PLAN EVALUATION MATRIX

Plan Section	Review Notes	Recommendation Framework				
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General Notes						
	• A more visually interesting and graphically-rich document would invite the reader to explore the plan and greatly improve reader comprehension and ease of use.	X				X
	• Why the landscape orientation? Doesn't make sense given map orientation.	X			X	
	• "Twin Falls County Comprehensive Plan" header seems more appropriate as a footer – gets a little crowded up top with titles.	X			X	
	• No interactive features for web compatibility – scanned PDF, not searchable, hard to navigate online/on a computer	X				X
	• Lacking vision statement		X	X		X
	• Consider a chapter on intergovernmental and jurisdiction coordination – it is talked about across the board with no clear guidance on who or how, but is clearly an important issue.		X		X	
	• Would be helpful to identify organizations represented by comprehensive plan committee members		X		X	
	• Plan update should use maps more readily to convey concepts and baseline information over text.	X	X	X	X	
	• Better quality maps are needed for clarity and to convey information.		X		X	
	• The way cities and towns are called out on (most) maps is distracting – identify these differently moving forward.		X		X	
	• The structure of the goals, objectives and policies is hard to follow; suggest locating all in one place, in a chart or matrix, and restructuring around the vision or planning principles	X		X		X
	• Policies as written aren't always policies – some are actions. Many use passive languages.		X			X
	• No real implementation strategies in terms of timeline, measures of success, responsible entity or funding options		X	X		X
	• No prioritization of policies (action items) – where to begin, what should come first?		X	X		X
Acknowledgements						
County Officials	• Need to find out more about the comp plan committee structure and process followed in 2007. Was this effective? Seems large.			X	X	
Table of Contents (TOC)	• Numbering format is not ideal; would suggest reformatting in TOC and throughout using a standardized, more intuitive organizational structure	X			X	
	• Would suggest a standard organization structure for each chapter - right now they all have goals, objectives and policies but the organization of other elements is inconsistent	X			X	
	• Page numbers are equally confusing – with a more streamlined document the need to break page numbers down by chapter would become irrelevant.	X			X	

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List of Tables, Graphs, Figures	• There is probably a better way to represent this LONG list of tables, maps and figures; section title needs to better reflect content.	X			X	
	• Are all of the items listed necessary to call out specifically, or could the focus be on maps? How many people truly need to cross-reference a figure without knowing the context?	X			X	
List of Maps	• See "General Comments" on maps (above).					
Forward Introduction: • Narrative on page 0-12 could use some refinement to reduce redundancy, send a clear message and educate the public on how to use the document • Incomplete (and inaccurate) description of how each comprehensive plan element contains the following subsection (bottom of page) - here is where better organization by chapter/sub-section, and better explanation of how the plan is organized and how to use it would benefit the reader.						
0.1 Thirteen Elements of the Comprehensive Plan	• Would use this section to specifically cite statute		X		X	
	• There are 14 elements listed, even though the chapter title states 13 - state statute lists 15, breaking out 'agriculture' as a separate element. There is flexibility in how these are addressed – would suggest identifying them but not organizing the document around each specific element but rather broader categories.			X		X
0.2 Format for the Comprehensive Plan	• Goals, Objectives and Policies – aren't specifically included under any section but should be incorporated in a discussion of format and how to use the plan.	X		X		X
	• This section would benefit from the use of examples (what is a goal, what is an objective, what is a policy – how are they written and how do they differ?).		X		X	
	• Again – why landscape?	X			X	
0.3 The Planning Area in Perspective	• Not sure what the purpose of this section is; if it is to introduce the County, would see it being more robust and including some maps and graphics explaining existing conditions. Suggest modifying into a broad "Existing Conditions" chapter that encompasses some of the required background on elements in statute		X	X		X
0.4 History of Twin Falls County	• Suggest incorporating maps and graphics throughout the text for easier reference	X			X	
	• More pictures, maps, graphics needed to illustrate this section		X		X	
	• Historic timeline can be useful in documenting the county's past growth in perspective.		X		X	

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	• How is comprehensive planning handled in Buhl, Castleford, Filer, Hansen, Hollister, Kimberly and Murtagh? Are these towns incorporated? Unincorporated? Are there opportunities for increased participation in the update, and what should this look like?		X	X		X
	• Map 1 and Map 2 are sideways – hard to read given the format of the document	X			X	
	• Not sure why Map 2 is necessary (Counties of Idaho)		X		X	
0.5 Twin Falls County Statement of Purpose	• Seems more appropriate to combine this section with plan elements section, since they both derive from statute. Taken separately, they feel redundant and a little disjointed.		X		X	
	• This should really encompass more of a countywide vision statement, or statement of planning principles – this is not an aspirational purpose statement for the plan's goals, objectives, and direction over the next twenty years, and it doesn't appear to reflect any type of public input.		X	X		X
	• On page 0-20, the Plan Revision Process is not assigned a sub-section and not reflected in the TOC.		X		X	
	• The Advisory Committee Process described in this section is generally good; it would be a recommendation of this audit that a similar committee be formed for the update.			X	X	
	• The economic profile and initial review of plan elements is also good and necessary, but seemingly drives the update – as in, the update is literally a regurgitation of data and changes to that data.			X		X
	• There does not appear to have been any community visioning activities conducted with the broad public early on in the process - the first opportunity for input comes at the open houses and a second opportunity to review land use concepts already developed.			X		X
	• Public notice sounds like it was robust for the time - no website or social media presence though.			X	X	
	• No community survey element beyond the questionnaire described at the land use open house.			X		X
	• Good that the previous update focused on inclusivity and Hispanic populations – would have liked more detail on when open houses were held		X		X	

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	and what the format was for more context. This should definitely be a focus in this round of updates.					
	• Figure 1 does not lend much value to the public process — a timeline or different graphic representing the range and influence of activities would better represent the intent.		X		X	
Chapter 1 — Property Rights • As currently structured, the chapter is not very useful in terms of property rights' influence on the comprehensive plan. Suggest reworking this entire chapter by making it a subset of the implementation section/chapter instead of its own chapter. That way it is geared more toward WHY property rights are important to the residents of Twin Falls County, not just regurgitating state and federal requirements and case law.						
1.1 Federal Standards	• This section is irrelevant to the goals of the comprehensive plan; suggest removing.		X			X
1.2 State Requirements	• This section is more relevant than the last, but should be rewritten to provide context, in layman's terms, of what private property rights are, how the Idaho Constitution has defined them and why they matter to this plan — not comprehensive plans generally. This whole section sounds more like research paper than community plan.		X			X
1.3 Changes to Takings Issues in response to Kelo v. City of New London	• Completely irrelevant — no member of the public will read this. Should not be in the plan the way it is currently written. If anything, reference Kelo in a footnote and provide an electronic link to the abstract for those (few) who care to review the case.		X			X
1.4 New Legislation from the 2006 Legislature	• This information is too specific for a long-range plan — by the time the comprehensive plan is adopted (or updated), any current legislation will be old news and may in some instances look entirely different than what has been adopted at some other point in time. Would recommend not including this information in the plan and instead provide a link to the state website for those interested in seeking additional information.		X			X
	• If this legislation was important to the state's interpretation of property rights, would suggest providing a paragraph or two explaining why — not just citing the bill. Again, the general public does not interact with legislation in this form all that often — it will be more informative for them to understand what this law does, how it impacts this plan and their property.		X			X
1.5 Office of the Attorney General Checklist	• This checklist is very focused on regulatory actions, which this plan is not. This could create confusion. Suggest removing.		X			X

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Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Throughout the plan it is hard to see a connection between the G/O/P and the text. For example, sign design and location come out as a policy in 5, but the text never mentions a connection or a problem.		X	X		X
	• Suggest rewriting goals, policies and objectives to clearly explain the importance of property rights to the public, not just because of Idaho State Code and legislative bills.		X			X
	• Policies need to focus on implementation – two of the four items listed are not policies but actions the County should take. See general notes (above) for guidance on how implementation should be addressed throughout the plan.		X	X		X
	• Policies shouldn't contain words like shall – too prescriptive.		X		X	
Chapter 2 – Population and Growth						

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- Consider "Population Characteristics" over "Population Growth" as a chapter title.
- All data in this chapter requires update, generally
- The entire chapter reads like a report; doesn't necessarily tell the story of Twin Falls well and feels unapproachable.
- Consider moving data-heavy tables and charts to an appendix; focus chapter on summarizing changes in population and demographics that set the stage for changes in policy, provision of services, and growth patterns (Sheridan County plan example; "Community Profile")
- For those tables and charts kept in the chapter, better alignment with content is needed (hard to skip from page to page to compare summary information with what is expressed in a table or graphic).
- Use community analyst and business analyst graphics for greater interpretability and higher quality (Butte-Silver Bow example)
- Be consistent in colors and themes for tables, charts and graphics
The chapter needs a summary statement; abrupt in its jump from data to goals, objectives and policies

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2.1 Purpose and Overview						
2.2 Past County Population Trends	• Would recommend noting the sub-sections in the TOC (A, B, C) to identify specific demographic trends presented in the plan, for easier reference	X			X	
	• Map 3 is hard to read – unclear from the map what year the data represents	X			X	
	• On page 2-8, why is the methodology for population forecast discussed for 2005 when the comprehensive plan was adopted in 2008?		X		X	

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	• Suggest using US Census, ACS data or the state Department of Labor's population projections (https://lmi.idaho.gov/population-projections) to supplement current methodology.		X		X	
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Goal #1 is weak (and why only one related to population?); objectives and policies should be rethought and rewritten. Policy #1 is an obvious statement.		X	X		X
Chapter 3 – Land Use						
• Consider a place-based approach to future land use, grounded in a more robust visioning and public process • Map #4 is not necessary; unsure what the purpose of having it in this chapter is?						
3.1 Land Use	• This section would benefit from maps (and less text) showing land ownership (as described in the text/table), areas of city impact, and land use based on USGS data.	X	X		X	
	• Don't split tables (Table 8, between pages 3-3 and 3-4)	X			X	
3.2 Current Conditions	• This section would benefit from more maps (and less text) showing agricultural land breakdown (if data available), approved subdivision development over time (to showcase agricultural land lost), and land uses based on tax data (what property is currently used for based on taxable value).	X	X		X	
	• Not sure Table 11 is all that useful		X		X	
	• Table 12 seems out of place given the content being discussed		X		X	
	• Table 13 is somewhat redundant of Table 9 – is there a way to synthesize this information and better represent it?		X		X	
3.3 Twin Falls County Land Use Open House and Questionnaire Summary	• Seems more appropriate as an appendix, with a general public participation summary in the Forward/Introduction	X	X		X	
	• Questions focus on typical land use divisions; suggest rethinking approach to future land use based on 'whole place' characteristics that recognize a mix of uses are possible and often desirable in places throughout the county			X		X
	• Map 5 is hard to read; unclear what data it represents based on the title and legend		X		X	

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	• It is odd that the land uses in the survey (rural residential, CAFO, irrigated cropland, ranching, agricultural supported businesses, existing recreational opportunities, organized recreational opportunities) don't relate or reflect the future land use designations – or existing land use designations? – described in the plan. There needs to be a better link between why these specific uses were questioned and the responses' influence over future land use designations. In general, these seem too specific			X		X
	• Land use designations should be reconsidered to address current and future (desired) characteristics of the county, in line with a placetype approach			X		X
3.4 Future Trends	• Suggest retitling to "Land Use Trends"	X			X	
	• Land use designation "Agricultural on Best, Moderate and Least Suited Soils" is confusing – there needs to be clarification on what this means, seems difficult to apply in three tiers to one category?		X		X	
	• Land use designations would be better expressed using placetype scenario and illustrating through example (West Memphis, Belmont or Corinth plans as examples)			X		X
	• The term "areas of impact" is inconsistently capped and never defined. It is an Idaho term that should be defined since many readers may not be from Idaho (think economic development researchers, land developers, employers, etc.)		X		X	
3.5 Issues and Concerns	• This section would be more appropriate earlier on, either in this chapter or in the plan as a whole. Odd to talk about issues and concerns after development of future land uses has occurred (insinuated by the organization of the chapter). Issues should be part of the equation in determining the structure of land use designations and where they are most appropriately located in the county.			X		X
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Goals are focused mainly on economic opportunity, which do not necessarily reflect on the purpose of the chapter		X			X
	• Goals and objectives (and in some cases policies) seem to be used interchangeably here.		X			X

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	• Avoid loose terms like 'encourage' and 'ensure' when stating policy or action items		X		X	
	• In terms of the policies (actions) – need to be asking HOW you accomplish each. If there's no clear direction on how, who and when, how can the county effectively get started?			X		X
Chapter 4 – Transportation						
• Does (and should) this chapter really provide "a plan by which the County can continue to improve all modes of transportation"? This seems more appropriate in a transportation plan prepared in alignment with the goals and actions identified in the comprehensive plan.						
• No real projections on future service needs – this is a key element missing in this plan, looking beyond what exists now and thinking in terms of the county's future needs based on population growth.						
4.1 Roadway System	• Map #6 is challenging to read		X		X	
	• Would be helpful to integrate a mobility placetype into this plan (use West Memphis as an example), correlating with the functional classifications while providing more context to the reader and representing local nuance in the street types and application throughout Twin Falls County.			X		X
	• Section 4.1.3 – likely need to update based on current policy discussions on truck routes		X		X	
	• Map #8 extremely hard to read		X		X	
	• Considering bridges are called out specifically – is there value in having a map of bridges countywide?		X		X	
	• Figure 18 – old school of thought, implies a 'one size fits all' mentality. Land use change does not have to lead to increased traffic. It is only a vicious cycle when land use and transportation aren't addressed holistically and when disconnected streets and private cars are the norm. Even if the county isn't likely to get transit, embedding this philosophy into the plan seems at best counterproductive. Suggest updating to reflect current transportation policy and practice, especially mobility options			X		X
	• Section 4.1.6 seems better suited under Chapter 9, Section 9.6 – to keep discussion of utilities all in one location.		X		X	X
4.2 Airports	• More detail could be provided in this section on commercial vs private flights, number of passengers served daily, details on airport facilities		X		X	

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	• Does the Chamber of Commerce have stats on economic influence of Joslin Field?		X		X	
	• A map may also be appropriate		X		X	
4.3 Railroad	• A map may be appropriate		X		X	
4.4 Alternative Transit	• Does Trans IV Buses/Dial-A-Ride keep ridership stats? Would be useful to have this information over past ten years to evaluate service expansion and demand		X		X	
	• Would be helpful to look at transit services provided within the City of Twin Falls and potential overlap into the area of influence and possibilities for future expansion (based on demand) into the county		X	X	X	X
	• All information in this section needs to be re-evaluated and updated given current status of transit options. Are the programs cited still in place? Have new programs been introduced? With an aging population, have other services been made available? Is there really no ride-share/park-and-ride area anywhere in the county, formal or informal?		X		X	
4.5 Alternative Modes of Transportation	• This section does not discuss the inherent challenges/opportunities in developing a rural bike and pedestrian system – this should be part of the narrative in the plan update			X		X
	• The ITD bike/pedestrian facilities would be better reflected as a mobility placetype (show West Memphis as example) – shown as stand-alone 'types', these cross-sections don't speak to where in Twin Falls County these facilities would be appropriate.			X		X
	• This section really needs a map of existing bike/ped facilities (found on page 4-16; should be better integrated into this section), as well as a map looking at future facilities (however modest) – especially in those areas of impact.		X		X	X
	• Section 4.5.3 Safe Routes to School would benefit by a basic analysis of ¼ mile walking radius around existing school facilities in the county. Should these areas be prioritized for walking and biking infrastructure? Would suggest this type of analysis as part of the comprehensive plan update, to better reflect changing trends.		X	X		X
	• Map #9 is difficult to read/hard to interpret		X		X	
4.6 Movement of Goods	• There is nothing new in this section that couldn't be elaborated on in a previous section of this chapter; perhaps the discussion surrounding the		X	X		X

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	importance in moving goods should be included in Chapter 7 — Economic Development.					
4.7 Environment	• This section seems out of place under the transportation chapter. It talks about the need for coordination, which is good, but otherwise the content is fairly disjointed and not really focused on environment.		X			X
4.8 Future Development and Transportation Needs	• Maps, maps, maps! This is a section that could play a much larger role in facilitating coordination between ITD, the Highway Districts, City of Twin Falls and all respective transportation plan efforts. Three short paragraphs is not enough to convey the importance in planning for and prioritizing a strong transportation network within a county that is so clearly reliant on its road network for commerce!		X	X		X
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• The goal could easily be 3 or 4 different goals/objectives; trying to shoehorn too much into one vessel when the need doesn't exist.			X		X
	• Objective #1 — constructing a belt route around Twin Falls and Buhl. What is the problem the county is trying to solve here? Should consider this in light of current best practice, in consultant with ITD and highway departments			X		X
	• Many objectives listed are open-ended and unspecific; consider revising with update.			X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters — objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy.			X		X
	o Example: #12 - Encourage the use of alternative transportation. How? Where? Under what conditions? Who will do this? What timeframe are we looking at? Avoid terminology like "encourage"			X		X
	• Ideally the goals, policies and objectives in this chapter would set the foundation for future alignment (and updates) to existing plans including:			X		X
	o Thousand Springs Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan (no mention of this plan or corridor's importance in current comp plan)		X	X		X

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	○ Twin Falls Master Transportation Plan (no mention of this plan or reference to future conditions and recommendations)		X	X		X
	○ TFHD 5-Year Road Plan (how is this road plan derived and priorities determined – no mention of priorities made in this comp plan)		X	X		X
Chapter 5 – Community Design • In many ways this chapter reads like the beginning of a vision statement, highlighting qualities the county values and wants to maintain; it is unclear, however, how these statements are then translated into guidance on future development policy and conservation priorities in the plan. There is a disconnect: The chapter is making big statements with little relationship to a coordinated plan of action. • This chapter would benefit greatly by the use of photos, graphics, illustrations and diagrams to illustrate concepts regarding community character (Niobrara County example) • The use of placetypes would better reflect the character concepts being conveyed, and fulfill the introductory narrative that all pieces 'fit together' – as design characteristic could be holistically incorporated into land use and mobility types.						
5.1 Twin Falls County Community Image	• Need pictures to illustrate the character described		X		X	
5.2 Urban and Rural Canyon Rims	• Need pictures to illustrate the character described		X		X	
5.3 Gateways	• Need pictures to illustrate the character described		X		X	
5.4 Urban/Rural Interface Impacts	• This section could use a map to illustrate where this interface is occurring (even generally), to aid in the description		X		X	
5.5 Rural Character	• Need pictures to illustrate the character described		X		X	
	• This section would benefit from the use of placetype(s) to convey the qualities and characteristics of a rural environment			X		X
5.6 Visual Impacts (weed control), Storage (outdoor and trash)	• This section heading seems oddly specific and somewhat out of place		X	X	X	X
	• "….outdoor trash and outdoor storage *could* present a major concern." Well, does it or does it not? This section is merely a statement, without taking a stand on the issue or providing direction or options for resolution. Why even include it?		X	X	X	X
5.7 Impact of Sprawl on Community Design	• "Rural character is lost with this development." This whole chapter has been focused on the importance of rural character, yet this section (like the one above) makes a very broad, open-ended statement with no direction or recommendations on how to combat sprawl.			X		X
	• How do you reconcile sprawl issues with the strong property rights focus?			X		X

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Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• See comment above – the goal of "Maintain rural character" is too vague, too broad, and feels conflicted based on the lack of content, prioritization, and public input in the preceding pages.			X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy			X		X
	o Example: #2 - "Encourage compatible development." Sub-items a, b and c do an ok job of establishing how, but further detail should be provided		X	X		X
	• What does "ensure orderly planning" for rims and canyon entail? Another example of too broad, overly vague objectives…			X		X
	• Objective #8: "Preserve and protect" all of these areas equally? Be more specific. Suggest using the comprehensive plan update to better strategize, justify and prioritize preservation objectives.			X		X
	• Similarly, the policies listed would benefit from some mechanism prioritizing implementation.			X		X
	• Is there not a code enforcement program currently? Does it require an overhaul? Alignment with new plan priorities?		X		X	X
	• Aren't subdivision/development regulations in place? Should the policy be 'alignment of the existing regulations with this plan'?		X		X	X
	• Similar questions on rural development standards (update zoning?), building design and placement (update zoning?), sign design and location (update zoning/adopt sign ordinance?)…. Pretty much every policy listed requires more specificity and context.		X		X	X
	• There should be greater emphasis on code/regulation alignment with the plan through the goals, objectives and policies.			X		X

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	• How many of the policies listed have been accomplished? What is the county's mechanism to evaluate progress and success (or failure) in implementing the plan's goals?		X		X	X
Chapter 6 – Cultural and Historical Sites						
• This chapter would greatly benefit from the use of maps to identify the historic sites listed and photos of the historic sites for context.						
• Was the Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission involved in the development of the plan? If not, they should be a part of the update						
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy.			X		X
	• What about the Center for Paleontogical Research? Is this something the county wants to pursue?		X		X	
Chapter 7 – Economic Development						
• This chapter will require wholesale updates to data and trends based on changes over the last decade						
• Should incorporate trend projections for business and industry growth – or decline – as much as possible and as data is available.						
• Use community analyst and business analyst graphics for greater interpretability and higher quality (Butte-Silver Bow example)						
• Be consistent in colors and themes for tables, charts and graphics.						
• Similar to the chapter on population, a lot of this chapter is written like a report; it is recommended that much of the heavy data, tables and charts be moved to an appendix and the focus of this chapter be on how trends and shifts in the local economy influence land use and development decisions moving forward, as well as the county's vision for future growth and economic resilience.						
• Really need the Chamber's involvement in the plan update; who prepares the CEDS for the County?						
7.1 An Economy in Transition	• Suggest referencing where data is derived from		X		X	
	• Standardize titles in figures and charts – many of the existing titles are a little unprofessional and don't provide the appropriate context 　○ Example: Figure #26 – "Job Growth By Industry: Services Keep Growing" and Figure #27 – "What Kind of Service Jobs"		X		X	

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	• As much as possible, use available US Census and ACS to correlate with local, regional and statewide data prepared and provided by the state Department of Labor
	   o Idaho Labor Market and Economic Report (2017)
	   o The Future of Rural Idaho (July 2018)
	   o Labor Market Projects for Idaho (2016-2026)
			X		X	

7.2 Agriculture is Still Big Business in Twin Falls County	• Strange sub-chapter title – consider renaming, standardized titles		X		X	
	• Table 14 – reorient so that it is easier to read	X			X	
7.3 Effects on Households						
7.4 Economic Development Partners in Twin Falls County	• It is absolutely critical that the partners listed in this section participate in the plan update. We have not received any feedback or insight from economic developers so far in this audit process			X		X
	• The opening statement alludes to 'setting the course for economic development'. What course? The chapter mainly presents existing conditions and trends are not discussed. This is a major hole.			X		X
7.5 Conclusion	• This is the only chapter to have a conclusion statement. There needs to be consistency in formatting throughout the plan so the reader understands what to look for. Either all chapters have conclusions/summaries or none do.	X	X		X	X
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy.			X		X
	o Example: Objective #3 – "Encourage public-private partnerships that further local goals while advancing economic development"... such as?		X	X		X
	o Example: Policy #3 - 3. "Develop land use ordinances to identify appropriate locations and standards for commercial and industrial		X	X	X	X

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	development." Aren't these already in place? Should they be updated? Overhauled? Shouldn't appropriate locations be determined through the comprehensive plan, and the land use ordinance adopted to implement the vision for these locations?					
	• Some of the policies identify tourism, emerging technology and teleworking, but these sectors are not discussed in any depth in the chapter. More detail on these opportunities and the benefits of a diversified economy should be a focus of the update, to support related goals, objectives and policies		X	X		X
Chapter 8 – Hazardous Areas: • The contents of this chapter may be more appropriate under "Natural Resources" chapter as a sub-chapter, or under a new chapter focused on resilience or hazard mitigation. Since this chapter covers tornadoes, civil disobedience, drought and more in Table 17, the entire county can be considered a hazardous area so the title is meaningless. • How does this compare and influence/align with the adopted multi-jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan? There is no reference to this document in the current comprehensive plan						
8.1 Hazards	• Maps should be reoriented and moved to correspond with hazards discussed in this section, for easier reference.	X			X	
	• Table 16 – how were degrees of risk assessed and assigned? Again, correlation with the AHMP would be desirable to reinforce the area, extent and degree of risk.			X		X
	• Table 17 – how was this table created, and by who? What was the level of analysis that went in to this assessment, and where was the data derived from?			X		X
	• The chapter leads off with earthquakes cited as the most destructive of all risks, but Table 17 doesn't reinforce this (and neither does section F)		X		X	
	• Don't split tables between pages (Table 17); difficult to read and analyze this way	X			X	
8.2 Current Conditions	• If at all possible, correlate sub-section headings with hazards identified in the previous section.	X	X		X	
	• Table 18 will require updating with current NRI data		X		X	
	• Are soil erosion and slope truly hazards? Consider reworking this section to align with the subsidence hazard in Table 17. Could also move conversation on slope and soils under Chapter 12 – Natural Resources		X	X	X	X
	• Airport clear zones – hazard or nuisance?			X		X

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	• Map #10 — what data was used to develop this map? Is there more up to date information on wildland urban interface and fire risk due to slopes, fuels and proximity? Should be updated to reflect current conditions and risk; similar questions on Map #11.			X		X
	• A map would be helpful to illustrate flood risk under sub-section G.		X		X	
	• Is there an updated Comprehensive State Water Plan (Sub-section J) that would inform an update to this section?		X		X	
	• Sub-section K — Future Trends should be its own section and not located under Current Conditions.			X		X
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Policy #1 — "Join with cities and state disaster services to maintain and improve an adequate emergency plan." Was this written before or after the AHMP? At the very least, needs to be updated to reflect current status of that plan		X	X	X	X
	• Suggest breaking goals, objectives and policies up based on area of focus — flooding, fire, etc. The way it is currently organized makes it confusing to see which G/P/O's align with which hazards and the suggested mitigation specific to the hazard.			X		X
	• Policy #7 on mini-storage — not sure this is a feasible policy; it should be a consideration of land use and zoning to determine the most appropriate location for mini-storage units (proximity to residences, conflicting uses).			X		X
	• Development regulations should align with objectives (and ideally be cited as policy/action item) to address appropriate mitigation of hazards.			X		X
Chapter 9 — Public Services and Facilities • Information in this chapter must be updated to reflect current policy and practice. • Throughout this chapter, maps need to be reoriented and moved to correspond with services and utilities discussed by section, for easier reference. • All maps are low-quality and challenging to read; they should be updated accordingly.						
9.1 Sewer and Water	• Does 'redesignation' imply annexation or just expanded service lines? If expanded service lines, what does the process entail? How do the City and County coordinate on this issue?		X		X	

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	• Update should include some evaluation of current capacity and existing water and sewer districts, as well as prevalence of well and septic in the county. Maps would be helpful to convey this information.			X		X
9.2 Fire Safety 9.3 Public Safety	• Would be useful to evaluate response times by district for fire, law enforcement and EMS – in addition to showing the district boundaries in Maps 12-15. Current content describes current capacity (generally), but does not talk about services in terms of population growth and increased demand.			X		X
9.4 Public Health						
9.5 Emergency Disaster Program	• This section seems more appropriate for inclusion in Chapter 8 - Hazardous Areas.		X		X	
9.6 Utilities	• Wireless telecommunications and broadband/fiber need to be addressed in the update.		X		X	
	• Maps 17 and 18 aren't that useful.		X		X	
9.7 County Facilities	• What about fairgrounds? Other county facilities?		X		X	
9.8 Current Conditions	• Organization of this chapter is very confusing. Current conditions narrative for each topic should be combined with previous sub-sections (by topic), so that facilities and current conditions/issues/opportunities are discussed together	X	X	X		X
	• Table #19 - Are plants having any issues related to low discharge? Is low flow a problem in sewer lines? Need to make sure these entities are solicited/involved in the update. Same with the fire districts listed in Table #20.		X	X	X	X
	• A more helpful measurement would be level of service – how much capacity do the water/sewer districts currently have given the population? How much capacity do the fire districts have to support increased development? How much capacity does the county have in the solid waste facilities cited?			X		X
	• Future Trends (Sub-Section 3) should be pulled from this section and made its own stand-alone section; does not seem appropriate under "Current Conditions".	X		X		X
	• School enrollment and facilities are called out in future trends but aren't mentioned/discussed anywhere in this chapter		X		X	

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	• In general, the future trends point to increased demand and lack of capacity for water, sewer, solid waste, fire, health care, etc. – but there is no data analysis to back this up		X		X	
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy			X		X
	o Example: Objective #2 – "Encourage adequate law enforcement, fire protection and emergency medical services." Encourage and adequate in the same sentence – how does this objective get measured?			X		X
	o Example: Policy #5 – "Develop proper waste management procedures." Who determines what is proper?			X		X
Chapter 10 – Parks and Recreation						
• If the county has developed a parks and recreation master plan, this plan should be referenced throughout. If it has not yet, that may be a recommendation to come out of the update in order to better evaluate level of service for these community assets.						
• Suggest included information on trail system(s) in this chapter as well.						
10.1 Current Conditions	• Map referenced should be moved (and improved) to correlate with this section – hard to read as is.	X	X		X	
10.2 Regional Recreational Areas	• Map should be improved to identify regional, state and federal recreation sites.		X		X	
10.3 County Parks	• Map should be improved to more clearly define county parks vs. regional, state and federal recreation sites.		X		X	
10.4 Federal Recreation Areas	• No reference made to the General Management Plan/EIS adopted in 1996. Is this still being used? Has it been updated?			X		X
10.5 Preserving Open Space	• Is there data available on how many conservation and development plans have been developed and adopted? Does the county incentivize these? Is there a process? This section would be good if it provided a clearer picture of the CDP concept, how it is presently used and the benefits to the county's vision for parks, recreation and open space moving forward.			X		X

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	• Possibly include a map here		X		X	
10.6 College of Southern Idaho	• Why is this section under parks and recreation? The content (as currently written) is irrelevant to the plan or this chapter.		X		X	
10.7 Parks Needs	• This information is good, but seems general and should be used to prepare a more formal planning document for the county's recreational assets. As currently written it is not useful.			X		X
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy			X		X
	o Example: Policy #7 – "Preserve and protect open space, unique natural areas, wetlands, water and woodland resources, scenic views and areas of natural beauty."			X		X
	• Policy #8 seems unrelated to this chapter – "Develop policies that promote innovative approaches, projects, or practices that conserve the use of energy or other natural resources."		X		X	
Chapter 11 – School Facilities and Public Transportation						
• Do the public schools have a master facilities plan? Do they plan by district? Need to get districts involved in the comprehensive plan update to better reflect current trends and growth impacts on facilities and enrollment over time.						
• Is 'public transportation' the correct term for this title? It is really transportation specific to the schools? Not sure this needs to be part of the title as its confusing.						
• The chapter is light on baseline information to assist in the partnership development desired in section 11.4, which reiterates the need for the school districts to be stakeholders in the plan update process and would ideally mean districts have their own planning priorities that can be cross-referenced or reflected in this plan.						
11.1 The Districts	• All facility inventory data (Tables 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29) will require updates; suggest moving tables to an appendix and using this section to present information on school trends, facility condition and impacts related to growth over previous decade(s).		X		X	
	• Section 11.1.2 – presumes school enrollment will automatically increase due to addition of private schools. This is not entirely accurate – enrollment increases with population growth, but enrollment trends could be impacted by		X	X	X	X

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	private/charter schools, with district attendance shifting based on where growth occurs. The section should evaluate this in greater detail.					
11.2 Transportation	• Suggest renaming this section – it is confusing to label it "Transportation" when there is an entire chapter focused on transportation. This section is very specific to bus routes.		X	X	X	
	• A map of bus routes could be helpful.		X		X	
11.3 Public Safety Issues	• Why is Safe Routes to School not discussed here? It seems more appropriate in this chapter than under Chapter 4 where it is currently.		X	X	X	X
11.4 Partnership Development	• The intent of this section is good, and the questions in the list are all very relevant. It does not, however, seem like the content in this chapter is in-depth enough to provide the type of guidance and coordination sited.		X	X		X
11.5 College of Southern Idaho	• Redundant (see Chapter 10); more appropriate under this chapter, but definitely don't duplicate the information.		X		X	
	• Is the 12,000 student population all in Twin Falls County or spread among its campuses? How many students are specifically in Twin Falls County? How many students are local vs. coming from outside the county? Does the college provide housing on campus? How is student housing dealt with, and is this an issue in the county?		X		X	
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy			X		X
	o Example: Policy #1 – "Develop educational programs on safe routes and other safety issues". Why just the educational program; seems this could go further.			X		X
	o Example: Objective #2 – "Support dual location of school facilities and park lands." How is this proposed to be accomplished? No policies provide detail on how this would be done.			X		X
Chapter 12 – Natural Resources						

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• Much of the information presented in this chapter would be helpful earlier on in the plan to set the stage on existing conditions, local geography and inform Twin Falls County's sense of place. • As with previous chapters, this entire chapter reads very much like a report. • The entire chapter would benefit from pictures, illustrations and other graphics to tell the story of the existing landscape, geography and resources present in the county.						
12.1 Geology						
12.2 Soils	• Map is difficult to read and correlate with Table 30 (mistaken as Table 28 in the text)		X		X	
12.3 Agriculture	• This section is an important one that would benefit from a higher level of analysis; patterns of development overlaid on prime agricultural soils over time, demonstrating how this conversion has occurred, for instance.			X		X
12.4 Energy Resources	• Move definitions of energy alternatives to glossary; use this section to discuss why Twin Falls County is ripe for certain types of alternative energy.			X		X
12.5 Water Resources	• This section speaks to current court cases and case law that will need to be updated.		X		X	
	• Maps 22 and 23 are difficult to read and to correlate with the information provided in this section; not sure the hydrology map is all that useful.	X	X		X	
	• A map of the canal system may be helpful in understanding irrigation and the influence of agriculture in the county.		X		X	
12.6 Water Quality	• Map the rivers, streams and water bodies currently defined as TMDL.		X		X	
12.7 Air Quality	• This section is very technical and hard to read.			X		X
	• How do CAFOs factor into the conversation on odors and fugitive dust, and how does this influence land use and development controls? More analysis needed.			X		X
12.8 Climate	• This section does not provide useful information as currently written. What is important about the climate in Twin Falls County that needs to be considered in the plan?			X		X
	• Are there aspects of climate change (drought, floods, fire) that should be covered here? Significant trends over the past decade to be aware of?		X	X		X
12.9 Scenic Viewshed Protection	• This section discusses mapping important viewsheds, but this is not reflected in the policies below.		X	X		X

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	• It would be helpful to map viewsheds as part of the comprehensive planning process, to establish policy based on these conditions.		X	X	X	
12.10 Vegetation and Wildlife	• Mapping of migration corridors and specific habitat would be beneficial for this section.		X	X		X
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?				X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.			X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy			X		X
	• Objective #6 – "Protect canyon and other habitats." What does other habitats entail?			X		X
	• Objective #8 – "Reduce and prevent noise and odor pollution." Where? In key areas? Are there priorities established?			X		X
	• Policy #11 – "Protection of canals and major drainages." This isn't a policy or action.		X		X	
	• Policy #9 – "Adopt ordinances that address land use in or near these natural resources such as site plan reviews, subdivision regulations, overlay zones, and/or design standards." Has this been done?		X		X	
	• Policy #16 – "Monitor land use activities within delineated Drinking Water Protection Areas and recognize that certain activities may impact the quality of municipal and other public drinking water resources." What actions or decisions has monitoring led to? Is there a desire to control the location and intensity of land uses with greatest impacts?		X	X	X	X
Chapter 13 – Housing						
• All data in this chapter will require updating, along with corresponding maps and tables.						
• Information presented is very basic with little to no analysis accompanying the housing characteristics, affordability and forecast.						
13.1 Purpose and Overview	• Standardization of chapter structure would help with flow and function of document; this overview seems out of place since it is the first chapter in many to have a formal introduction.	X			X	

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13.2 Past Trends in Housing						
13.3 2005 Housing Characteristics	• This section requires a complete update using current data available.		X		X	
	• Section 13.4.4 is out of place – less about housing stock and mostly about population make-up. Better in population chapter.	X	X		X	
	• Figures 42, 43 and 44 are difficult to read and interpret; suggest alternate format for tables/figures.	X	X		X	
13.4 Housing Affordability						
13.5 Housing Unit Forecast	• The housing unit forecast does not consider types of housing needed/desired to accommodate the perceived demand; it also assumes all units will be constructed to meet incoming demand and does not provide any justification or analysis on where gaps may occur and demands go unmet.		X	X		X
Goals, Objectives and Policies	• Unsure why this section is not identified by section number?	X			X	
	• Consider moving all goals, objectives and policies to one location for easy reference.	X		X		X
	• Similar comments as in previous chapters – objectives and policies are written in a way where there is overlap, lack in specificity or ability to implement. Need to revisit these entirely in plan update and look at a more meaningful implementation strategy			X		X
	o Workforce housing is presented as an objective but the contents of this chapter don't support a high demand for workforce housing. How is the county defining this?			X		X
	o Policy #2 – "Develop a housing needs assessment and Analysis of Housing Impediments and update every five years." Has this been done?		X		X	
Glossary						
	• In some instances, users prefer the glossary/definitions at the front of a document - for discussion	X			X	
	• Using pictures graphics can help with readability of definitions	X			X	
	• Define words/terms unique to the plan; for instance, is it necessary to define "accommodate" here?	X		X	X	