

BONNER COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Comment Card: Land Use Chapter

The Land Use Chapter of the County's Comprehensive Plan helps guide where and how Bonner County grows and changes over time. It addresses topics such as growth, development patterns, rural areas, communities, agriculture, natural resources, housing, and land use compatibility.

Key Framework: As you review the draft, ask yourself:

Does this reflect what you see happening in your community—and does it provide a good direction for the future?

4 Ways to Provide Comment

1. I Support it	2. I Have a Concern	3. Something is Missing	4. I Would Change This
What is working well? Identify a direction that you think makes sense for Bonner County. Example: "I support the emphasis on maintaining the rural character of this area while allowing appropriate opportunities for growth."	What could create a problem or unintended consequence? Explain what concerns you and why it matters. Example: "I am concerned that this approach could encourage additional development in areas where roads and emergency access are already limited."	What isn't addressed? Identify an issue, community need, or local condition you think the plan should recognize. Example: "The plan should address the relationship between new development and the capacity of existing roads and infrastructure."	What should be different? When possible, suggest a specific change to a goal, policy, map, or recommendation. Example: "I recommend adding a policy that directs more intensive growth toward areas with existing infrastructure and services."

Useful Comment Framework



General Comment:

"I don't want more development near Priest Lake."

A More Specific Comment:

"I am concerned about additional development around Priest Lake because existing roads and infrastructure are already limited causing concerns with ingress/egress and evacuation. On page X and the map, I recommend the County consider infrastructure and road capacity when determining land use densities and designations to determine how additional growth should occur."

Talk About Place:

Land use decisions can look different from one part of Bonner County to another. If your comment relates to a particular location, say where. *Your local knowledge is valuable.*

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|  Sagle |  Schweitzer |
|  Sandpoint |  Agricultural or forest lands |
|  Priest Lake |  A specific road, neighborhood, or community |
|  Hope / Clark Fork |  Other_____ |

Checklist: Before you Submit your Comment:

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| ☐ I identified the part of the plan I am commenting on. | ☐ I identified a location, if applicable. |
| ☐ I explained why it matters. | ☐ I kept my comments focused on the plan—not individual people or projects. |
| ☐ I identified a specific concern, idea, or opportunity. | ☐ Can this link to the zoning or development code and if so, where? |
| ☐ I suggested what I would like the County to consider. | |

Sample

What part of the Land Use Chapter, Designations or Future Land Use Map are you commenting on?

What do you support?

What concerns you?

What's missing?

What would you change or recommend?

Is there a specific location this applies to?

Remember: Be specific. Explain why. Connect your comment to the plan. Offer a solution when you can.