

Bonner County Comprehensive Plan Update Process

General Information

Overview and Process:

[Idaho State Code §67-6508](#) charges the Planning Commission with the duty of "conducting a comprehensive planning process designed to prepare, implement, and review and update a comprehensive plan". The code further states, "The plan shall include all land within the jurisdiction of the governing board. The plan shall consider previous and existing conditions, trends, compatibility of land uses, desirable goals and objectives, or desirable future situations for each planning component. The plan with maps, charts, and reports shall be based on the following components as they may apply to land use regulations and actions unless the plan specifies reasons why a particular component is unneeded."

The code then lists the several components to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan with a brief description of the type of analysis for each component:

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| a. Property Rights | j. Recreation |
| b. Population | k. Special Areas or Sites |
| c. School Facilities and Transportation | l. Housing |
| d. Economic Development | m. Community Design |
| e. Land Use | n. Agriculture |
| f. Natural Resources | o. Implementation |
| g. Hazardous Areas | p. National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors |
| h. Public Services, Facilities, and Utilities | q. Public Airport Facilities |
| i. Transportation | |

The following points list the general process of updating the Comprehensive Plan components. This process may change/ evolve in certain conditions depending on various factors such as availability of the members of the Commission, complexity of the matter, time needed for data extraction etc.

1. Each component is assigned to a Planning Commissioner to review against state code and the sub-area plans. The assigned commissioner proposes updates to the text of the document and updates any data contained in the component.
2. The component is presented to the Planning Commission in a workshop which is not open for public comments. This is intended to be a time for the Planning Commission to work through the draft and revise as needed. This may take several meetings and many revisions.
3. The component is then scheduled with the Planning Commission for a workshop open to public comment. This is intended to allow for additional public comment on the draft of the component prior to going to a public hearing. There are no time limits placed on speaking and question and answer sessions are generally permitted.
4. A public hearing with the Planning Commission is then scheduled and duly advertised, agencies are routed for comment in accordance with the agency list below. A public hearing is held and a recommendation made to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The hearing is open for public comments.
5. A workshop is scheduled with the BOCC to discuss the component prior to a hearing for a discussion with staff and any Planning Commission members who may choose to participate.
6. A public hearing with the BOCC is then scheduled and duly advertised. The hearing held and is open for public comments. If the BOCC decides to make a material change to the Planning Commission's recommendation then an additional hearing is scheduled for a later date.

Notes:

- a. At the end of each Planning Commission meeting the commission discusses and decides on the agenda for the next meeting.
- b. The Planning Commission generally meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. The BOCC generally holds land use hearings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.
- c. The current status of each component draft, adopted components, as well as meeting agendas can be found at the following website:
<https://www.bonnercountyid.gov/ComprehensivePlanCurrent/Update>
- d. Agency Review and Public Comments:

Each component is sent for agency review. The following list was composed and will continue to be used to request comments from agencies on the Comprehensive Plan update. This list was composed after reviewing State Statute 67-6509 and Bonner County Revised Code 12-268 and 12-217. Any member of the public or other group not listed here may make a public comment via mail to the Bonner County Planning Department at 1500 Highway 2, Suite 208, Sandpoint, ID 83864; via email to planning@bonnercountyid.gov or in-person at the workshops/ public hearings that are open to public comment.

All Taxing Districts	Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 - Admin
Area of City Impact: Clark Fork	Lake Pend Oreille School District #84 - Transportation
Area of City Impact: Dover	Lakeland Joint School District #272
Area of City Impact: East Hope	Lakes Highway District
Area of City Impact: Hope	Little Blacktail Ranch Water Association
Area of City Impact: Kootenai	Midas Water Corporation
Area of City Impact: Oldtown	Montana Rail Link
Area of City Impact: Ponderay	Mountain Utility Company
Area of City Impact: Priest River	Natural Resource Conservation Service
Area of City Impact: Sandpoint	New Schweitzer Ski Village
Area of City Impact: Spirit Lake	North of the Narrows Fire District
Avista Utilities	Northern Lights, Inc.
Bay Drive Recreation District	Northland Cable Television
Bayview Water & Sewer	Northside Fire District
Blanchard Cooperative Water Assoc. Inc.	Northside Water District
Bonner County EMS	Northwest Medstar
Bonner County GIS Department	Oden Water Association
Bonner County Historical District	Outlet Bay Sewer District
Bonner County Road & Bridge	Pack River Cemetery
Bonner County Sherriff	Panhandle Health District
Bonner Historical Society	Pend Oreille Hospital District
Bonneville Power Administration	Pend Oreille Valley Railroad
Bottle Bay Water & Sewer District	Pine Bluff Mutual Water Co, Inc.
Bureau of Land Management – CdA District	Pine Bluff Water System
Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF)	Priest Lake Golf Club Estates Water, Inc.
CDS Stonebridge Utilities	Priest Lake Public Library District
Cedar Grove Water System	Priest Lake Translator District
Clark Fork Library	Priest River Airport
Clark Fork Valley Fire	Public Works Department

Colburn Water Association	Round Lake State Park
Coolin Sewer District	Sagle Valley Water & Sewer
Coolin-Cavanaugh Bay Fire District	Sam Owen Fire District
Drainage District #7	Sandpiper Shores Master Utility, LLC
East Bonner Library	Sandpoint Aviation
East Priest Lake Fire District	Schweitzer Basin Water
Ellisport Bay Sewer	Schweitzer Fire District
Environmental Protection Agency	Schweitzer Resort Water
Federal Aviation Administration	Schweitzer Ski Village
Federal Emergency Management Agency	Selkirk Fire, Rescue & EMS
Frontier Communications	Selkirk Recreation District
Garfield Bay Water and Sewer District	Southside Fire District
Gas Transmission Northwest Corp.	Southside Water & Sewer District
General Telephone Company	Spirit Lake East Water District
Granite Reeder Water & Sewer District	Spirit Lake Fire District
Humane Society of U.S.	SPOT
Idaho Agricultural Aviation Association, Inc.	State Historical Society
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality	Stoneridge Utilities
Idaho Department of Fish & Game	Sunnyside Water Association
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare	Swan Shores Sewer District
Idaho Department of Insurance	Syringa Heights Water Association
Idaho Department of Lands - CdA	Talache Water Association, Inc.
Idaho Department of Lands - Coolin	Tamarack Village Water & Sewer
Idaho Department of Lands - Sandpoint	The Spires Water Company, LLC
Idaho Department of Lands- Navigable Waters & Mining	Timber Lake Fire District
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation	Trestle Creek Sewer District
Idaho Department of Water Resources	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Idaho Division of Building Safety	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Idaho Humane Society	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Idaho Panhandle National Forest	U.S. Forest Service
Idaho State Police - CdA	Union Pacific Railroad (Spokane International)
Idaho Transportation Department - Aeronautics	Verizon
Idaho Transportation Department - District I	VP, Inc.
Independent Highway District	Vyve Broadband/ Northland Cable Television
Inland Power & Light	West Bonner County Cemetery District
Kalispel Bay Sewer & Water	West Bonner County School District #83
Kalispel Tribe of Indians	West Bonner Library
Kokanee Park Water System	West Bonner Water & Sewer District
Kootenai Indian Tribe	West Pend Oreille Fire District
Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District	West Priest Lake Fire District
Kullyspell Water	Westmond Water District
Laclede Water District	Whispering Pines Cemetery