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City of Sun Valley 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update: Public Draft Available

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO - The City of Sun Valley has been updating its Comprehensive Plan since early 2013 and is encouraging all residents and interested parties to review and provide comment on the Public Draft before the Plan is adopted in early August.

A public hearing on the Plan will be held at Carol's Dollar Mountain Lodge, 82 Elkhorn Road, at 4:00pm on Tuesday, August 11th. Action may be taken at this meeting to approve the Plan, unless substantive comment is received by the community which requires additional work to be undertaken; the plan would then be approved on the regular City Council meeting of September 10th.

The major proposed changes to the Plan in the 2015 Update from the current 2005 Plan are predominantly land-use focused and centered around limiting development in the "Gateway" area along Sun Valley Road after the possibility of development at the Penny Hill and Red Barn sites drew widespread concern from the community. The Plan's Future Land Use Maps indicate that these areas will remain Open Space or Recreation in use, while the restrictions on development will be offset by growth adjacent to the Resort Core and on Prospector Hill.

Other proposed changes to the plan include addition of new action items and deletion of tasks which have been completed since the 2005 version of the Plan. The Council has also added a goal to the draft plan which identifies managing increasingly scarce water resources as a priority for the City. Still remaining are minor changes to some of the formatting of the text and maps, as well as updating some outstanding data gaps.

Beginning in 2013, a Steering Committee appointed by the Mayor was tasked to review the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, itself an update of the 1994 Plan and the earlier 1979 Plan. The committee then recommended approval of the Plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission, who recommended approval to the City Council during their final review of the document.

After adoption of the plan, a series of public hearings will be held to implement the plan via new zoning standards, ordinances, programs, and budgetary actions.

A hardcopy of the plan can be viewed at City Hall; digital copies are available on the City's website <http://www.sunvalley.govoffice.com/> by selecting the "2015 Comp Plan Update" link on the upper right

of the page. For more information, please contact the City of Sun Valley's Community Development Department at 208-622-4438.