a class on basic car care for the non-mechanics. Your community has many talented people. Help them to share their talents with others and build that sense of community.

- Involve as many people as possible. If someone presents a problem, a gripe or a criticism, ask how he or she would solve it and enlist his or her help. Coming up with solutions tends to give people a different perspective and appreciation for what a community is all about.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Challenge/need: Several people expressed the need for a community center to hold a variety of community events, classes, craft shows, etc.

Solution/recommendation: Your community has a variety of talented people skilled in certain areas such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, etc. and others who are willing to work. Enlist volunteers to build a community center. Hold community fundraisers such as yard sales, crafts sales, potluck dinners, etc. to raise funds. This will have the double advantage of building community spirit, cohesiveness and pride. Form a committee. Involve as many people from as many parts of the town as possible.

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INTRODUCTION

As a member of the resource team I would like to thank the town of Bear River for extending their hospitality. I believe Bear River is making the right moves for a town starting out. It is very interesting to see the beginning of a new town.

WATER

Challenge: The current system only serves the west side of the community and the quality and flow of water is not good. The water is not drinkable due to high iron and calcium content. Pressure is not adequate all the time. Many of the private wells on the east side of town do not produce drinkable water. All residents who spoke indicated an interest in connecting to a good source of drinking water.

Solution/Contact(s): Develop a public water system for all residents. The first option available is to run water lines from Evanston and buy water. The second option is develop more wells of good quality in the nearby area. A private engineer who specializes in water development can help determine the best alternative. An environmental assessment may be needed. The engineering firm may do this or the Midwest Assistance Program (see below) can complete the environmental assessment at no charge. The Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems (see below) can be contacted to furnish technical assistance concerning the operation of the current system or any new system that is installed. Grants for installing the main delivery system may be obtained through the Wyoming Water Development Commission. (below) Financing and possible grants for the entire system may be obtained through USDA – Rural Utilities Service. (below) Meters should be used to fairly distribute cost. Any water system should be installed before the final road improvement is completed to reduce costs.

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USDA – Rural Development, Rural Utilities Service
Linda Ziegler
PO Box 190
Afton, WY 83110
307-886-9001 ext. 4

or financing and grants from:
Office of State Lands and Investments
Brad Miskimins
Herschler Building, 3rd Floor West
122 W. 25th St.
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7331

I do not know of any grants that could be used to improve irrigation systems. The diversions may need to be replaced and ditches may need to be redone. The costs may outweigh the benefits. The Natural Resource Conservation Service could look at the irrigation system to make this determination. The closest office is in Lyman. Phone 307-787-7027.

ROADS

Challenge: Streets need improving to reduce hazards and increase safety. The school bus is forced to back up in town or unload on the main highway. Access is limited to one main road from the west hill. There is a 20-mile per hour speed limit but many residents ignore it. Guardrails and markers are needed. Some residents stated the roads are in the best condition they remember. Some residents felt paved roads were needed. Drainage was a problem on some roads. Dust was also a problem. The streets were graveled recently which cleared out some rough spots. Some residents pointed out regular maintenance will be needed about every six months to a year.

Solution/Contact: Markers, speed limit signs, and some of the smaller items for safety are relatively inexpensive. The Wyoming Highway Department is responsible for the

state highways and right of way on either side. They will work with towns concerning state highways running through town. Contact the local highway department or the Wyoming Department of Transportation in Cheyenne.

Wyoming Department of Transportation
John Lane
5300 Bishop Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-4180

USDA –Rural Development, may finance street improvements such as paving, lights, markers, and signs. The maintenance equipment is also an eligible Rural Development loan purpose.

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I do not know of any grants available for road improvement. Some towns use oiling or spraying water on roads to keep dust down.

EQUIPMENT AND ASSETS

Challenge: Since Bear River is a new town, there is no equipment for road maintenance, fire protection, or snow removal. The town has no employees to run any equipment.

Solution/Contact: Most towns the size of Bear River have volunteer fire departments. A volunteer fire department should be organized. Then the next step is to have volunteer snow removal. The town will need at least one full time water maintenance person who could do road maintenance and snow removal in his spare time. However, snow falls 24 hours a day. Ask for volunteers to do snow removal. I cannot imagine a community in Wyoming without several people who can manage heavy equipment and would volunteer. I also became aware of a good used fire truck now owned by the City of Riverton. It has only 7500 miles because the FAA requires a truck be kept at the Riverton airport for emergencies. Contact Vern Hisler with the Riverton Fire Department at 307-856-4226 or 307-856-7063.

All the equipment needed may be financed by USDA Rural Development through the Community Facilities program.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

Challenge: Preserve the open space west of the community. Keep it as prairie or improve it to park status with horse paths. Consider building a large building for use as a community center. The community center could be used for craft fairs and large meetings.

Solution/Contacts: The Bureau of Land Management reportedly owns the land to the west. BLM lands are public access but are not permanently preserved as public use. In some cases towns may purchase land from the BLM. Contact the BLM office in Rock Springs at 307-352-0256 for more information. A community center may be financed under Rural Development's Community Facilities Program similar to the fire equipment. Contact the Afton Rural Development Office listed above.

UTILITIES

Challenge: Natural gas, high speed Internet cable, and cable TV are desired in the community.

Solution/Contact: Towns negotiate franchises with public utilities. Sometimes the franchise could be profitable for the town. Contact the Evanston offices for natural gas and cable. If a water line will be built from Evanston, the town should consider obtaining a right of way large enough to carry other utilities.

GENERAL IMPORTANT CONTACT

For general town management and technical assistance contact:

Wyoming Association of Municipalities
200 E. 8th
Cheyenne, WY 82007
307-632-0398

Michael Stull

Wyoming Business Council
214 W. 15th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002
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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for the opportunity to visit Bear River it truly was a pleasure. From the moment I found out that an assessment was being planned for your community I wanted to participate because of the unique opportunity to possibly help out a brand new town. Bear River does have its share of struggles ahead, however, if the community remains committed there is not reason the community cannot prosper.

This report is organized around the major themes identified and outlined by the resource team. If at any time there are questions regarding any of the issues I discuss in this report please call me. My contact information is listed above.

WATER

Challenge: If Bear River's future is to be assured the community is going to have to explore and develop reliable sources of drinking water for its citizens. Numerous individuals commented on the water issue and statements ranged from a lack of drinkable water on the ridge and concern that water quality might not remain consistent in the long run near the Bear River to the need for dependable quantities in the event of a fire. Several solutions were discussed with the construction of a pipeline from Evanston and the development of a new well source topping the list of possible solutions. There are problems with both ideas, but to each there are also solutions.

Solution: Regardless of the solution chosen, there are likely to be funding options available to help the community solve this issue. I would suggest that the community contact both the Wyoming Association of Municipalities (WAM) and the Wyoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Due to past experience WAM will be able to provide Bear River with valuable information directly relating to the funding and construction of large public infrastructure projects such as water systems and sewage treatment plant. The CDBG program provides significant infrastructure grants to local communities for public infrastructure and other improvements. Most of these grants are subject to specific requirements and guidelines but, if Bear River qualifies, these funds could be of significant assistance to the community. Additionally, due to legitimate concerns, Evanston appears hesitant to sell Bear River potable water. If these issues are to be solved they must be addressed. I would suggest WAM be asked to mediate discussions and eventual negotiations regarding this issue.

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P.O. Box 3110 Director, CDBG Program
Cheyenne, WY 82003 Wyoming Business Council
307-632-0398 214 W. 15th Street
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-2811

Challenge: Numerous people mentioned that they would like to see natural gas and reliable telecommunications service available in Bear River.

Solution: If Bear River is able to construct a water pipeline from Evanston, I would suggest local natural gas and cable television providers as well as Allwest communications be given the opportunity to share the trench that would be dug for the pipeline. Since the majority of new infrastructure construction costs relate directly to earthwork the opportunity to place their facilities in an existing trench would likely alone justify the placement of facilities out to Bear River.

ROADS

Challenge: Many comments were made regarding the lack of a safe pull-off for the school bus. Several people mentioned that the buss would not pull off the main highway because it was difficult for it to turn around.

Solution: Leaders of the community mentioned that a turnaround is in the process of being constructed. I would suggest that if the bus refused to utilize this turn around that the community file a formal complaint with the school district. The lives of the community's children are more important than whether or not a bus drive is slightly inconvenienced.

Challenge: Several people mentioned that they were concerned with both the speed at which vehicles were passing through town on the highway and with how fast citizens were driving on the town's roads.

Solution: Regarding the speed limit on the highway; under state law, the speed of vehicles in incorporated communities can be regulated, but it is up to the highway department to set the speeds. Bear River may want to contact the Wyoming Department of Transportation to have new speed limit signs posted along the highway on both ends of the community. Addressing the speed within the community is also fairly simple. First the community must pass ordinances establishing speed limits. Next, consider having the county patrol and issue tickets to speeders for several days. This should be effective in slowing down local traffic.

Contact: The town attorney can contact the Wyoming Highway Department by calling 307-777-4001. Ask for the name and telephone number of the Southwest regional

engineer and ask him to address the speed limit issue. If the issue is not satisfactorily addressed call 307-777-4001 and ask to talk to WyDOT director Sleeter Dover.

Challenge: Widening and care of the highway that passes through Bear River was discussed during several listing sessions.

Solution: Carefully coordinate with WyDOT when they are getting ready to repair or resurface the highway. WyDOT has programs available and will widen highways through incorporated communities and install curb and gutter and lighting in most cases.

Contact: David Cameron
Senior Planner
Wyoming Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 1708
Cheyenne, WY 82003
307-777-4178

Challenge: Safety of the road that climbs up the hill to the west of the town hall was mentioned several times.

Solution: The community may want to consider the installation of guardrails on the hill. If a decision is made to pave the hill (a process that would likely help in the removal of snow) the town will first want to consider the installation of water and sewer pipes and other infrastructure. Even if these facilities are not immediately used they can still be installed thus preventing the need for major road reconstruction at a later time.

Contact: The Wyoming Association of Municipalities should be able to provide the community with the names of reputable civil engineering firms that can design plans that will make the hill safer than it currently is. Such a project will likely have to be put out for bid. WAM can also advise the town on this process.

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EQUIPMENT AND ASSETS

Challenge: Many individuals mentioned the need for a local firehouse to protect the community from wildfires and to help control local insurance rates.

Solution: Construction of a firehouse is a project that might very well qualify for CDGB grant funding. Specific rules apply in order for a community to qualify for these types of grants. Contact the Wyoming CDGB office for more information.

Contact: Steve Achter
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Challenge: Locating equipment the municipality will need to maintain local roads, remove snow and fight fires was mentioned as an important issue facing the town.

Solution: Place an add in the WAM news. Making communities aware of the fact that Bear River is looking for specific equipment may generate calls from communities considering disposing of used equipment. Also consider bidding for used equipment on auction sites such as e-bay. Many good deals can be found if patient.

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P.O. Box 3110
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www.ebay.com

PARKS AND RECREATION

Challenge: Several comments were made regarding the strip of BLM between the west side of town and the Utah – Wyoming state line. These comments ranged from making the area into a park to establishing it as a riding area for citizens with horses. The issue of obtaining the land from the federal government was discussed.

Solution: I would recommend starting a discussion with the Wyoming office of the Bureau of Land Management in order to determine the process for acquiring portions of federal land for municipal use and buffer zones for urban wild land interfaces. Federal regulations can be somewhat tedious and if the community has difficulty in reaching the right person or having the problem adequately addressed I would recommend you contact United States Senator Mike Enzi's field office in Jackson and ask that they initiate the appropriate contacts within the BLM.

Contacts: Bureau of Land Management – Cheyenne Office
5353 Yellowstone Road
P.O. Box 1828
Cheyenne, WY 82003-1828
307-775-6256

Senator Mike Enzi, Jackson Field Office
C/O Lyn Shanaghy
307-739-9507

Challenge: Construction of a community center to be used for social and other community events was discussed.

Solution: Depending on qualifying provisions, construction of a community center may qualify for funding through the Wyoming CDBG program. If such a structure incorporates a senior citizens center or provides services or job opportunities to local lower income residence the chances of qualifying are greatly improved.

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COMMUNICATION – EDUCATION

Challenge: Providing accurate, clear and accessible communications to local citizens was listed as a concern.

Solution: In order to provide citizens with the most current information of council actions and upcoming community activities the community should consider implementing a monthly newsletter that is either mailed or distributed to local citizens. The town council should also consider funding the construction of an enclosed community kiosk where the newsletter can be posted, along with notices and agendas of upcoming council meetings and the minutes from the immediately previous town council meeting. There are specific laws that must be followed on the posting of minutes from town council meetings. I would suggest the council request the town attorney provide a briefing so that council members can familiarize themselves with these requirements.

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UTILITIES

Challenge: Now that Bear River is incorporated there are many issues relating directly to the local utility infrastructure that must be addressed. In the state of Wyoming many communities have traditionally entered into contractual ordinance agreements with local utilities. The ordinances, better known as franchise agreements, allow utility companies – electric, cable television, telecommunications, and natural gas – to operate within the corporate limits of the municipality. Franchise agreements vary widely in content and in

the listing of specific operational requirements. For example, franchise agreements can vary in their effective length of time before they must be renegotiated, they can also require differing schedules and amounts payable to the community. Gas, cable television and electric franchises are less complex than telephone franchises. I would be happy to discuss these issues with the community should it choose to enact a telephone (or other) franchise agreement.

Solution: When time permits consider enacting franchise agreements that will help the town manage and maintain local rights-of-way and establish other operating parameters that must be followed by local utility companies. Numerous copies of existing franchise agreements are available from the Wyoming Association of Municipalities. Michael Stull can provide free consulting advice to the community on issues surrounding franchise agreements.

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I would like to thank the Town of Bear River for the opportunity to visit your Town. I think it is very exciting that you are taking the steps you are taking. I would like to start off by saying that you can't do it alone, and your problems are not unique. Somewhere sometime, someone has already done it. In order to learn from their mistakes, all you have to do is find them and listen. I think the most surprising thing to me when I took this job, was the willingness of everyone to help and share information. If you are willing to seek help and use the information presented, you can accomplish almost anything you want.

I'm going to address a couple of points and give you some preliminary contacts to start. In no way is this report the only place to look for answers. There are many web sites and publications that offer many other options. WAM also offers a world of information. Most Cities and Towns are more than eager to offer help and information.

WATER:

Challenge: Water quality and quantity was an overwhelming favorite topic of conversation. It seems that living on the hill or in the valley has no effect on the fact that you need quality water in reasonable supply.

Solution: I think that a pipeline from Evanston is the most logical solution to you problem. It sounds like quality as well as quantity is a problem even in your municipal wells. I'm not going to talk about the finance end of things but rather the operational aspect of a municipal water system. Lovell has a similar system as is being proposed. We purchase water each month from the Shoshone Municipal Pipe Line for distribution to our customers. This leaves only the distribution system for maintenance by the Town. This is no small task, as monthly meter readings are a requirement at a minimum. I would suggest researching radio read meters when you install your water system. The Town of Lovell is in the process of installing radio read meters throughout our water system (@950 meters). This will reduce our read time from six days to four hours. It also reduces data entry in the office, as the information down loads into our billing system. A good billing system is also a must if you operate a municipal water system. There are a number of good utility billing systems available on the market. Caselle is the system used by our office. These systems can be pricey, but if you incorporate the cost into the cost of your new system, it won't be so bad.

Realize that these systems do wear out and break down. The up front cost is not the only thing to consider when you figure the cost of water delivered to your customers. Everything from meter reading to maintenance to office staff has to be considered. The DEQ and Rural Development will help you with your billing problems.

Caselle
1570 North Main
P. O. Box 100
Spanish Fork, Utah 84660-0100
(800)228-9851
Fax (801) 798-1764
www.caselle.com

WaterWorks Industries, Inc. (Water Meter Salesman)
John Huber
P. O. Box 3620
Casper, Wyoming 82602
(800)442-3363
fax(307)265-3019
johnhu@waterworksind.com

EQUIPMENT AND ASSETS

Challenge: We don't have any!

Solution/Contact:

Fire: There are a number of agencies falling over themselves to give money to fire departments that have little or no equipment. Some of the grants available are 90% grants. These grants can be used for training, equipment, vehicles, wellness, and other programs. I think it wise that you explore the costs of equipment besides the costs of a truck. The turnout gear for one firefighter can cost up to \$5,000.00. I'm not trying to scare you but rather point out that you need to assess the big picture. Grants can be obtained for all aspects of fire suppression. The State of Wyoming, through the Office of State Lands and Investments, give grants which are non-federal money. This is important in that these grants may be able to be combined to get a 100% funding in your case. It would be much better to get a new truck than an old one. The new truck(s) would be better not only for the obvious reason of new is better, but because fire trucks are expensive to fix and maintain. As fire equipment ages, it requires more and more tender loving care. If you can secure a newer truck, your maintenance costs will be very much decreased. I would be glad to provide examples of grant applications to both the State, and FEMA if you would be so inclined.

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Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

United States Fire Administration(a department within FEMA)
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Emmitsburg, MD 21727
(301)447-1000
www.usfa.fema.gov

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Equipment, Shop and Crew: If you work things correctly, your shop can be your fire hall. If your shop is your fire hall, you stand a better chance of receiving a grant to help build it. You can still apply to the State Land and Investments Board for funding on a municipal shop and get it, but Fire suppression seems to get preference. Equipment will need to be accumulated over time. A blade seems to be necessary for road maintenance and snow removal. A backhoe would also be a must if you're going to operate a water system. Most equipment manufacturers have very attractive lease options for municipal governments. A large Bobcat might be very useful for your community. Bobcat makes a number of attachments including backhoe and blade capabilities. This blade would not be ideal for maintaining roads, but might work well in snow removal around town buildings, and at the paved bus stop. As with fire equipment, the older it gets the more maintenance it requires. Sometimes the lease on a new piece of equipment is more cost effective than maintaining an old cheaper piece of equipment.

Your crew is very important. You need to make sure the people running and maintaining the equipment are competent and well trained. You mentioned letting volunteers run the equipment. I think you really need to evaluate this further. Not only do you need to protect you equipment and make sure people know how to run it, but there are insurance implications also. By state statute, a volunteer is considered and employee. This should satisfy your insurance carrier, but you need to check with them. Workers Compensation is also a consideration. Are you going to cover your employees(volunteers) with workers compensation? If they get hurt while working for the Town of Bear River, you probably need coverage. It may be worth while to hire a part time employee to do the maintenance and crew work if the insurance concerns become a big problem.

Further research with your insurance carrier and workers comp should help answer the questions.

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Don Sanderson (Bobcat Salesman)
3616 Big Horn Ave.
P. O. Box 938
Cody, Wyoming 82414
(800)718-1055
fax(307)587-6324

Workers' Safety and Compensation
122 West 25th Street, Herschler Building
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002
(307)777-7159
fax(307)777-5946

WHAT WAS SAID IN THE INTERVIEWS

The Resource Team spent 2 days interviewing local residents to hear what they had to say. Those being interviewed were directed to answer three questions:

What are the major problems and challenges in your community?

What are the major strengths and assets of your community?

What projects would you like to see implemented in your community in the next two, five, ten or twenty years?

We have listed below, without comment, what we heard from those who volunteered to be interviewed.

1. What are the major problems and challenges in your community?

Roads deteriorated

Water problems, need adequate water supply.

Need reliable water; water is dirty water and limited

Snow removal on roads, safety issue

Snow removal

Road improvements, don't care what is done as long as safe

Second route to upper hill

Snow removal on the hill is priority, minor on flatter roads

Better quality road

Don't have resources to obtain contractors or equipment to plow roads

What kind of road would be safe for the hill?

Slide off hill

School bus stops on highway.

Lacks resources to keep snow and ice off approaches to highway

Reduce speed limit slowed down through the town.

Uneducated people

Backward thinking

Bad water

Bad roads

Challenge to get easements opened up for river park access.

Also, safety issue crossing over burm and down steep embankment to river.

Roads

Lack of Culverts, water runs over the road.

Easements

People don't seem to want same things and are real confrontational.

Community cohesiveness, getting along.

Road seem to be a problem for other people.

Prefer septic system, but understands have to have sewer plant because of high water table.

Main concern is upkeep of sewer plant, wonders if it has enough capacity.

Roads are important, need guardrails on top of hills, left turn lane on highway.

Local government is becoming overbearing.

Roads fixed – improved and prefer paved

Water – quality and quantity in summer.

Need to get along

Water is a problem

Road improvements – not paved.

Better lighting on Elk drive for school bus due to safety reasons.

Snow removal on roads is a problem.

Need more input from residents.

Need equipment for snow removal.

Garage for fire truck and other equipment.

Lack of equipment for snow removal and fire truck.

Real problem with water, not enough supply and quality high iron content.

Distribution of water is bad.

Create a government that promotes choice rather restrictions.

Type of housing should not be restricted from zoning.

Keep rural community – do not want to promote development.

Phone system – both costs and service.

Water is a problem, quantity and quality

Roads need minor improvements and then maintained.

Like to see paved road

Guardrails and markers along roads to see it at night.

Street Lights on corners approaching highway and intersections in subdivisions.

Enough water quantity to maintain yard

How do we keep from becoming an urban area with lights, paved roads, etc.

Want to keep rural, but need improvements for safety.

All roads don't need paved, but maybe just some specific roads or areas.

Gravel roads problem due to safety.

Trash and debris along roadways is a problem.

Road going up hill to Deer Mountain.

Air in water line.

Roads

Sewer

Water

Roads

Width of road does not allow safe passage of a horse or bike by an oncoming vehicle

Excessive speeding

Drinking Water

Irrigation Water

Roads

Water

Irrigation water

Well water
Roads
Clean, potable water supply
Roads
Water rights
Road easements
Water
Roads
Roads
Water

2. What are the major strengths and assets in your community?

Good Neighbors
Friendly people
Beautiful view
Our location
Rural community as opposed to metropolitan community
Knowing your neighbors
Lots are at least 1 acres, creates open space
Close to SLC – hospitals
Major highway to get to SLC
Country living
A few smart people
Large lots
Large town nearby
Evanston close by with medical care, hospital, one of almost anything you want
Large lots, great view
River 5 minutes away
Medium size town minutes away
Major City 1 hour away
Narrows for fishing close by
Two lakes out window for recreation
Recreation – open lands for horseback riding
Adjoining federal lands
Access along River Park.
Town Council working well together.
Country atmosphere
Incorporation brought monies to community
Like self-sufficiency, not as much government regs
Good place to raise children
Like being able to have horses and a few chickens.

Likes having little store close by.
People are strength
Close to a community that has needed amenities
Rural community atmosphere
Good place to retire
Open space rural concept
Many talented residents living here
Current covenants an asset
Wonderful to live in country and have access to other community's amenities
No longer have to pay district dues; money from taxes can now be used by Town.
Like area – wide open spaces, weather, mountains, people, and scenery.
A lot of talented people.
The open and country atmosphere, distance from neighbors, you can see the stars.
Privacy
Not crowded, nice place to raise a family.
Live close to family.
Narrows reservoir.
Like the rural, open atmosphere.
Good Council members
Interested residents
Enough money to make needed improvements
Money now coming into area
Country living lifestyle and open spaces
Ability of the town to make progress and improve living conditions
We can now tackle concerns and problems instead of just maintaining
That Bear River is close to the city but still have open land
Unlimited potential for improvement
Privacy in country living
Options for change
None
Great community
Location

3. What projects would you like to see implemented in your community in the next 2, 5, 10 or 20 years

Reliable water supply from Evanston
Result in High speed Internet, natural gas
2 years – reliable water well
4 years – Evanston water
5 years – Road improvements up to standard
10 years – Natural Gas
Road improvements, but not sure about paving the roads because of speeding.

Areas out of flood plain would like to see paved roads, with a dirt gravel path for horses along road. For horses and ATVs.

Park

5 years – alternate access to hill. Address safety issue.

Obtain easement from BLM for alternate road.

Paved roads

Good water from Evanston

Paved roads

City water from Evanston

Less hillbillies

Natural gas

City power plant

Usable parkways

Garage for equipment and volunteer fire department.

Paved turn around for school bus, get them off highway.

Need right hand exit lane on north bound 89, divided double line on center lane, right merging lane to get on south bound 89, widen highway.

Equipment for Volunteer Fire Dept.

Development of River Park, access to all.

Better roads.

Development on parks

See Town own the BLM land behind us.

Town obtain own plow truck, dump truck

Building for fire truck.

Road Improvements that would allow school buses to pull off road through subdivision, but would prefer they were not paved.

Maintain the quality of life that already exists here.

Maintain and upkeep of sewer plant.

If water system brought in from Evanston, yes would by a tap if reasonable.

Purchase BLM land behind Deer Mountain for park.

Road work- need to go State surplus and purchase grader, backhoe, and snowplow equip.

Irrigation ditches need improved.

Like to see a park on BLM land.

Road improvements – don't care on whether paved or just better quality as long as maintained.

Road improvements – but would like them paved.

Road improvements – look at different solutions for different areas of Town as far as paving or not.

A place to display/sale wares of residents.

Develop domestic water system – tied in to Evanston

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Natural gas brought to community.

Natural gas brought to community.

If able to purchase BLM land, want to see developed into multiple-use park with trees
Need a Community Center.

Develop recreation opportunities – need a place for people to ride horses, trails along easements on roads, an arena.

Ability to create an electric power system here for the town.

Need to have own telephone system – basic system is approx. \$80.

Fire protection

Keeping original covenants with acre large lots.

Land behind not changed from BLM stay public; not developed, not change ownership.

Need a fire engine and other fire protection, such as fire hydrants.

Water system – tied into Evanston.

Create a place to post Town information, possibly near mailboxes.

Lawn around Town Hall, sign and flagpole.

Road Improvements and then Maintenance. (probably needs paved)

Post office in Town

2 years – everyone with access to irrigation water

5 years – better fire protection with hydrants in our area

10 or 20 – we won't be here!

Equipment for snow removal and road maintenance

2 years – drinking water taken care of

2 years – excessive speeding taken care of

5 years – we would like to see the roads widened

Roads improved

Water piped into community

2 years – irrigation water corrected for all residents

ditches cleaned so water channels properly

2 years – Evanston water piped into Bear River

5 years – Community indoor arena in one of these parks

5 to 10 years – another exit road out of El Caballo and Deer Mt.

Roads paved with speed bumps

School bus stop signs posted ASAP

Water system implementation for Deer Mountain residents

Deer Mountain Hill needs to be improved with a concrete surface with curbs and gutters

Park with picnic tables and playground

Completion of equestrian riding park