

District 1: Alta

Priority: Promote Stewardship of Wildlife and Natural Resources

Alta, Wyoming is identified as a County Rural District in the Future Land Use Plan and is an appropriate area in which to promote agricultural stewardship and rural character. Alta remains a more viable community for agricultural production than any community in the Jackson Hole valley. A number of families still farm in Alta, and the community desires to maintain this land ethic. Ensuring that land owners will be able to continue agricultural operations will help protect the scenic, natural, and wildlife resources provided on these tracts of land. Protection of these resources furthers the wider community’s goal of stewardship of wildlife and natural resources.

Conserving the rural and agricultural characteristics of Alta will require intergovernmental coordination with jurisdictions in Idaho. The nodal concept of responsible growth, which is outlined in this Plan, will be applied on the west side of the Tetons; with Driggs, Idaho functioning as the economic and civic node for the rural community of Alta.

The redevelopment of Grand Targhee according to the approved resort master plan is the only appropriate development in this district. This will help conserve agriculture and agricultural lands elsewhere. The Grand Targhee resort master plan is consistent with both the 1994 Plan and this Plan and defines the appropriate land uses within the resort boundary. In other areas, existing non-residential non-institutional uses should be redeveloped as residential.

Some additional emergency facilities will be provided with the redevelopment of Grand Targhee. Existing educational and institutional facilities in Alta relieve some of the service burden from Idaho jurisdictions and should be maintained. However, additional institutional facilities are not appropriate in Alta if acceptable service delivery can be provided through an inter-local agreement with a neighboring jurisdiction.

Residential development in Alta in the Agriculture/Rural and Single Family Dispersed classifications will prioritize rural character. Alta is an appropriate district for conservation easement incentives and non-regulatory conservation efforts that focus on the preservation of agricultural lands and production. Agricultural

buildings will continue to be the largest structures in the area and residential development should retain a modest, rural character. Alta is not an appropriate district for workforce housing density bonuses. Grand Targhee is the only major employer within this district and provisions should be made to house 65% of the workforce where they work.

An inter-jurisdictional transit system is important for those workers community to Jackson Hole and to Grand Targhee. Continuation and expansion of park’n’rides in Driggs and Victor will limit traffic on Teton Pass. Coordination of transit between Grand Targhee, Driggs, Victor, and Teton County may result in limiting traffic on Ski Hill Road as well.

THEME PRIORITIZATION IN THIS DISTRICT
WILDLIFE AND NATURAL RESOURCES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conserve agriculture and agricultural lands. ▪ Maintain migration routes.
RESPONSIBLE GROWTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limit residential development potential. ▪ Coordinate with Driggs, ID for services.
BALANCED ECONOMY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coordinate with Idaho governments for the provision of commercial and social services. ▪ Limit commercial development to Grand Targhee.
TRANSPORTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expand START ridership. ▪ Coordinate transportation efforts with Idaho jurisdictions.
COMMUNITY FACILITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maintain existing inter-local agreements with Idaho jurisdictions for service provision. ▪ Provide facilities at Grand Targhee as outlined in master plan.
WORKFORCE HOUSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not an appropriate location for workforce housing density bonuses. ▪ May continue to provide affordable market housing.
TOWN AS HEART <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Limit development outside of town.

Conceptual Future Land Use Map

