AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Project Background & Findings to Date
3. Focus Group Discussion
4. Takeaways & Next Steps
FOCUS GROUP MEETINGS

- Tourism, Recreation, Visitors
- Housing
- Environmental Stewardship & Priorities
- Mobility & Transportation
- Equity, Inclusion & Livability

Monday, November 7 @ 4
Tuesday, November 8 @ 11
Tuesday, November 8 @ 2
Wednesday, November 9 @ 1
Wednesday, November 9 @ 2:30
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Project Background & Findings to Date
WHY A MASTER PLAN?

- It’s been over 30 years since the last County Master Plan was prepared
  - Many of the recommendations have been implemented
- Population changes
- Housing challenges
- Transportation needs
- Industry shifts
WHAT A MASTER PLAN IS... AND IS NOT

It is:
- A reflection of the community's vision and goals
- A strategic guidebook to help guide policy decisions and priorities
- An integration of existing planning work
- A long-range tool for planning, legislation, financing and action
- Inspiration for the future
- Required by State Statute

It is not:
- Zoning
- A set of land use code standards
- Detailed budget document
- Specific regulations, requirements or ordinances
MASTER PLAN TIMELINE & PROCESS

Project Start-up & Management
- Project Kick-off
- Bi-weekly Client Team Meetings
- Advisory Group Meetings
- Planning Commission & BOCC
- Project Branding & Website

Existing Conditions
- Previous Plans Review
- Community Profile
- GIS Data Catalogue
- Growth Analysis

Community Outreach
- Focus Group Meetings
- Pop-up Events
- Countywide Online Survey
- Community Workshop
- Final Plan Sharing

Plan Framework
- Future Land Use Map
- Plan Vision Statement, Goals, Strategies
- Implementation Matrix
- Project & Program Prioritization

Plan Creation & Adoption
- 75% Draft Plan
- 85% Draft Plan
- 90% Draft Plan
- Final Plan

DESIGNWORKSHOP
MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Final Plan
Plan Update Initiation
Policy Direction
Community Engagement
Research
Existing Conditions
Strategies & Actions
Visioning
The area population is projected to grow slightly in the next 5 years.

Household income reflects need for affordable housing options.

The area has a healthy proportion of multi-family units.

The higher median age of residents means services for an aging population need to be considered.

Commuting patterns in Telluride and TOMV, have implications for the regional transportation system and air quality.

Service jobs continue to dominate in the region.
Focus Group Discussion
GROUND RULES

Please share your knowledge
Everyone has a voice
Mutual respect promotes creative thinking
Off-topic comments will be ‘parked’ to discuss at another time
HOW TO USE MENTIMETER

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What makes Eastern San Miguel County a great place to live? Visit?

- views, work life balance, outdoors
- Scenic beauty
- Beautiful scenery, engaged community
- Beauty
- It's beautiful
- Lack of sprawl
- Generally speaking, the access to public lands and incredible outdoor recreation.
- Access to great outdoor recreation
- Community
What makes Eastern San Miguel County a great place to live? Visit?

- Walkability
- Incredible natural resources - scenic views, wildlife, ample outdoor activities
- Incredible mountains and open mesas
- Visit because it is so different then how most people get to experience
- Open space. No urban sprawl. Funky town and people.
- It's still wild We have protected our wildlife!
- Landscape
- Natural beauty, like no other place
What makes Eastern San Miguel County a great place to live? Visit?

Culture, community, and access to recreation

The awe of the natural beauty to live. To visit, the experience of our human connection with nature.


Wildlife

Ski resort

Ease of access to world class outdoor recreation

The limited population and natural setting.

Open space

Music and arts culture
What makes Eastern San Miguel County a great place to live? Visit?

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<td>My biking and hiking</td>
<td>Small town</td>
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<td>Skiing</td>
<td>Natural landscape, access to outdoor activities, community, culture</td>
<td>Festivals</td>
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What makes Eastern San Miguel County a great place to live? Visit?

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<th>Beauty, outdoor lifestyle, public lands, less crowds and traffic</th>
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<td>Juxtaposition of dense urban core (with amenities of cosmopolitan area) and low density, recreation and open space</td>
<td>Mountain biking</td>
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<td>Natural setting and compact development</td>
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<td>Arts and culture</td>
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What makes Eastern San Miguel County a great place to live? Visit?

- Access to recreation, views, walkability, community, access to food/bev/arts. Good water resources.
- Community connection to the landscape
- Opportunity to create a professional expertise niche
- We've kept density w/ density and not splinted our natural resources
- For the most part, not a lot of sprawl
- Wildlife
- Regional community
- Small town and preservation of surrounding areas
- Community naturesmart and small visionary citizens stunning lifestyle
What makes Eastern San Miguel County a great place to live? Visit?

- Land use to more residential and affordable housing
- More pressure for services, more wealth inequity

What types of land use changes do you anticipate in the County in the future?

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<td>More trails</td>
<td>Higher density affordable housing</td>
<td>Pressure to build housing in inappropriate locations</td>
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<td>More second homes that require more service works</td>
<td>Denser development patterns</td>
<td>setting aside more open space / preservation</td>
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- More traffic, more housing sprawl
- Need for more affordable housing, need for parking
- Decrease in available land for purchase
- More residential in existing PUD's
- Larger and more unaffordable homes
- Higher density workforce and more trails.
- More need for affordable housing and better protections for natural habitats and wildlife
- Urban sprawl
- Limit / scale back growth
| What types of land use changes do you anticipate in the County in the future? |
|---|---|---|
| I'm concerned that we are under pressure to develop our most precious resource - open space | Anticipate, but hope that we do not abandon concepts of preservation | Greater density in the Telluride city area. Pressure on open space. More traffic |
| Uncontrolled growth | More protection for wildlife corridors | improving / smarter agricultural practices |
| Dense development close to towns on transportation links | More Environmentaly friendly sewer and water services | Residential, affordable, huge mansions |
What types of land use changes do you anticipate in the County in the future?

- Land use decisions made by staff and elected officials with minimal public input
- Codes to regulate building associated with wildfire
- Most land suitable for development has been developed. Other pressures
- We need to conserve as we grow
- High alpine open space protected
- Challenges with climate change / drought
- Zoning changes to allow for affordable housing
- Preserving mesas
- Maximize and put caps on growth
What types of land use changes do you anticipate in the County in the future?

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<td>Heli skiing</td>
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<td>Better energy efficiency</td>
<td>Preserve open mesas/agricultural heritage</td>
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<td>Need for water conservation.</td>
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<td>solutions to traffic solutions to development prioritize corridors Smart solutions to cluster development</td>
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What types of land use changes do you anticipate in the County in the future?

- create continuing education focused on env
- We should be careful WHERE we put our development of dense housing
How appropriate is growth in the following areas?

- Within existing towns: 1.3
- Immediately adjacent to existing towns: 1.5
- Within existing subdivisions in the County: 2
- On any available undeveloped land in the County: 3.5
- Other (please type into zoom): 1
Identify the area MOST appropriate for development on the map below.
Identify the area LEAST appropriate for development on the map below.
What have been the most significant climate-related changes in the past 20 years?

- Drought: 27
- Flood: 3
- Air quality: 5
- Weather fluctuations: 14
- Energy demands: 6
- Wildfire: 16
- Water and soil quality: 9
- Vegetation and erosion: 3
- Wildlife habitat loss: 15
- Other: 0
What have been the most significant changes impacting San Miguel County lifestyles and the environment in the past 20 years?

- Wetland remediation: 6
- Mine tailings clean-up: 17
- Conservation of open space: 26
- Alternative energy options: 6
- Recycling programs: 0
- Other: 1
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<th>Wetlands</th>
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<td>sub divisions outside city limits</td>
<td>The knee jerk reaction to the valley floor</td>
<td>High country</td>
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<td>Water development</td>
<td>Anything on wells</td>
<td>Elk grazing and migration</td>
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Where do you believe the largest land use conflicts with the natural environment occur?

- Proposing affordable housing projects outside of town proper and intruding on open spaces. Commercial development overall.
- On the steep sides of the canyons and valleys.
- Expansion / sprawl outside of town limits.
- The wildlife corridor concerning the deep creek density proposal...
- Mesa development
- Hydrology, wildlife, wildfire
- Recreational uses at Trout Lake
- Highways, Social Trails, Dispersed housing on mesas
Where do you believe the largest land use conflicts with the natural environment occur?

- Mesas with out water
- Forested areas susceptible to wildfire
- Not keeping up on our infrastructure
- Ranch style housing on mesas
- High density outside towns
- On all surrounding Mesa’s that support wildlife and are zoned as low Density that could be converted to high density.
- Heli skiing
- Wildlife corridors light pollution in high density areas
- Water
Where do you believe the largest land use conflicts with the natural environment occur?

- Suburban sprawl neighborhoods
- HWY 145/river corridor
- vegetation project associated with electric power lines
- Traffic on side roads
- Highways - increased traffic and speed Mesa and
- Between the people and the staff
- water and soil
- Bridal veil basin, Mesas
- North side of the valley floor, usfs property, san miguel river, remote lakes
Where do you believe the largest land use conflicts with the natural environment occur?

- Clarity of the night sky
- High country access
- Open space, mesas, wildlife corridors especially
- Light pollution
- National forest
- Legacy ranches
- Historic mine buildings, historic ranches
- Mining history
- Follow the master plan and not deviate because of high powered developers
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<th>The Mesas</th>
<th>Scenic view corridors</th>
<th>Deep creek</th>
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<td>The San Miguel River</td>
<td>Water, both surface and groundwater</td>
<td>High country water</td>
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<td>wilderness areas.</td>
<td>The wildlife corridors</td>
<td>High Country Zoning, large swaths of public land</td>
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What and/or where are key environmental assets in the County?

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<th>Again, open space. Wildlife. San Miguel River. Back country access.</th>
<th>Our landscape, open spaces and relatively low density</th>
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<td>Water and wildlife.</td>
<td>San Miguel river</td>
<td>Good air quality away from Telluride</td>
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<td>High country vistas, water corridors</td>
<td>Wilderness areas</td>
<td>River</td>
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What and/or where are key environmental assets in the County?

- Public lands including wilderness areas, conserved open space areas.
- Watershed.
- Critical subwatersheds, critical wetlands, riparian corridors, large forested areas under management by USFS.
- Clarity of night sky.
- Wildlife corridors. Historic sites these are all of our legacies Indigenous culture and protect our future.
What are the County’s top historical and cultural assets that should be protected?

- Historic ranches
- Mining, ranching, ski area history
- Downtown main street buildings, historical mining structures
- Ames Power Plant
- Highcountry mining relics, like Buckley Wells cabin
- Our historic buildings and historic ranches, hydroelectric plant,
- Ranching and mining heritage
- Old mining houses, ski area
- Native American history
What are the County’s top historical and cultural assets that should be protected?

- Ranch culture
- The downvalley school house, Courthouse, Museum.
- Pandora Mill
- Towns of Telluride, Ophir, Placerville, Sawpit
- Preservation of ranching, mining and ski area
- Our open land
- Matterhorn Mill
- Native American culture and history
- Rio Grande Southern Railroad buildings and infrastructure
What are the County’s top historical and cultural assets that should be protected?

- HARC, native artifacts
- Accessible and viewable historic structures along highways
- The ones on our scenic roads
- Galloping goose
- Unpaved rural roads.
- Transfer Warehouse. Hydro plants (they're functional, too).
- Trout lake trestle
- Mining and RR
- Native American history, mills
What are the County’s top historical and cultural assets that should be protected?

- Galloping Goose!
- View corridors
- 70s era/early ski area structures
- The depot building
- Open spaces, parks
- Trout Lake Trestle
- YES Hydro plants
- Uncrowded ski area
- Be a leader, place environment at the forefront of decisions and planning
What should the County’s role be in supporting environmental stewardship?

- **Regulatory**

- **Educational**

- **Decision-making based on environmental impact**

- **Critical area planning**
  
  To be transparent and let the community decide what’s best rather than secret planning and manipulation of the rules.

- **Supporting and working in partnership with nonprofits**

- **Education and stewardship**

- **Please work together with the other towns in the Master Plan!**

  Again, preserve open space. Promote back country 'leave-no-trace' ethics among visitors.
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<th>Supporting local environmental non profits, participating in regional stakeholder groups</th>
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<td>Working with local municipalities and businesses to meet regional and state CAP goals</td>
<td>Help guide and work with towns to keep density from sprawling</td>
<td>To protect high quality habitat. To work on forest management to mitigate fire hazards.</td>
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<td>Directing policy and funding to promote stewardship. Set an example for other counties in Colorado.</td>
<td>It should be their priority. Decisions should take into account degradation of the natural environment and the process should be very inclusive, not secretive.</td>
<td>Follow Jim Burleigh and legacy’s of the visionary’s whose shoulders we stand on and celebrate... Lots of CLUSTER tiny cluster housing creation</td>
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What should the County’s role be in supporting environmental stewardship?

- Leadership role in influencing / speaking up regarding projects from outside (larger) entities
- Preserve open space, reduce GHG emissions
- Raise awareness and provide good public information
- Support existing plan use process using careful steps to analyze wildlife, infrastructure and overuse
- Regulatory, educative and incentive based policy
- Creative zoning to allow for unique developments
- Solid decision making
What should the County’s role be in supporting environmental stewardship?

- Eco marketing
- Hold in high esteem the things we have preserves the makes Telluride unique! Open space, wildlife, etc
- Working in partnership with public land managers
- Continue with plans in place
- Researching historical precedent and “best practices.”
- PES program to increase soil health & water retention
- Fostering a community of intersectional environmental thinking
- Working in partnership with CPW and other state agencies
- Working with SMPA to meet climate goals
What should the County’s role be in supporting environmental stewardship?

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<th>Promote down valley sewer and water system</th>
<th>Environment should be the most important thing b/c we lose it all if we sell out for $$&amp;</th>
<th>put measures into place that tie the economic benefit to preservation of the natural environment and responsible tourism</th>
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<td>DOW Respecting the wildlife</td>
<td>leadership with multi-jurisdictional decision-making</td>
<td>Open and forthright policy</td>
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<td>Protecting our limited open space and not allowing overbuilding</td>
<td>support innovative initiatives that respect history/culture and...</td>
<td>Change Lawson restaurant restrictions to reduce traffic</td>
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What should the County’s role be in supporting environmental stewardship?

should follow the advice and recommendations of experts, (CPW, USFS, BLM)
What do you believe are the largest risks for the future of the County’s environmental resources?
What building or regulatory tools do you think the county or region should support to help reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions?

- Renewable energy credits [10]
- Home weatherization standards [16]
- Energy-efficient building codes [18]
- Climate-friendly building products [13]
- Local energy production [11]
- LEED certification incentives/requirements [7]
- Large-scale green waste collection program [13]
- Drought-resistant landscape requirements [22]
- Drought mitigation plans/standards [22]
- Other [6]
What transportation or land use tools do you think the county might support to help reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions?

- Electric vehicles used for transit: 14
- Electric vehicle charge stations: 10
- Carpool/ride share parking: 11
- More transit lines: 10
- Biofuel stations: 2
- Bus only lanes: 2
- More frequent transit service: 18
- More walkable communities (locate homes close to jobs and services): 22
- Other: 1
What methods for land conservation should San Miguel County explore or strengthen?

- Regional growth policies/agreements: 15
- Transfer of development rights: 11
- Easements: 7
- Incentives: 14
- Purchase of land from willing sellers: 13
What strategies should San Miguel County explore for conserving rural character?

7. Offer educational and arts programming activities that highlight this character

14. Encourage the increase of rural land that benefits the local area, like community gardens

18. Support sustainable agriculture

5. Utilize public art and wayfinding elements as placemaking tools

20. Use scenic view protection policies

2. Other
What resources should this plan reference? (reports, partnerships, support, etc.)

- Department of Wildlife
- Regional Climate Action Plan
- Honest traffic studies

- We need a complete inventory of affordable housing in the region
- A yet to be performed study on the carrying capacity of the region
- cpw habitat use maps, economic impact of hunting data

- Climate Action Plans and strategies included in them
- Non bias traffic study
- GMUG Forest Plan Revision
What resources should this plan reference? (reports, partnerships, support, etc.)

- Conservative groups to help conserve wildlife
- Last Dollar Collective has lots of info
- Water studies
- DOW
- San Miguel County Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Community surveys that are widely publicized.
- CO Parks & Wildlife corridor study including winter ranges
- Regional Climate Action Plan 2018 County Affordable Housing Study
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<td>State laws around protecting wildlife corridors</td>
<td>San Miguel County Forest in Flux StoryMap</td>
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<td>Community nonprofits like smwc, ecoaction, telluride foundation</td>
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<td>EPA environmental education; NOAA climate change; SMWC report</td>
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<td>southwest basin implementation plan. San miguel nonconsuptive needs assessment.</td>
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<td>Protect our wildlife and open spaces through as many agencies as pissy</td>
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- Identify legacy viewsheds and habitat
- Plans to understand how best to apply brakes on growth
- More communication to the people of San Miguel County about what we are going on. Use an email blast.
- If we don’t prioritize CAP strategies, we won’t have to worry about other issues.
- Preserve legacy viewsheds and habitat
- Climate issues should take priority.
- Climate action is critical
- Incentivize restoration on private properties. Make sure responses are given by environmental experts, not realtors.
What other ideas do you have?

Regional non profit collaboration. Space to gather and spread the word.

Meet with Ophir, San Bernardo, Trout Lake communities

emphasize to / educate visitors, part-time residents & locals with our environmental priorities

Do some meet and greets on specific topics with professionals

I would hope that the County elected officials and staff would include the public and be more transparent when making decisions that affect us all

Exploring what can be done on the valley floor

Report on the carrying capacity of the region so we know when and how to cap growth.

Public transportation to Bridal Veil

The county should continue to focus on proactively partnering with government agencies (e.g. CPW, USFS) as well as nonprofits that are engaged in environmental stewardship.
What other ideas do you have?

| A top down and comprehensive approach to master planning, regardless of how difficult and how much time it takes |
| >>>Telluride is so special <<_electric rail_ solutions to TRAFFICNeed to prioritize the wildlife CORRIDORS |
| Campus for environmental research and education - How can we best protect this environment. |
| Do more of these |
| Consider a visitor tax to help support environmental impact |
| Increase transit options |
| Move hospital to center of region to reduce overall road traffic same for groceries |
| Remote parking area down valley on 145 |
| When our natural resources are concerned there should be open conversation. And THESE MEETINGS SHOULDN'T BE IN THE OKF SEASON! |
What other ideas do you have?

- Transparency and ongoing education and policies - incentives only go so far before legislation is needed.
- Rebuild the relationship between mountain village and valley.
- For previous question about references: regional EV Readiness Plan is under development.
- Stop government overreach.

This may well be a parked comment, but I am wondering why the airport, its environmental impacts, the way in which its catering to private flights has shaped our growth and contributed to income inequity etc. & etc; has not been addressed here.
Takeaways & Next Steps
NEXT STEPS

Pop-Up Events
December

Countywide Survey
January

For project updates,
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Thank you for sharing your knowledge and ideas!