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- Assist rural communities in visioning and strategic planning
- Serve as a resource for assisting communities in finding and obtaining grants for rural projects
- Serve and be recognized as a neutral forum for identification and resolution of multi-jurisdictional issues
- Promote, through education, the understanding of the needs, values, and contributions of rural communities.

The Council seeks to assist rural Wyoming communities with their needs and development efforts by matching the technical and financial resources of federal, state, and local governments and the private sector with local development efforts.

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September 23 & 24, 2008

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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 Lyman, Wyoming, in evaluating the community assets and liabilities, and in developing suggestions for improving the future for social, economic and environmental growth of Lyman.

The Town of Lyman requested a five-year follow up community assessment from the Wyoming Rural Development Council. The mayor, Ralph Bradshaw, and his Town Clerk, Lisa Bradshaw, served as the community contacts and took the lead in agenda development, logistics, and publicity for the assessment. Resource Team members were selected to visit, interview citizens, business, and community leaders to develop a plan of recommended action for Lyman. The team members were carefully selected based on their fields of expertise that the Town of Lyman officials indicated would be needed to respond to the problem areas identified.

The Resource Team toured the town and interviewed approximately 126 people in eight listening sessions over a two day period on September 23 & 24, 2008. The team interviewed representatives from the following segments of the community: local business, city, law enforcement, youth, grandparents, parents, and the general public.

Many of these people had reviewed the questions with their respective businesses or organizations and were representing many people at the listening sessions. 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 Lyman?
What do you think are the major strengths and assets in Lyman?
What projects would you like to see implemented in 2, 5, 10, or 20 years in Lyman?

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

The oral report was presented to the people of Lyman on September 24, 2008 and many citizens who participated were in attendance.

Following the oral report, this formal written report is presented to the Town of Lyman.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On behalf of the Lyman Five-Year Follow-Up Community Assessment Resource Team, I would like to thank the Town of Lyman and the community members who worked so hard to coordinate the Lyman Five-Year Follow up Community Assessment. This report contains an abundance of information that will hopefully be used by the people of Lyman to better the community and reach its goals. Lyman sets in a spot of natural beauty, has good, visionary leadership, and has citizens willing to make their town better. We met with 126 people in eight listening sessions and the town meeting.

While reading this report, you will find a variety of recommendations made by the team members on the issues that were identified during the listening sessions. We encourage the town to use these recommendations to build a plan for the future of Lyman.

Anything is possible if everyone works together to achieve a common goal, as the community-minded citizens of Lyman already know. Your website is a good example—it is very appealing. Every step, no matter how small, is a movement in the right direction toward achieving Lyman's goals. It can be done. What you do with the recommendations is your choice and will be accomplished by the dedicated citizens of Lyman.

Members of our team will return to Lyman to facilitate a follow-up meeting in the near future. The meeting will help determine the priorities and develop strategies for implementation in Lyman. We encourage everyone from the town to attend this meeting, even if they were unable to attend the community assessment. This follow-up goal setting meeting will identify both short term and long term goals for Lyman.

On behalf of the Town of Lyman Resource Assessment Team, let me express our gratitude for the hospitality shown us during our time in your community. Good luck on your challenges and visions.

Sincerely,

Jo Ferguson
Team Leader

Lyman, approx. 1940 *Source:* http://www.wyomingtalesandtrails.com

LYMAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

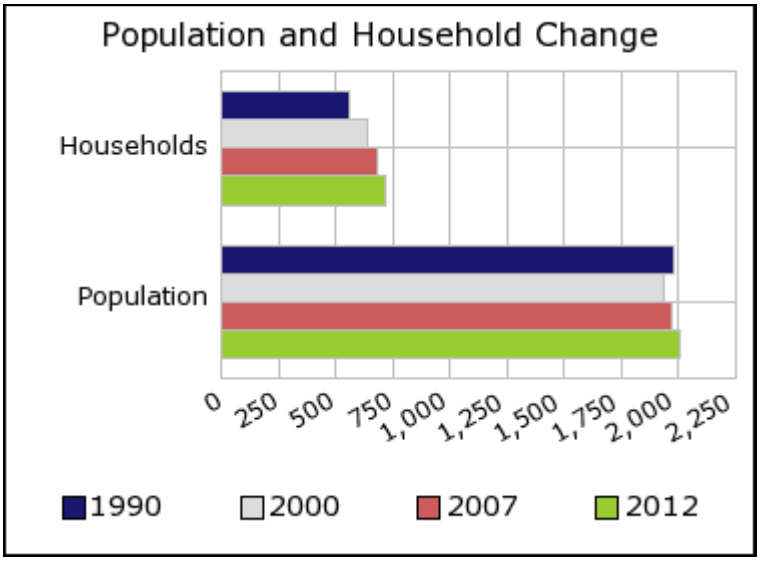
(Elevation: 6,695)

Lyman was founded in 1898 by Francis M. Lyman, an apostle of the Mormon Church.

Population Demographics:

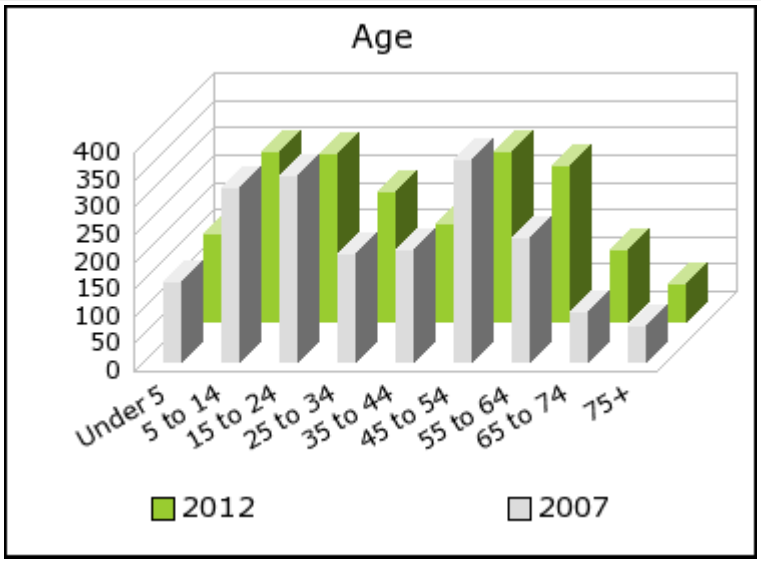
The number of households in Lyman in 1990 was **561** and changed to **640** in 2000, representing a change of **14.1%**. The household count in 2007 was **684** and the household projection for 2012 is **714**, a change of **4.4%**.

The population in Lyman in 1990 was **1,981** and in 2000 it was **1,938**, roughly a **2.2%** change. The population in 2007 was **1,970** and the projection for 2012 is **2,001** representing a change of **1.6%**.



					Percent Change	
	1990 Census	2000 Census	2007 Estimate	2012 Projection	1990 to 2000	2007 to 2012
Total Population	1,981	1,938	1,970	2,001	-2.2%	1.6%
Total Households	561	640	684	714	14.1%	4.4%

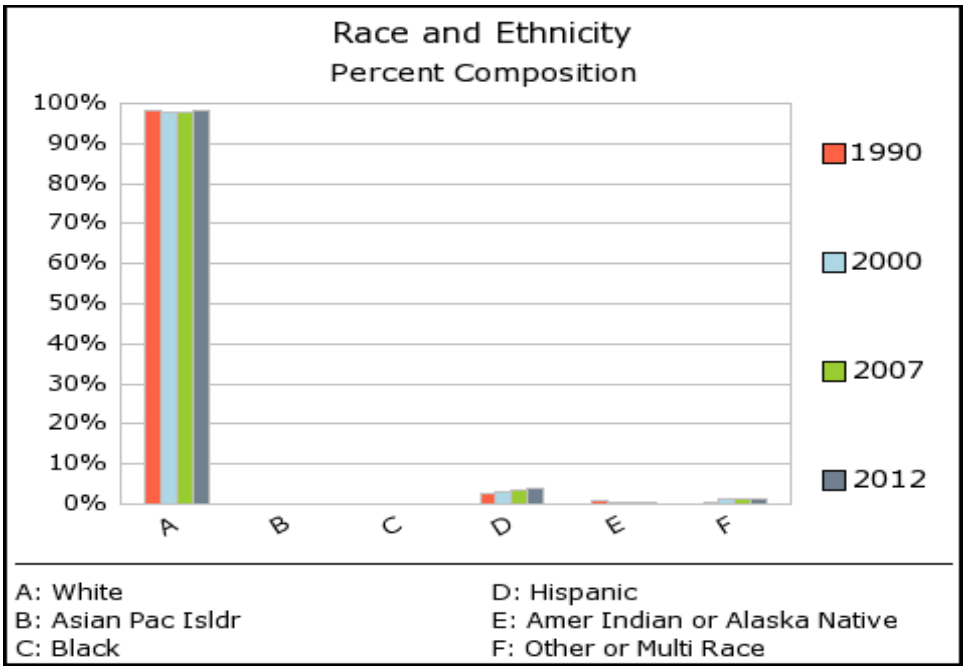
Population by Age



In 1990, the median age of the total population in Lyman was **23.6**, and in 2000, it was **29.6**. The median age in 2007 was **33.8** and it is predicted to change in five years to **34.0** years. In 2007, females represented **48.8%** of the population with a median age of **34.6** and males represented **51.2%** of the population with a median age of **32.8** years. In 2007, the most prominent age group was **Age 45 to 54** years. The age group least represented was **75+** years.

									Percent Change	
Age Groups	**1990 Census**	**%**	**2000 Census**	**%**	**2007 Estimate**	**%**	**2012 Projection**	**%**	**1990 to 2000**	**2007 to 2012**
0 to 4	182	9.2%	165	8.5%	149	7.5%	161	8.0%	-9.4%	8.2%
5 to 14	548	27.6%	397	20.5%	320	16.3%	313	15.6%	-27.5%	-2.3%
15 to 19	196	9.9%	213	11.0%	173	8.8%	151	7.6%	8.3%	-12.4%
20 to 24	89	4.5%	109	5.6%	167	8.5%	156	7.8%	23.3%	-6.5%
25 to 34	273	13.8%	192	9.9%	198	10.1%	239	12.0%	-29.7%	20.7%
35 to 44	358	18.1%	288	14.9%	205	10.4%	179	8.9%	-19.5%	-12.8%
45 to 54	165	8.3%	311	16.1%	371	18.8%	313	15.6%	88.5%	-15.7%
55 to 64	100	5.0%	133	6.9%	228	11.6%	286	14.3%	33.5%	25.5%
65 to 74	51	2.6%	74	3.8%	92	4.6%	133	6.7%	43.9%	45.6%
75 +	20	1.0%	56	2.9%	67	3.4%	70	3.5%	182.8%	3.2%

Population by Race/Ethnicity

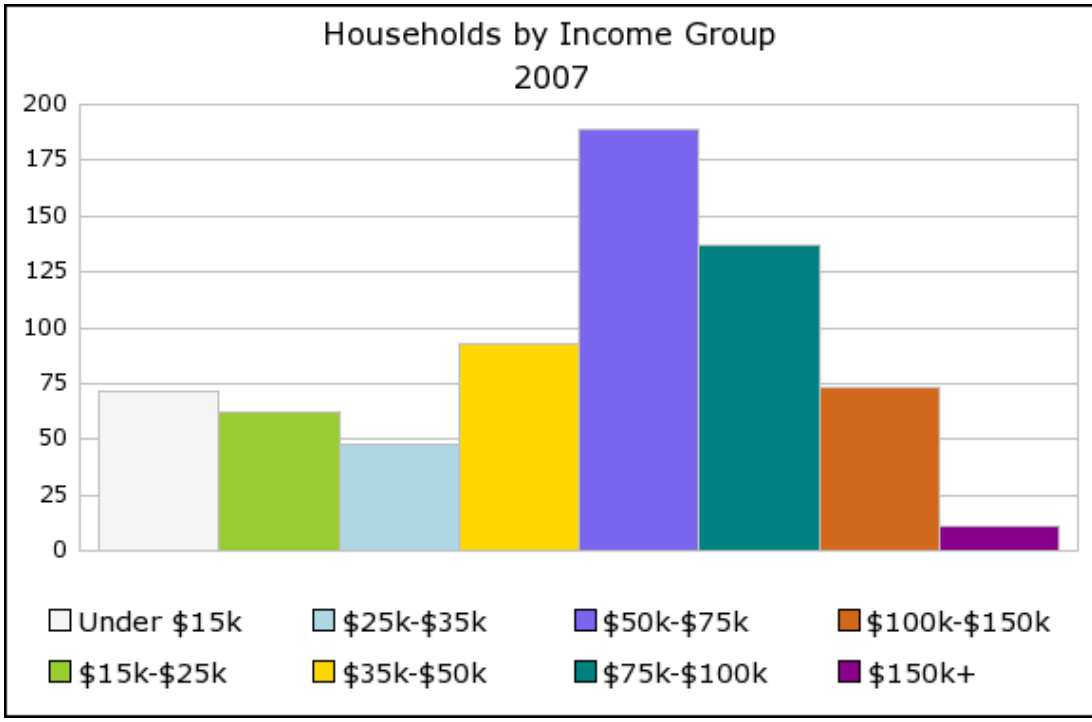


In 2007, the predominant race/ ethnicity category in Lyman was **White**. The race & ethnicity category least represented was **Black.**

Race & Ethnicity	1990 Census	%	2000 Census	%	2007 Estimate	%	2012 Projection	%	Percent Change 1990 to 2000	Percent Change 2007 to 2012
White	1,950	98.4%	1,895	97.8%	1,930	98.0%	1,964	98.1%	-2.8%	1.7%
Black	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A%
American Indian or Alaska Native	15	0.8%	12	0.6%	10	0.5%	9	0.4%	-20.7%	-8.6%
Asian or Pacific Islander	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	2	0.1%	3	0.2%	0.0%	33.3%
Other Race	10	0.5%	18	0.9%	16	0.8%	15	0.8%	68.9%	-4.2%
Two or More Races			11	0.6%	11	0.6%	10	0.5%		-12.2%
Hispanic Ethnicity	51	2.6%	57	2.9%	69	3.5%	77	3.8%	10.7%	11.1%
Not Hispanic or Latino	1,930	97.4%	1,881	97.1%	1,901	96.5%	1,924	96.2%	-2.5%	1.2%

Households by Income

In 2007 the predominant household income category for Lyman was **$50K - $75K**, and the income group that was least represented was **$150K+**.



HH Income Categories	1990 Census	%	2000 Census	%	2007 Estimate	%	2012 Projection	%	Percent Change 1990 to 2000	Percent Change 2007 to 2012
$0 - $15,000	100	17.8%	77	12.1%	72	10.5%	69	9.7%	-22.5%	-3.4%
$15,000 - $24,999	60	10.7%	71	11.0%	62	9.0%	59	8.3%	17.5%	-4.6%
$25,000 - $34,999	63	11.3%	62	9.6%	48	7.0%	45	6.3%	-2.8%	-5.9%
$35,000 - $49,999	212	37.9%	108	16.9%	92	13.5%	81	11.4%	-49.0%	-12.1%
$50,000 - $74,999	105	18.7%	215	33.6%	189	27.6%	170	23.8%	104.5%	-9.9%
$75,000 - $99,999	11	1.9%	75	11.7%	137	20.0%	158	22.1%	585.4%	15.3%
$100,000 - $149,999	2	0.3%	25	4.0%	73	10.7%	110	15.4%	1,445.3%	49.4%
$150,000 +	8	1.3%	7	1.1%	11	1.6%	22	3.0%	-5.2%	98.7%

	1990 Census	2000 Census	2007 Estimate	2012 Projection	1990 to 2000	2007 to 2012
Average HH Income	$41,809	$52,322	$61,085	$69,527	25.1%	13.8%
Median HH Income	$39,528	$50,265	$59,932	$66,909	27.2%	11.6%
Per Capita Income	$11,912	$17,277	$21,346	$24,963	45.0%	16.9%

Employment and Business

Percent Change

	1990 Census	2000 Census	2007 Estimate	2012 Projection	1990 to 2000	2007 to 2012

Age 16 + Population	1,200		1,336		1,471		1,501		11.4%	2.0%
In Labor Force	852	71.0%	907	67.9%	1,037	70.5%	1,053	70.2%	6.4%	1.6%
Employed	793	93.0%	864	95.3%	996	96.1%	1,012	96.1%	9.0%	1.6%
Unemployed	59	6.9%	43	4.7%	41	3.9%	41	3.9%	-27.2%	1.3%
In Armed Forces	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A%
Not In Labor Force	347	29.0%	429	32.1%	435	29.5%	447	29.8%	23.6%	2.9%

Employment in Blue Collar Occupations	555	64.2%
Employment in White Collar Occupations	309	35.8%

Housing Units

Percent Change

	1990 Census		2000 Census		2007 Estimate		2012 Projection		1990 to 2000	2007 to 2012
Total Housing Units	662		707		748		775		6.8%	3.7%
Owner Occupied	457	69.0%	529	74.8%	566	75.7%	592	76.4%	15.8%	4.6%
Renter Occupied	104	15.8%	111	15.7%	118	15.8%	122	15.7%	6.6%	3.2%
Vacant	101	15.2%	67	9.5%	64	8.5%	61	7.9%	-33.7%	-3.7%

Vehicles Available

Percent Change

	1990 Census		2000 Census		2007 Estimate		2012 Projection		1990 to 2000	2007 to 2012
Average Vehicles Per HH	2.40		2.10		2.40		2.60		-11.9%	7.2%
0 Vehicles Available	11	1.9%	27	4.2%	28	4.1%	26	3.6%	141.1%	-8.3%
1 Vehicle Available	100	17.0%	112	17.6%	110	16.1%	106	14.9%	12.7%	-3.6%
2+ Vehicles Available	475	81.1%	501	78.3%	546	79.8%	582	81.5%	5.4%	6.7%

Marital Status

Percent Change

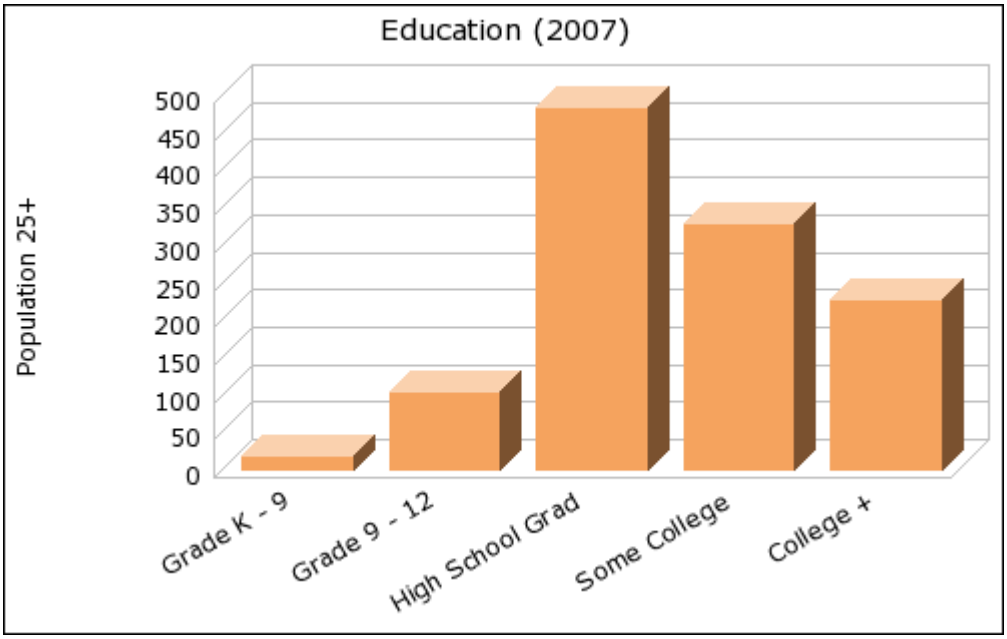
	1990 Census		2000 Census		2007 Estimate		2012 Projection		1990 to 2000	2007 to 2012
Age 15+ Population	1,251		1,376		1,503		1,527		9.9%	1.7%
Married, Spouse Present	849	67.9%	879	63.9%	960	63.9%	976	63.9%	3.5%	1.7%
Married, Spouse Absent	13	1.0%	30	2.2%	33	2.2%	34	2.2%	130.6%	2.1%
Divorced	93	7.4%	127	9.2%	139	9.3%	141	9.3%	36.8%	1.6%
Widowed	34	2.7%	53	3.8%	58	3.9%	60	3.9%	54.5%	2.6%
Never Married	262	20.9%	287	20.9%	313	20.8%	317	20.8%	9.5%	1.4%

Educational Attainment

Percent Change

	1990 Census	2000 Census	2007 Estimate	2012 Projection	1990 to 2000	2007 to 2012

Age 25+ Population	966		1,054		1,161		1,220		9.1%	5.1%
Grade K - 8	18	1.9%	17	1.6%	19	1.6%	16	1.3%	-7.8%	-17.6%
Grade 9 - 12	153	15.9%	140	13.3%	105	9.0%	82	6.8%	-8.6%	-21.5%
High School Graduate	392	40.5%	402	38.1%	483	41.6%	534	43.8%	2.6%	10.6%
Some College, No Degree	228	23.6%	298	28.3%	328	28.2%	341	27.9%	31.0%	3.9%
Associates Degree	75	7.8%	81	7.7%	92	7.9%	98	8.1%	7.8%	6.7%
Bachelor's Degree	85	8.8%	87	8.2%	107	9.2%	119	9.8%	1.9%	11.4%
Graduate Degree	16	1.6%	23	2.2%	28	2.4%	30	2.4%	47.1%	7.9%



Current year data is for the year **2007**, 5 year projected data is for the year **2012**.

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Lyman, Wyoming, September 23 & 24, 2008

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Town of Lyman Assessment Agenda
(September 23 & 24, 2008)

Tuesday Sept 23, 2008

11:30-12:00 Lunch with Committee Members and Assessment Team (Town Hall)
12:00-2:00 Tour of Town by Mayor Ralph Bradshaw
2:00-2:30 Return to Town Hall and prepare for listening sessions
2:30-3:20 Agriculture
3:30-4:20 Educators/School Administration
4:30-5:20 Public Session
6:00-7:30 Dinner (Branding Iron)
8:00-8:50 City/County Government

Wednesday Sept. 24, 2008

8:00-8:30 Breakfast (Lyman Town Hall)
8:30-9:20 Youth
9:30-10:20 Public Session
10:30-11:20 Law Enforcement/Emergency/Healthcare
12:00-12:45 Lunch @ Uinta Senior Citizens Center and meet with Seniors
1:00-1:50 Business/Retail
2:00-4:00 Team preparation for Town Mtg.
5:00- 6:30 Dinner (Heritage Barn) Committee Members, Assessment Team, Mayor and Council.
7:00- Town Meeting Summarization of Team Assessment (Heritage Barn)

LYMAN MAJOR THEMES
2008

RETAIL BUSINESS

- **Grocery**
- **Variety**
  - **Hardware**
  - **Clothing**
  - **Discount Stores**
- **Better Movie Theater**
- **Attractions to lure I-80 traffic**
- **Diversified industry**
- **Main Street Clean up**
- **More Restaurants**

INFRASTRUCTURE

- **Water and sewer improvements**
- **Beautification/signage and trees**
- **Sidewalks, roads, curbs and gutters**
- **Industrial park**
- **Communication - Internet speed; Cell Service**

QUALITY OF LIFE

- **Housing**
  - **Senior/Assisted Living**
  - **Affordable**
  - **Moderate rentals**
- **Day Care - Adult & Child 24/7**
- **Substance Abuse Counseling**
- **Enticing youth and workforce back to Lyman**
- **Keeping people here**

UNITY

- **School Districts**
- **Government**
- **Services**
  - **Health, Seniors, Recreation**
- **Resulting in more $$'s available**

THE THIRD PLACE

- **Recreation District**
- **Golf Course with homes**
- **Recreation center for all ages**
- **Improve parks, walking path**
- **Education**
  - **Summer Program for kids**
  - **College courses**
  - **Vocational Tech; IT**
- **Equestrian arena**
- **Shooting Range**
- **Movie Theatre**

Team Member Recommendations

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I would like to thank Mayor Ralph Bradshaw, Clerk Lisa Bradshaw and the entire town of Lyman for their exceptional hospitality during our visit. The Town of Lyman exemplifies all that is good in small town America and your scenery is unsurpassed. You are one of Wyoming's best kept secrets. I look forward to seeing your future successes.

MAJOR THEME: INFRASTRUCTURE

Challenge: Water and sewer improvements

Citizens expressed their concerns that the water and sewer infrastructure is aging and is not able to handle the new growth anticipated. Water in Wyoming is an ever increasing issue. Neighboring states are trying to tap Wyoming's resources as a solution for their increasing needs. In order to attract new businesses, they need to have access to public water and sewer.

Solutions:

- USDA Rural Development's Water and Environmental Program is designed to provide financial assistance to rural areas and towns of up to 10,000 people. Lyman would be eligible to apply for this assistance. Funds can be used to restore a deteriorating water supply, to improve, enlarge, or modify a water or waste facility. For more information, Contact: USDA Rural Development
  Ann Stoeger, Area Director
  508 N Broadway, Riverton, WY 82501.
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  ann.stoeger@ wy.usda.gov

Challenge: Beautification, Signage and Trees

Although significant progress has been made in this area, the town's people are still feeling more needs to be done.

Solutions:

- If not already being done, the town can organize spring and fall clean up days. Organizations as well as individuals should be encouraged to participate.
- The Wyoming Department of Transportation has grants for beautification and construction of walking/jogging paths as well as restoration and preservation.

  Contact: Wyoming Department of Transportation
  Rich Douglas, Local Government Coordinator
  5300 Bishop Blvd
  Cheyenne, WY 82009
  307-777-4384

Challenge: Sidewalks, curbs and gutters
Residents expressed concerns that some of the sidewalks are incomplete. In addition, there are areas that do not have curbs and gutters.

Solutions:

- Rural Development's Community Facility Program could be utilized for bike paths, off street parking, sidewalks, street improvements and maintenance equipment and busses for public transportation. For more information, Contact:

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MAJOR THEME: BUSINESS

Challenge: Grocery store, hardware, clothing, and discount store, new restaurants and a new movie theater.

The lack of a grocery store in the town was mentioned at every session. It is a universal concern. The key to the success of any retail business is the commitment to supporting the business after it goes in.

The asset of the Wasatch Front and I-80 are not being tapped. A huge number of vehicles pass by Lyman daily on I-80. Every weekend from spring thru fall outdoor enthusiasts from the Wasatch front go by to Flaming Gorge and the Uinta Mountains. You need to find a solution to draw them into Lyman to spend their money. The best thing about tourists is that they spend their money in your community and then go home, leaving you a little richer and still a nice

small town. Some ideas are: developing the Heritage Barn complex to an attraction, with a museum, petting zoo, picnic area, and small store selling souvenirs and treats like ice cream,

Solution: USDA Rural Development has a Business and Industry loan Guarantee Program. This program allows for higher loan amounts with less equity injection, lower interest rates and longer repayment terms. The benefits to Lenders are several. It allows the lender to expand their loan portfolio, improve rural communities, reduces concerns regarding collateral and appraisal issues, which often happen in smaller communities. These loans originate with your local lender, but for more information please contact:

USDA Rural Development
Jerry Tamlin, Business Programs Director
PO Box 11005
Casper, WY 82602-5006
307-233-6710

USDA has two federal grant programs that could assist the existing businesses in Lyman by providing technical assistance. An example of this would be to design a brochure or a catalog, feasibility studies for a potential new business, marketing studies, business plans, training etc. Eligible applicants would be public bodies and private non-profit corporations, which include towns, counties, states, authorities, districts and Indian tribes. The applicant would apply on behalf of the business owner, also known as the Ultimate Recipient. The grant funds do not go directly to the business.

USDA also has a Rural Business Opportunity Grant. The purpose of this grant is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. This is accomplished by making grants to pay costs of providing economic planning for rural communities, technical assistance for rural businesses, or training for rural entrepreneurs or economic development officials. The applicant must be a public body, nonprofit corporation, Indian tribe, or cooperative with members that are primarily rural residents.

You must have significant expertise in the activities you propose to carry out with the grant funds and financial strength to ensure you can accomplish the objectives. You must also be able to show that the funding will result in economic development of a rural area.

Your project must include a basis for determining the success or failure of the project and assessing its impact. Projects eligible for RBOG funding compete based on certain grant selection criteria. Our State Office determines funding and most grants are expected to be $50,000 or less.

Contact: Bessie Cantrell, Area Specialist at 307-856-7524 ext. 4.

MAJOR THEME: QUALITY OF LIFE

Challenge: Have more services available in the town so citizens do not have to travel to Rock Springs or Evanston.

In order to have a good quality of life, communities need to have services and facilities for their citizens to use. Essential community facilities include day care facilities, senior centers, assisted living facilities, health care facilities, transportation facilities, fire, rescue, public safety facilities and recreational services and adequate, affordable housing. The need for improving and/or building these types of facilities in Lyman was frequently mentioned.

Solution: Rural Developments Community Facilities program can work with local lenders to offer direct or loan guarantees to help build essential community facilities in rural areas and towns of not more that 20,000. Those eligible for this financing include community or faith based non-profit organizations, municipalities, counties, or other political subdivisions of a State such as school districts, fire districts. Etc.

Rural Development has home ownership programs that could be used by very low, low and moderate income residents to purchase and or rehabilitate homes. These programs allow folks with good credit and steady income to purchase a home with little or no down payment. Interests rates can be subsidized down to as low as 1% for those that qualify.

For more information contact: Becky Cox, Area Specialist at 307-856-7524 ext. 4.

MAJOR THEME: UNITY

Challenge: The residents of the communities do not work together to obtain facilities and businesses that would benefit the Bridger Valley as a whole.

Solution: This is a problem that only the residents of the Bridger Valley can solve. There is not doubt that viewing that Bridger Valley as a whole, rather that viewing it as Lyman, Mountain View, Fort Bridger, Urie, Milburne, etc. would allow you to bring in larger businesses, make building and running essential community facilities viable and benefit the entire area.

Someone at one of the listening sessions made the comment "the only one that benefits from the Bridger Valley fighting is Evanston." I thought that just hit the nail on the head.

MAJOR THEME: THE THIRD PLACE

Challenge: It was frequently mentioned that Lyman was a great place for men to live. The vast outdoor recreational opportunities, good paying jobs in the mines all benefited the male population. It was felt that there was a lack of opportunities for the trailing spouse and the family as a whole. Suggestions made were a recreation center, walking paths, a new movie theater, shooting range, equestrian center, a coffee house type of business where adults could meet and visit, etc.

Solution: Rural Developments Community Facilities and Business programs may be of assistance in this area. Once you get the project or business in your community, make the commitment to SUPPORT them.

To assist in the planning, technical assistance, and training for rural entrepreneurs of economic development officials, USDA has a Rural Business Opportunity Grant.

There is also the Rural Business Enterprise Grant and Intermediary Lending Program available to existing business for technical assistance. Examples would be to design a brochure or catalog, feasibility studies, training, marketing, etc.

For additional information on Rural Development's Community Facilities Programs or the Business and Industry program contact: Becky Cox, Area Specialist at 307-856-7524 ext. 4.

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Challenge: Infrastructure

Issue: Water System

Solution: The Town of Star Valley Ranch has gone through water issues this past year. Good information is on their website in the "water" section at the website address listed below. There are also several programs available to communities the size of Lyman to assist them in upgrading the town's infrastructure for the future. The contact for the Wyoming Development Commission is:

Mike Purcell, Director
Wyoming Water Development Office
6920 Yellowtail Road
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7626 Fax: 307-777-6819
mpurce@state.wy.us

Town of Star Valley Ranch
Mayor Boyd Siddoway
307-883-8696
www.starvalleyranchwy.org

USEFUL WEB SITES AND GRANT INFORMATION

Federal Catalog of Domestic Assistance: www.cfda.gov

Information about private foundation assistance:
www.fdncenter.org

USDA/Rural Development
www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Federal Funding Sources for Rural Areas
www.nal.usda.gov/ric/ricpubs/funding/federalfund/fed03.html

Challenge: Infrastructure

Issue: Dust problem on roads

The Town of Star Valley Ranch periodically sprays a dust shield on all their local roadways. This seems to keep the dust down during the dry seasons. Contact the Town of Star Valley Ranch to learn more about these applications.

Calcium chloride is made up of calcium and chlorine. It is highly soluble in water. One of its primary uses is for dust control and road stabilization on dirt roadways. Its nature helps keep a layer on the surface of the roadway, which holds the dust down. Calcium chloride retains moisture for prolonged periods. This unique property helps to hold down dust and stabilize unpaved road surfaces, creating smooth-riding roads that last. Since calcium chloride treated roads need less maintenance than roads treated with other materials, you can save on labor, equipment and fuel costs. By maximizing compaction, calcium chloride also provides a longer lasting road.

Resource:

Warren Webb, Public Works Director
Town of Star Valley Ranch
307-883-8696
knots@silverstar.com

Challenge: Infrastructure

Issue: Sidewalks

This issue was mentioned many times during the listening sessions. Information on installation and repair of sidewalks could be found through the CDBG Program at the Wyoming Business Council.

Resource:
Susan Flobeck, CDBG Economic Development Grant Program Manager
Wyoming Business Council
307-777-2812
Susan.flobeck@wybusiness.org

Challenge: Unity

Issue: Communication between communities

Solution: The practice of each Mayor attending the other's town council meeting is a good first step for cementing a solid relationship between the two communities. A courtesy is shown at the Town Council meeting by not scheduling a meeting during Mountain View's Town Meeting date to help continued teamwork. A possible recommendation would be to hold joint town council meetings or workshops when similar projects appear on the horizon. Perhaps those workshops could be facilitated by an outside organization when trying to come up with vision items.

A consolidated school district might be one option, but is out of the hands of the town officials. Continued communication with School Boards is important.

Jointly, the towns could continue to develop health, senior, and recreation services to all citizens of the valley. Regarding the golf course and other recreational ideas, the Land & Water Conservation Fund Project (LWCF) allows cities, towns, counties, school and recreation districts are eligible to apply for L&WCF monies. The L&WCF is a matching grant program based upon a fifty percent (50%) reimbursement of the total cost of the project. Only costs for the development and/or acquisition of public outdoor recreation lands and facilities are eligible for assistance.

A successful grant applicant must agree to dedicate the park or area where the project is located for use by the public for perpetuity. In addition, the grantee must also agree to develop, operate and maintain the development to acceptable National Park Service (NPS) standards for public outdoor recreation. All applications must meet a State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) identified need and will then be numerically ranked by the Open Project Selection Process (OPSP). Grants for matching funds are subject to approval by the NPS. All costs must be incurred after the project has received approval from the NPS.

Grant applications are to be mailed into this agency postmarked no later than January 30 of each year. All applications will be prioritized and approved by the Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resource Commissioners and then mailed to the NPS for their review and approval. It is anticipated the NPS will provide final approval by May 1 of each year. A hard copy of the grant application can be obtained by contacting:

Resources:
Mary Moore, Grants Specialist
Division of State Parks & Historic Sites
2301 Central Avenue, Barrett Building
Cheyenne, WY 82002 307-777-5598

Wyoming Community Foundation
Samin Dadelahi, Senior Program Officer
313 S. 2nd Street
Laramie, WY 82070
307-721-8300
www.wycf.org

Facilitator
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Cheyenne, WY 82002
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Issue: Communication with County Officials

Solution: Continue to invite County Commissioners to events. Perhaps organize a day where citizens could outline their desires to have county services available locally once or twice a month. The Town Council could appoint a committee to really study Lyman's needs for county services and recommend to the Town Council a well-informed and proper request to the County Commissioners.

Carbon County Commissioners hold their second meeting of the month in a different town in the county. This allows county citizens the opportunity to attend a county commission meeting and to participate in county government. This would be a good suggestion for Uinta County. The meetings start at 4 p.m. allowing people that work a chance to attend. Also, the meeting gets done in a timely fashion to allow Commissioners to travel back to their homes that evening. Agenda items concerning your community could be considered on the day the meeting is held in your town. If this is not happening in Uinta County, perhaps some concerned citizens of Lyman could suggest this idea to the Uinta County Commissioners.

Resource:

Carbon County Commissioners James Elliott, Jr
Carbon County Clerk Gwynn Rothenberger
P.O. Box 6
Rawlins, WY 82301
307-328-2668
jimelliott@carbonwy.com

Issue: Identity

Solution: Begin defining your community and surrounding area. Does the geography of your community play an important part of what your community is? Do the various types of people and their different occupations funnel into the whole of your community? Does your community end at the town's boundaries? Are the community's needs answered by what is available? The citizens of Lyman seem to realize that more needs to be done to develop cooperation in bringing the town to a level of regional worth. Capacity building in several areas (human, organizational, financial, and infrastructure) will help to identify the community. Read The ABCs of Development - It's About Building Capacity by Linda Swalling Fettig, www.Authorhouse.com, 1-800-839-8640

Challenge: Retail Business

Attracting and keeping viable businesses in a community is a long-time planning effort by members of the town council, real estate community, and residents. We heard many comments about the need for a department/clothing store, a hardware store, a grocery store, a discount store, a better movie theater and more restaurants and motels The Business and Industry section of the Wyoming Business Council, along with your WBC Regional Deputy Director can point you in the right direction for study and action to this problem. The Business Council has access to many tools to jump start this effort: SBDC, Marketing Research, Wyoming Women's Business Center and others.

Solution: One of the concerns at the listening sessions was lack of a clothing/variety store. Several solutions could be researched.

- Check out how Powell, WY started their retail co-op. Begin small with basic "wants" and as that succeeds add additional needs such as women's. men's, children's clothing and shoes. To finance this co-op, issue stocks or create a membership which would give some start-up money. When enough capital is obtained, then get a letter of credit from a local bank. Another method of funding is to sponsor farmer's markets with a portion going to the retail co-op.
- Determine the kind of merchandise and where to obtain that merchandise. The Denver Merchandise Mart is a resource to obtain inventory. There is also an "off-price" market in Las Vegas as well as in Denver. "Off-price" merchandise would make it beneficial to make a profit. Salt Lake City should also have wholesale clothing outlets.
- Site could be a possible vacant building that could be available.
- Employees—begin with volunteer help and as money is generated begin paying staff.
- Advertising—Restaurants could showcase weekly items that the co-op is stocking. Do bumper stickers, posters, direct mailers to locals. Word of mouth though church and civic groups.
- This idea of a merc or co-op could also be played out in a grocery store start up.

Resources:
Powell Mercantile, Inc.
227 N. Bent
Powell, WY 82435
307-754-5888

Denver Merchandise Mart
www.**denvermart**.com
451 E 58th Ave # 4270
Denver, CO 80216
(303) 292-6278

Off-Price Specialist Show, Las Vegas, NV info@offpriceshow.com, 262-782-1600

Resources:

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Wyoming Business Council
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Challenge: Retail Business

Solution: Coming Soon: 2008 Employer Seminars

Running a business can be a daunting task. Fortunately, there is help for employers. The Wyoming Department of Employment is sponsoring the 2008 Employer Seminars, coming to a town near you. The seminars provide information about workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, workplace safety, labor standards, and labor market information. Upcoming seminars are scheduled for Cheyenne (December 3), and Cody (April 22, 2009). Register online at http://doe.state.wy.us/employerseminars.

Challenge: Beautification of town

Many comments were heard about vacant, unkempt houses, falling down structures, junk and garbage on Main Street. A community cleanup program could definitely enhance the town. This would be organized by volunteers—challenges could be made among difference organizations. This could be a one-time effort or a long-term continual effort. Once a year appliance pick up would help residents get rid of old appliances. There may be some grants available to help this effort. TEAL program at Wyoming DOT for community beautification and paths. Saratoga and Frannie are among several towns in Wyoming that have formed clean-up committees.

Resource:

Wyoming Department of Transportation
Office of Local Government Coordinator
C.J. Brown
5300 Bishop Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-4179
cj.brown@dot.state.wy.us

Town of Saratoga, Mayor John Zeiger, PO Box 486, Saratoga, WY 82331, 307-326-8335
Town of Frannie, PO Box 72, Frannie, WY 82423, 307-664-2323

Challenge: Miscellaneous

Issue: Enforcing ordinances

Solution to enforcing the cleanup ordinances: The first question is, "Do the people of Lyman even know what the cleanup ordinances are?" Holding a town meeting to explain what the ordinances are and how the town plans to enforce them could be a first step. Make copies of the town ordinances available to anyone that wants them. Maybe even include them in the water bill so that you know everyone got a copy. Letting the community members of Lyman know what the ordinances are and that the town plans on enforcing them is a vital part in cleaning up Lyman.

Challenge: The Third Place – many comments

Solution: Some of the same suggestions as found in my Unity section would apply here. It seems as it the town has an idea or two about the theater. Other resources for recreation center, walking paths would be the TEAL Grant from WYDOT and Wyoming Community Foundation.

Resource: Contact the Wyoming Community Foundation for a possible source of funding to conduct these activities. This foundation is a nonprofit charitable 501(c)(3) organization that was created in 1989 by and for the people of Wyoming. With assets over $47M, the Community Foundation has developed into a valuable philanthropic resource for Wyoming.

They have an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape the state and communities. They monitor all areas of community need - including human services, education, the environment, healthcare, the arts, and economic development. They invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Their business is building communities.

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Solution: The cultural events can be tied to school activities and led by talented instructors. The current local festival perhaps could bring in additional concerts, etc. that would appeal to all ages and add revenues to the town. Expanding the length of the rodeo or Bridger Days might help accommodate the above-mentioned concert idea. Check with Cheyenne Frontier Days Committee Chairmen for ideas and planning information. Wyoming Travel and Tourism could possibly provide aid in events that could attract to Lyman

Resources: Event and concert information:
Cheyenne Frontier Days
Joe Lopez, Chairman of Contract Acts .
Jerry Ciz, Chairman of Public Relations
307-381-1600, www.cfdrodeo.com

Wyoming Travel & Tourism
307-777-2881, info@visitwyo.gov

USDA-RD Community Development Program Publication. As a strategy for economic development, tourism and festivals can be very useful.
http://ocdweb.sc.egov.usda.gov/technotes/tn5.pdf

Challenge: Summer Programs for Kids

Solution: The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21 CCLC) program supports the creation or expansion of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The program helps students meet state and local standards in core academic subjects, such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. At the same time, centers help working parents by providing a safe environment for students during non-school hours or periods when school is not in session including summer recess periods. The 21 CCLC program is aimed to promote academic achievement and improve youth classroom behavior by providing activities during non-school hours. The 21 CCLC's academic extra-curricular offerings are a form of science-based prevention.

Resources: Wyoming Afterschool Alliance Works to increase the availability and quality of school-based and school-linked afterschool programs statewide in order to improve outcomes of all Wyoming youth. Afterschool programs keep kids safe and supervised, inspire learning and help working families.

For more information about the WYAA,
contact:
Linda Barton, Executive Director
lbarton@fre1.k12.wy.us
307-335-WYAA (9922)

Please contact Kim Prey,
Wyoming Department of Education
Health and Safety Unit
2300 Capital Ave, Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor
Cheyenne, WY 82002
307-777-7690
21st CCLC Consultant,
kprey@educ.state.wy.us

Challenge: Drug and Alcohol Issues

Challenge: Concerns were identified by the youth about drug and alcohol issues. A significant number of youth in Lyman cited awareness of problems in this area among their peers.

Solution: Prevention and education are the most effective tools in lowering underage drinking numbers. The State of Wyoming has in place several opportunities that Uinta County is already utilizing. Two grants, SPF/SIG and the Prevention Block Grant are in place in Uinta county. One project that will soon be initiated in all 23 counties of Wyoming is the FACE Project. There is already a program in the county which has received grant funds for prevention work in this area. It is Cornerstone in Evanston which is funded by the above grant. If requested, they will come and show a video "This Place" to students. Local schools might access ideas of prevention programs for students. Working within existing programs such as these and expanding them to other venues seems the most efficient way to deal with this challenge. If the town of Lyman has a Social Host ordinance, it should be enforced. The optimum approach for these efforts is to focus on education and prevention.

Resources:

Tara Lawler
snowvolleyball@msn.com, **www.FACEPROJECT.ORG**

Suzanne Seppala
Cornerstone
Evanston, WY
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Wyoming Department of Health Substance Abuse Division
Felicia Gutierrez
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Cheyenne, WY 82002
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http://wdh.state.wy.us/mhsa/index.html

Jennifer Georges
The Last Tangle Hair Salon

123 Western Hills Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82009
307-632-5678

Introduction: As a member of the Community Assessment Team that spent September 23rd and 24th in your community, the town of Lyman, Wyoming, I really came to appreciate the pride and community spirit and understand fully why you choose to live in this wonderful location.

I appreciated the efforts of Lisa Bradshaw in coordinating the meetings with the Educators, Government of the Town, Youth, Healthcare, Business, Senior Citizens and general public.

The Mayor, Ralph Bradshaw was an excellent host. His tour of Lyman was informative and very enjoyable. His pride was evident that he has such a love for this place that he chooses to return to live in Lyman after many years of living elsewhere. He also has an agenda that shows a very responsible effort to move Lyman forward and keep the town healthy and responsible to the people who are the population there.

I would like to acknowledge that the meals and general hospitality shown to our assessment team was outstanding and very enjoyable.

In talking with the public, I found that the people have a very educated thought process that wants to see this community move into the future and make Lyman a wonderful place for future generations to thrive and survive.

I really want to thank-you for the great conversations, hospitality, food, and welcoming attitude. I was raised in Mountain View from 1954 to 1972, so I really felt an overwhelming homecoming. If other people could experience what I did in these two days, they would be lining up to move to Lyman and to get involved with making and keeping Lyman a great little community to live and raise families in.

Thank-you!

Theme: Infrastructure

Challenge: Water and Sewer Improvements, Beautification projects and planting more trees, sidewalks, roads, curbs and gutters. Creating an industrial park, better internet speed and cell phone service.

Solution: Planning, Planning, and Planning. Lyman needs to set down a plan to determine what is needed five years from now, ten years from now and twenty years from now. The town has new development in all directions, with many construction jobs under completed. The goal needs, are to select one area at a time and plan what is to be done and get it done within the time limit. The town seems to be disjointed. Also too many times, developers come in and start a project, but the developer is not held accountable or is not given a set of plans to follow. Lyman

needs to have criteria that a developer has to follow. Example if 10 homes are going to be built, that developer has to provide curb and gutter, three trees per home site, water and sewer hook-ups, etc. It would serve well to look at building criteria from communities that develop beautiful sub-divisions. These housing developments compliment each other. Fort Collins, Colorado has many such housing projects. Their building criteria would give Lyman many ideas on how to solve the disjointed look of its community.

An industrial park is needed. This is an area where industry can thrive without being a nuisance to home owners. It would clean-up many in-town lots. It would bring industrial businesses together to compliment each other. Lyman has addressed the problem and is currently looking for an appropriate location. Close to the interstate would be an ideal location. It is advised to secure enough land for growth. The water system is in place along highway 413 that takes you out to the interstate. If Lov's Truck stop is considering this location, talk with Cabela's or Bass Pro Shop, Sierra Trading Post and see if there is any interest in bringing one of these stores to this location also. Cabela's has worked very well along the interstate in Nebraska. This would bring people (hunters and sportsmen) to Cabela's first, then the traveler would have to drive through Lyman to get to Flaming Gorge, or the Uinta's. Lyman's location to all the outdoor recreations is not being capitalized on. It would be advisable to get a recreation business on this interstate exchange. This location would be a great asset for a company that might need transportation of product, etc.

Cell phone and Internet service: Union Telephone is becoming a very competitive entity in the world of communication. Lyman needs to really make it understood that service in this area could be improved. Speeds need to increase and more towers are needed.

Resources:

Growing Smart Legislature
Guide Book (Chapter 8) by the American Planning Association

Smart Growth Tool Kit
www.preservationnation.org

www.ci.Fort-Collins.co.us

Union Telephone
Howard Woody-owner
1-888-926-2273
www.Unionwireless.com

Business.com
Entrepreneur magazine

Theme: Retail Business

Challenge: Lyman needs a grocery store, main street clean-up, different retail shops--clothing, hardware, discount store, more restaurants, better movie theaters, attractions to draw interstate travel off the interstate to come into Lyman.

Solution: Because of the lack of unity in the Bridger Valley it is unfortunate that the population in each of these small towns, Mountain View, Urie, Lyman and Fort Bridger cannot be counted as a whole. Many franchise businesses will not come into small towns unless there are a number of 7000 people or more. There is a reason for this, because of failure rate. It is also a very hard task to unite these communities. When a feasibility study is done, it usually is looking at communities that have at least this amount of 7000 or more people. It would be advisable to really concentrate on what can be done and what cannot be done. Looking at franchise businesses are not always the solution. It is suggested that the town of Lyman really make an attempt to create a business climate with Mountain View and Fort Bridger. Create a business council that could represent all the communities in equal distribution. Place ads in magazines and newspapers that might attract the business person who would like the opportunity to come to a rural area and start smaller forms of these businesses. Work with the community to help them understand that their support of these businesses is critical to keeping these businesses in their communities. Signs placed throughout the Bridger Valley to support local business would be helpful. People must support people. The towns could give incentives to bring businesses in. Free water for a year, reduced rent, housing allotment, etc.

It would also be ideal to plan an area for business where businesses share common ground. The more businesses that are close together, the more they compliment each other. Lyman has some unique opportunities in front of them. The town has several lots that are vacant or will be vacant due to the clearing of old buildings. This will help the main street appearance. It is suggested these areas have very futuristic planning--main floor retail with possible loft apartments on second floor. Look at who has successful businesses and see how other business could compliment them. Doctors working with massage therapists, cosmetologists, well being centers. Group recreational businesses together--theaters, ice cream shops, coffee shops, delis, bookstores, etc.

Have a theme. Western, Cottage, Country, etc. Buildings need continuity. The Heritage theme would be a great asset to follow throughout the whole town. Have a feeling of Warm Cozy Country.

Because of the location of Lyman from the interstate, it is necessary to have a gimmick that would draw people to come to Lyman. Signage on the interstate claiming you have the "Largest Chicken Fried Steak served in Wyoming." Use the Heritage Barn as a draw. Build a restaurant as close to the Heritage Barn as possible. Create events that draw people to the area. Fishing Derby's (both summer and winter), Create a BMX bike track, ATV trails from Lyman to Bridger to Mountain View, to Robertson, to the Badlands--both summer and winter. People like to ride ATV's all year round. Finish the day with a bon fire, hot chocolate, and hay rides leaving from the Heritage Barn. Create an event. Create recreations. Guided tours for each season--the Bridger Valley is a beautiful place. Encourage people from the Salt Lake area to come and play for the weekend. Lyman has some wonderful areas that surround it; use this to an advantage.

Resources:

Dennis Highby-President and CEO Cabela's
Cabela Incorporated
One Cabela Drive
Sidney, Nebraska 69160

Bass Pro Shops
Bob Calderon
1935 South Campbell
Springfield, Mo. 65898
417-887-1915

Sierra Trading Post
Keith and Bobby Richardson-owners
5025 Campstool Road
Cheyenne, Wy. 82007
307-775-8090

Theme: Quality of Life

Challenge: Affordable housing for all the public. Seniors need an assisted living and nursing home facility. Many communities are creating areas where the senior population buys into a housing project that first offers small homes; when the person needs to move to assisted living, then they trade their home for the next step, after assisted living then they trade for the nursing home. Again many of these models are in place through out communities in the United States. If this area of housing was available it would draw from many communities around the Lyman area.

Apartment complexes need to reflect a progressive look and have criteria where people have to maintain their surroundings. If you build low income, you will have the look of low income. The standards need to be set higher. There are many programs that help single moms and low-income people to pay the rent. These groups of people also need to have standards set in place. This is reflective of community pride. It would also serve Lyman well to give people the opportunity to clean-up their properties. Many people have run down properties. These properties could be proposed to have a five-year plan to get the property back on track. Habitat for Humanity is a great organization that enables people to help build their own homes with the help of the community. Get a committee together to highlight which homes need work. Talk to the property owners and find out what their situations are: health, financial, laziness. Get the school, industrial arts classes involved. Have contractors mentor programs. Teach building trades.

Resource: Home Builders Blitz 2008 blitz builds will take place in communities across the United States to provide hundreds of families with a safe, decent place to call home.

Home Builders Blitz project office at:
homebuildersblitz@habitat.org

By phone at (800) HABITAT, ext. 3153
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EASTERN TIME

Home Builders Blitz
Habitat for Humanity International
270 Peachtree St. NW, Suite 1300
Atlanta, Ga. 30303-1263

Day care--The state and federal government offer many incentives to day care facilities. Approach the day cares in place and explain to them that 24 hour day care is desperately needed. The majority of employed people are shift workers. The day care industry should work for the people. This would give many people in the community job opportunities to work when their spouses are working.

Substance abuse counseling--Get people involved in their own rehabilitation. Create youth forums where the youth talk about their problems of drinking and drugs. Kids are smart. They usually have the answers. Have peer sessions where the abuses are talked about. Create win-win situations. Help the abuser, fix the abuser. Drinking is a problem for everyone. Drugs are a problem for everyone. Both are part of society. Can the culture be changed? No! So work with the culture. When public intoxication or drug use has involved the law, help the abuser, help him or herself. Each person is valuable, when you enable a person to see their self worth; they will usually step up to the plate.

Enticing youth and work force back to Lyman. If many of the programs talked about in this report became actions it would create jobs. The young need to go out and experience the world. Some will want to come back, some never will. If Lyman creates an environment of pride, community involvement, health, well being, safety, good jobs, the youth will stay. They need the opportunity to be educated. Junior college extension classes need to be offered. Electrical and plumbing apprentiships offered. IT programs. Wind Farm management careers offered. Energy and waste management classes. Work with the county extension offices and create the ability to learn trades within the community.

One area is to involve women in the community. The Bridger Valley traditionally did not offer employment for women. The work force was very male dominated. These times have changed. Households need two incomes to survive. The mines, the gas wells, the wind farms should all have equal opportunities for women. A web site of jobs for the Bridger Valley needs to be posted. Printed brochures need to be placed at visible areas around the communities. Again training programs need to be in place for the occupations that are in the Valley. Contact WY Dept. of Workforce Services, every Wednesday, 303 S. Main St., Lyman, WY 82937
307-787-3739

Theme: Unity

Challenges: Getting the school districts to come together as one. Most of the people voice opinions that if the districts unite, the school children lose opportunities. This is not the case. Most people assume that the opportunities for sports, scholarships, music programs, etc. declined. The two schools should keep there separate identities. They should remain competitive. But the leadership should have common ground. It would save resources, and it would put everyone on the same playing field. Cheyenne has three high schools--East, Central and Triumph. East and Central play each other in sports. They have separate scholarships for their students. They share programs that students can use at both schools. Triumph offers programs for the students that don't function as easily at the larger schools. This district also has a check and balance system. If one school is not performing up to standard, then the students can elect to go to a school that is. The idea needs to be presented to the Valley communities in a very clear and educated way. If people can understand that the rivalry can continue for the sports, this will work.

Government needs to unite. You are competing against Evanston, and Evanston is winning. You need to unite Fort Bridger and really push to get the town to incorporate and get a government in place. Division only weakens your voice. This is not hard to understand. Present everything as a winning situation. List the benefits. Get people to voice opinions. Create an assessment team for the Bridger Valley. Call people and ask them to show up for a forum.

Services for the whole Bridger Valley need to be in place. The doctor mentioned that he occupies two locations and people refuse to use the location that is not close to them. He needs to unite his own practice and provide services at Urie. It would benefit his time and his staff. But the doctor needs to have other businesses and services that compliment him. It would be beneficial to center most of the public services and recreational opportunities at Urie. This could be a real neutral zone. Bus systems could easily make this work for any age of population in the Valley.

Theme: The Third Place

Challenge: Lyman wants what many communities want. Recreation Center, golf course, walking paths, larger movie theater, equestrian center, shooting range, higher educational opportunities.

Solution: Most of these wants come at a very high price tag. But if communities do not have these places they suffer from higher crime rates and health care problems. It is very beneficial to pick projects so they benefit the majority of the community. The majority of the community requested a recreation center. It is advisable to create a recreation district that represents Lyman, Mountain View, Urie and Fort Bridger. Any of the above mention projects is going to take the Bridger Valley to support it. Without the whole or unity of the Valley, each of these items is too expensive to go it alone. Golf courses cost approximately $1 million dollars a hole. A small recreation center will cost $25 million or more. Sales taxes can help accumulate the funds but many times people are so opposed to increase this tax. It is one of the better taxes because it is paid for by everyone who purchases anything in the county. It is recommended that these facilities serve all of these communities. The location that would work best for most of these

activities would be Urie. It is the most equitable. It would mean the same travel time for everyone concerned. Three miles seems like a distance, but many times in the rural setting you can get there many times faster than people can in the city. Planning, planning, planning makes so much sense for a recreation district. The walking, bike path is well on its way. It will connect these communities. Look at what each community has to offer. Lyman has a beautiful pool, the Heritage Barn, the proposed wet lands--Fort Bridger has the historical aspect that could be used for cultural plays, outdoor theater, marathons--and Mountain View has the proximity to the recreation of the mountains and badlands. A golf course would be wonderful in Urie.

These communities are sitting on a gold mine if they just work together. This is a very unique area. Planning is the key.

Solution/Contact: Contact the Wyoming Community Foundation for a possible source of funding to conduct these activities. This foundation is a nonprofit charitable 501(c)(3) organization that was created in 1989 by and for the people of Wyoming. With assets over $47M, the Community Foundation has developed into a valuable philanthropic resource for Wyoming.

They have an in-depth understanding of the issues, opportunities, and resources that shape the state and communities. They monitor all areas of community need - including human services, education, the environment, healthcare, the arts, and economic development. They invest in the long term and bring people and organizations together, convening diverse voices to address local issues and opportunities. Their business is building communities.

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Laramie, WY 82070
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LYMAN COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT 5 YEAR FOLLOW UP

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Introduction: I would like to thank the Town of Lyman for their kind hospitality and giving us the opportunity to spend time in your community. I would especially like to thank the town Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Bradshaw and Mayor Ralph Bradshaw for being wonderful hosts. I was extremely impressed with the modern new middle school and the wonderful new swimming pool at the high school. I think it is great that the entire community has access to the pool and that it has extended hours for recreational use. Spending time in Lyman gave me the opportunity to appreciate what you have in your community and why you choose to live in that part of Wyoming!

Theme: Community Cohesiveness and Unity

Challenge: Many of the citizens of Lyman are either related to one another or have lived in the town all of their lives. The new members of the community find it hard to meet new people and get involved in activities in the community. With there being a limited number of meeting places, clubs and very few jobs outside the mining industry how do we get the old with the new?

Solution: City Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Bradshaw and the Mayor's wife Linda Bradshaw have both volunteered to try and coordinate with the new community members in activities such as pot luck dinners or a social hour to bring people together. They will work with Chuck James, Executive Director for the Chamber of Commerce, and their welcome committee to get names and contact information.

Contact: Lisa Bradshaw
307.787.6595
100 East Sage Street, Lyman, WY 82937

Linda Bradshaw
307.787.3713

Chuck James – Chamber of Commerce
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P.O. Box 1506
Lyman, WY 82937

Challenge: The three community's governments don't work together, and they may be missing out on some opportunities for additional funding or the chance to have a bigger voice in the state.

Solution: The Mayor and the city council members could start inviting other council members from other communities to their council meetings. They could schedule time on the agenda for issues that pertain to all the communities and hopefully open up dialog that will benefit them all.

Challenge: We had many community members make the comment that the school districts need to unite and have one district so that they can receive more funding and offer better opportunities to their students.

Solution: The districts' superintendents could meet to discuss the probability of combining the two districts and see what the benefit would be for the schools and the students. If it makes sense contact the Department of Education and see what steps need to be taken to start the process.

Contacts: Superintendent
Mr. Jack Cozort
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Mountain View WY 82939

Superintendent
Mr. Randy Hillstead
Uinta County School District #6
P.O. Box 1090
Lyman WY 82937

Contact: Wyoming Department of Education
Mary Kay Hill http://www.k12.wy.us/

Theme: Quality of Life

Challenge: Affordable Housing

Solution: There is no question that Wyoming's families need decent, affordable housing and Lyman is no exception. WCDA plays an important role in providing that housing and in helping families take a first step on the road to fulfilling that dream. WCDA offers first time homebuyers loans as well as programs to assist developers.

Contact the WCDA
WCDA
Phone: 307-265-0603
Fax: 307-266-5414
Wyoming Relay Service
for Hearing Impaired: #711
http://www.wyomingcda.com/
Theme: Infrastructure and Retail Business

Challenge: Water and Sewer Improvements, Beautification, Sidewalks, roads, curbs & gutters

Solution: Contact the Wyoming Business Council Investment Ready Communities Division. They have several different grant programs that can assist with the planning and development of all of these types of projects. What could help your town to prioritize your projects is to start with a planning grant through our Community Development Block Grant Program and hire a consultant to prepare a Comprehensive Community Plan to help create an adoptable plan to achieve the Town's vision for the future including environment, housing, economic development, public services, infrastructure, parks, transportation and land use.

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For the lack of water storage contact the State Water Commission and start the application process for a Master Plan Study to assess Lyman's needs and a timeline for prioritization. To get more information and to start the application process visit their website at the addresses listed below:

http://wwdc.state.wy.us/
http://wwdc.state.wy.us/project_application_info/project_app_info.html

As far as retail business goes, a good resource is the Wyoming Small Business Development Centers (SBDC). The SBDC helps Wyoming small businesses and entrepreneurs by providing

management assistance, educational programs and helpful resources. Visit **www.uwyo.edu/sbdc**. The Wyoming Small Business Development Center's mission is to strengthen Wyoming businesses and create economic growth by providing excellent management assistance, educational programs and helpful resources for Wyoming small businesses and entrepreneurs. The Wyoming Business Council has provided matching cash funds to secure federal funding for the Small Business Development Centers in Wyoming. In cooperation with the University of Wyoming, the Business Council believes that the SBDC provides quality services assisting businesses and entrepreneurs throughout the state.

The Wyoming Business Council offers consulting and training which can help Wyoming businesses fine tune their marketing and public relations efforts to reach their target audience.

Contact:
Rachel Girt**,** Marketing & Public Relations Manager, at 307.777.2851.

The Wyoming Business Council has a program called the Wyoming Partnership Challenge Loan Program that authorizes the State of Wyoming to participate with local economic development organizations in matching loans for the benefit of area businesses.

Contact: Mike Martin
307.777.2845

Challenge: Many of the residents would like to see improvements in their picnic/gathering area and a possible walking path

Solution: The Wyoming Department of Transportation manages a program called the TEAL program (Travel Enhancement Activities Local), and they provide grants for different types of projects related to surface transportation, including pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and safety programs, scenic and historic highway programs, landscaping and scenic beautification, historic preservation, and environmental mitigation.
http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/te/index.htm

Contact: CJ Brown, Manager, TEAL Program, WYDOT
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Theme: Beautification and Town Clean-up

Challenge: Clean up Main Street and get rid of eye sore buildings. Need more flowers and greenery and need more maintenance for the flower gardens and greenery areas that exist.

Solution: In several of the listening session's community members pointed out all the trees that are planted at the entrance of the town. You could become a Tree City and plant more trees in different areas of town.

Contact: Arbor Day Foundation 402-474-5655
http://www.arborday.org/programs/treeCityUSA/standards.cfm

The community could start a town clean-up committee. This could be a chance for newcomers to volunteer and pitch in along with members of the senior community and the youths. You could come up with different committees such as a committee to plant flowers and maintain gardens and another group to pick up garbage.

You could also become a member of the adopt- a-highway program.

http://dot.state.wy.us/ReadMore.jsp?sCode=hwyah&sCID=454

Lyman Community Assessment

Listening Session Responses

What are the major problems and challenges in your community?

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Lyman's Problems & Challenges

Lack of attractions
Lack of fairness town council and different businesses
Lack of recreation for all ages
Infrastructure
Signage something less maintenance rock metal for signage
Recreation for kids after school weekends
Grocery store
Drug use
Recreation opportunities
Infrastructure water updates
Mainstreet worn out buildings*
Not being united; them and us; there are cliques—religious, social, economic
Development is not them same as the willingness
Lack of development *
Shopping opportunities all areas****
Development lack of willingness but there is a need*
Grocery store
Unifying work together in all different areas
Police awareness but don't have resources to take care of the problem
More attractiveness
Funding
Housing for the elderly
Lack of people to serve our community
Communication
Unifying get the issues out there
Would like to see the recreations activities better, pond, skate park racquet ball court
Cell Phone service
Paying for infrastructure especially roads
Lack of recreational facilities
Attract more people to our community
Lack of retail businesses
Apathy of elected officials no one wants to run
Lack of recreational activities
Grocery Store
Low income housing
Lack of cooperation of the three communities Ft Bridger, Lyman Mt View and County

Hard to know what direction we are going; hard to plan for infrastructure
Citizens quick to complain and slow in coming forward to help
Water problems are in our near future
Do away with eye sores off Main Street
Have no way of getting our share of the state money with the state match
Problems with work force
Student drinking*
Not even recreation***
Student drinking*
Under age smoking
Drug use
Grocery store*
Not enough jobs**
Need more places to eat and shop
Too many stray animals
Recreation center
Too many stray animals
Counseling for youth drug and alcohol
Football field needs light
Cost of Rental Housing
No adult gathering area needs more recreation for adults
Would like to see the council less involved in property
The division of communities in the valley; it's very expensive
Would like one school district
Lack of recreation infrastructure
Brain drain in youth
Lack of state and government offices in the area
Not able to do simple things like licensing – drivers license
No circuit court
Ft Bridger not being incorporated is a big problem; drains the resources
Therapy program is disjointed specifically home health care
Need some assisted living
Lack of recreation for non outdoorsmen
Communication between the three communities
Getting people financial assistance because of land asset
Lyman and Mt View antagonize each; other no cooperation; jealousy
Division of population – could do so much more with unification
Not well
Not taken advantage of the traffic flow
Lack of recreation for youth
Clean up old buildings**
Store in Lyman
Clean up buildings****

Water and Sewer keep up with growth****
Lack of Urban Development

Recreation for the kids
Kids drug problem
Senior Housing
Assisted Living****
Keeping people here
Need work on sidewalks; ADA also
Keeping people here
Will not support the shops that exist
Lack of workforce
Ladies do not like it here
Nothing for young families to do
Nothing for children to do*
Need to unify school districts***
Property Tax Increases
Lower amount of approved consumption of water and additional fee that was previously set
Recreation Center

What are the major strengths and assets in your community?

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Lyman's Strengths and Assets

Small
Peaceful
Clean air
Nature
Natural attractions, mountains, fishing, scenery
Small community
People
Town is looking much better doing well with beautification
New people
New businesses
Really strong school
Friendly people
People who live here because they want to
Doing something mainstreet
Close to the metropolitan area
Close to nature
Close to interstate
Quality of life
Really strong families and values
Outdoors recreation
Small enough to get involved if you want to
Spray for mosquitoes
Like what they did with the barn
Darn good music and theater program here
Good income base
Some people/kids returning to our community and spend money here
Good public servants
Fishing pond, a skate park, racquet ball courts
Rodeo Grounds
Schools
The color of the place is green in a sea of brown
Community of well meaning people
Low crime rate
Strong families
Starting to foster a better relationship with the valley
Bedroom community to trona mines
Barn
Good location within two hours of metropolitan city
Joint project in the valley helps with cooperation
Size of the community
Location of the community; varied type of community
Good quantities of waters available with some work

Have a good mix of people old and young
A lot of natural gas
Coal and Oil available
Utilities are well run
Utilities fairly inexpensive
Community as a whole is united
Like class sizes and teachers individual time with them
Help each other out
Smaller schools more opportunity for sports
Good education
Community closeness
Safe community
Music program
Safe community
Music program
The community stuff has great participation such as prom
Clean
New middle school
Council work really hard to help city progress economic development
Strong family values
Quiet
Library
Teachers have done a great job
Amicable council
Access to recreation and trade because of location
Trona mines are a great access for job base
Dr is a great asset
Local bank manager very in touch with individuals
Lower rate of crime
Lower rate of drug use
Smaller community
Knowledge of community and their needs
Small and kids can be involved in anything they want to
Absolutely beautiful*
Good traffic flow
Trona mines major source of employment
Keeping the schools open for teen recreation
Pool
Outdoor recreation
Performing art center and auditorium
Lot of jobs
Money coming in
Small community
Everybody know everyone
Senior Center*
Clean air

Low crime rate
History and beauty of community*
Good friends
Emergency entire valley pulls together
Mayor********
Good people who help each other
Wide open spaces
Best place to live
Camaraderie
Stores
Small community gets to know everyone
Create more friendships
Male dominate easier to find workers
People pull together whatever it takes to get the job done*
Safe town*
School districts are both strengths to the community*
Great hunting fishing outdoor activities
Good work ethic
I-80 and railroad being close to Lyman
Outdoor recreation
Flexible of business practices less regulation
Open spaces
Road system
Beautification projects
Council's accessibility

What projects would you like to see accomplished in your community in 2, 5, 10 and 20 years?

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Lyman's Projects & Goals

Picnic Area heritage barn; curtain on the west end of shelter
Work on the grounds at heritage barn landscaping
Golf course
Wonderful place for sunbirds
Some growth
Recreation Area
Mainstreet restored or torndown
Summer program for kids
Walking path finished up to Mountain View
Golf course
Infrastructure
Shopping opportunities
Main Street clean up
Street lights fixed
Golf course
Public transportation between Lyman and Evanston*
More Mom and pop shops *
Unify the different agencies county wide*
Faster internet*
Improve the movie theatre and other businesses*
More Police protection
Aesthetics
New Recreation center
Better Internet service
More office space
Economic development specialist what else could we provide businesses
Lack of housing especially low cost housing
Need a way to tap into I-80 for business growth
Great main street--clean Main Street up
Shooting range and sports complex
Motor cross tracks and four wheel trails
Golf course built with some housing
Grocery Store
Recreation Center
Develop an equestrian center
One stop light in town
Hardware store
Need to develop a good shopping center in town
Housing Projects
Veteran metal facility
Adult day care
More facilities for elderly

Another Doctor
Emergency place in the valley
Mt View, Lymon and Bridger become one community
One school district
One fire department
One fire chief
One police department
More recreation for our youth
A nicer theatre
Three story building
A better café eating establishment
Motel
Gimmick or something to bring people off I-80
Interpretive center in Ft Bridger
Better signage
24/7 day care
Get people to feel more like a community with the shift work they feel removed – all belong to same community
Open up the haystack mine
Power plant
Coal fire generator
More trees
Industrial Park
Annex all the way to the interstate
Walmart*
Football field lights
Maurices shopping
Nicer theatre
Recreation Center
Mini Golf course
Water park
Shelter for homeless soup kitchen
Golf course
Old buildings--rehab or demolish
Park with playground
Refurbish our park
More funding for our animal shelter
Challenge days more funding
Handicap accessibility
One school district in the valley
Downtown enhancements
More stores
Unified school district for the valley
Recreation district to help create a strong viable rec center & other recreation venues
Active county for every county for Bridger County
Recreation center

Retail development outlet malls
Recreation Center
Golf Course
Assisted Living Center
Recreation Center Bridger Valley Recreation Center
Cooperation between communities' joint boards involving all communities
Schools united
Governments united
Indoor Arena by private owner be purchased by communities
Senior Citizen Center
Route for traffic coming through Lyman going to Flaming Gorge
Larger health facility to service all the Bridger Community
Centralized health care with urgent care facility
Promote good experience for women in the community mall, small business opportunities
Swimming Pool
More opportunity for younger generations***
Keep growing for younger people
More public transportation
Recreation Center for all ages***
More Stores
Better health care
Golf Course*
Recreation Center*
More diverse industry
Recreation center
More rentals, apartments, housing
Nice restaurant
College
Vocational School *
Man made lake with paddle boat
Housing for seniors for sun birds*
Wider variety for shopping
Unification of communities
Join all the towns
Main street renovation
Sidewalks and street consistency
More trees
Recreation Center
Therapy pool for seniors

20 CLUES TO RURAL

COMMUNITY SURVIVAL

1. Evidence of Community Pride:
Successful communities are often showplaces of care, attention, history and heritage.

2. Emphasis on Quality in Business and Community Life:
People believe that something worth doing is worth doing right.

3. Willingness to Invest in the Future:
In addition to the brick-and-mortar investments, all decisions are made with an outlook on the future.

4. Participatory Approach to Community Decision Making:
Even the most powerful of opinion leaders seem to work toward building consensus.

5. Cooperative Community Spirit:
The stress is on working together toward a common goal, and the focus is on positive results.

6. Realistic Appraisal of Future Opportunities:
Successful communities have learned how to build on strengths and minimize weaknesses.

7. Awareness of Competitive Positioning:
Local loyalty is emphasized, but thriving communities know who their competitors are and position themselves accordingly.

8. Knowledge of the Physical Environment:
Relative location and available natural resources underscore decision-making.

9. Active Economic Development Program:
There is an organized, public/private approach to economic development.

10. Deliberate Transition of Power to a Younger Generation of Leaders:
People under 40 regularly hold key positions in civic and business affairs.

11. Acceptance of Women in Leadership Roles:
Women are elected officials, plant managers, and entrepreneurial developers.

12. Strong Belief in and Support for Education: Good schools are the norm and centers of community activity.

13. Problem-Solving Approach to Providing Health Care: Health care is considered essential, and smart strategies are in place for diverse methods of delivery.

14. Strong Multi-Generational Family Orientation:
The definition of family is broad, and activities include younger as well as older generations.

15. Strong Presence of Traditional Institutions that are Integral to Community Life:
Churches, schools and service clubs are strong influences on community development and social activities.

16. Sound and Well-Maintained Infrastructure:
Leaders work hard to maintain and improve streets, sidewalks, water systems, and sewage facilities.

17. Careful Use of Fiscal Resources:
Frugality is a way of life and expenditures are considered investments in the future.

18. Sophisticated Use of Information Resources:
Leaders access information that is beyond the knowledge base available in the community.

19. Willingness to Seek Help from the Outside:
People seek outside help for community needs, and many compete for government grants and contracts for economic and social programs.

20. Conviction that, in the Long Run, You Have to Do It Yourself:
Thriving rural communities believe their destiny is in their own hands. Making their communities good places is a pro-active assignment, and they willingly accept it.

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