

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS on June 2008 Draft “Themes & Policies”

THEME SEVEN

Provide Efficient and Quality Community Facilities and Infrastructure

Big Picture:

As the Planning team outlined, this theme is still in a very rough draft form. It is clear that concrete data for the proposed Plan (buildout range, commercial square footage range, fiscal costs, etc.) are essential to evaluate this theme. As this critical information is clearly provided, the Conservation Alliance will make more substantive comments.

Key Issues:

- In several cases, policy language states that new development should not occur in a manner that increases taxpayers’ cost to services (water and sewer, new schools, and parks, etc.) This is a noble fiscal goal. However, multiple fiscal impact studies prove that growth rarely pays for itself. In short, revenues raised from new developments rarely cover the costs to service them. To ensure that this goal is reached, what fiscal impact/costs of growth models will you use to assess conditions in Jackson/Teton County?