

Land Use Open House Additional Comments

The following comments were received on the Twin Falls, Land use Open House questionnaires. The general comments are listed first. Next the comments amending one of the questions are listed under that question.

General:

- County should not allow coal-fired power plants and should say so in the plan.
- Would like:
 - No Sempra type plants
 - Emphasize wind power and conservation
 - Emphasize new housing with improved energy standards, water conservation, solar power, etc
 - New high school with solar capabilities
 - Stronger water sprinkler enforcements with points of contact for all businesses.
- Thank you for asking.
- I believe that SEMPRA type coal-fired power plants should not be allowed to locate here.
- The management of our natural resources as it applies to the human experience is critical to our existence. Waste management and concentration of species is of paramount concern!
- I would like the county to support the proposed state income tax credit that would provide incentives to working farm and ranch owners who donate development rights via a voluntary agreement.
- No coal-fired power plants should be allowed in Twin Falls County!!!
- No coal!
- I feel we should not allow Sempra-type coal plants.
- I don't want any Sempra-type business in our county or in Idaho.
- I hope that our updated comprehensive plan will be clear and unambiguous that Sempra-type coal-fired power plants should not be welcomed here.
- Please no coal plants in Twin Falls County.
- More publicity on this should have been planned. This is very important planning.
- Ranching should compete with other development, especially on government land.
- Development of organized recreation facilities should be left to the communities, not the county.
- Recreation facilities are a city issue.
- Economics should determine whether land is irrigated cropland or residential.
- Only zoned areas should be allowed for industrial or commercial uses.
- New housing developments should be required to provide "ample" park/play space for residents, so that private developers pay for park development.
- Wherever there is a density of population, there should be money spent on recreational facilities, especially for younger generation. Focus on group sports activities.
- The rim of Salmon Falls Creek should not be lumped with the matrix of the vast sagebrush steppe.

- What is an agricultural support business?
- Planned developments are acceptable if near existing towns.
- Would be helpful to define terms.

1) The County should preserve Snake River, Rock Creek and Salmon Falls Creek rims and canyons.

- But allow controlled building development.

2) The County should preserve prime farm ground.

- What is prime farm ground?
- What is meant by prime farm land?
- Maybe just expand areas of impact.
- In northeast Twin Falls County

3) The County should develop more recreational opportunities.

- Tennis courts, baseball, etc.
- Trails along and in canyons.

4) The County should allow residential development in agricultural areas.

- But not to detriment of quality ag land.
- Residential developments only adjacent to cities.
- If it is adjoining a city.
- Only under the auspices of a comprehensive plan that protects current homeowners and does not negatively impact the environment or prime farm ground.
- Depends on density
- In some areas
- Don't like scattered housing. Need area concentrations.
- Minimum 10 acre parcel can be split off existing 40 for development.
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- Residential development should only be allowed within area of city impact, not in any ag lands in the region.
- Please define rural residential—1 house per acre?

5) The County should allow commercial development in agricultural areas.

- This is very vague.
- But protect quality of land.
- If it is adjoining a city.
- Not unless public hearing for zoning change
- What kinds? Ag-related or other? Bad phrasing of question.
- If ag-related.

6) The County should allow industrial development in agricultural areas.

- Non-polluting light industry with low water use and reasonable set-back.
- If it is adjoining a city.
- Depends on the development, but no Sempra-like coal-fired plants (dirty).

- What kinds? Another bad phrasing of question!
- Only in areas of city impact.
- No more cheese plants.
- Some businesses may be necessary and desireable.

7) The County should allow expansion of the dairy industry.

- No more dairy!
- Not mega dairies or CAFO operations within the Magic Valley
- The growth in the dairy industry should bottom out in this area. Put a lid on dairy expansion now before it gets out of control!
- Gone too far already. Twin Falls County does not need to compete with Jerome and Gooding Counties on this!
- This one industry can and does pollute our air, soil, and water. The county needs to be very cautious about placing too many eggs in one basket. Let's not be short-sighted in our mega-dairy acceptance with very real adverse impacts to our count
- We have more than enough already. I don't want this county to look like Jerome/Wendell.
- But for smaller, friendly dairies – NO CAFOs!!
- No way.
- In proper areas.
- Don't let Twin Falls County get like Gooding County. We need a diversified economy.
- Limited only!
- There should be absolutely no more CAFOs anywhere. Some of the existing should be closed.
- We have enough CAFOs!
- No more
- No more dairy!
- The county has more than enough CAFOs now. The north side of the Snake River looks like a war zone and smells like an outhouse in distress! I do not want Twin Falls County to be destroyed by CAFOs!
- No area should be primarily CAFOs.
- Enough already! Stop CAFOs!
- Too many already. Not enough land to apply waste to.

8) The County should promote the development of planned communities.

- To include support infrastructure.
- Residential development should be adjacent to cities.
- No motocross in residential development even if its private homes only. Planned for residential only.
- The county should know what the developer has planned before, not after the fact. Now there are loopholes.

9) Residential developments should be supplied by community water and sewer systems.

- If the residential development is in fact in the city limits!
- If integrated and self-supporting
- Residential development should be adjacent to cities.
- With non-potable water for irrigating lawns.
- Within one mile of current available sewer and water.

10) The County should protect open spaces.

- Would like better clarification of open spaces and the restrictions.

11) The county should levy a tax for public transportation.

- Questionable use.

12) The County should establish impact fees.

- On what? Too arbitrary.
- What is an impact fee?
- Developer pays upfront.
- Impact fees can only be for certain things.
- Paid by developers.

13) The County should be more aggressive in the removal of unsightly debris and accumulation inoperable vehicles.

- Not a great problem
- Should not happen in the first place.
- And piles of cow waste sitting in fields with nowhere to go.
- And the mountains of manure that are never applied to the land and sit for years.

14) The County needs more parks and trails.

- Low priority
- Keep the ones we have clean
- And maintain current trails.
- To be paid for by developers, both residential and commercial.
- That stay open year round.
- Trails along the canyons.
- All existing need to be maintained and improved.