

WEB FORUM COMMENTS RELATING TO CHICO AND CENTRAL COUNTY STUDY AREAS, AS OF APRIL 16, 2008

Land Use			
Forest Ranch restrictions			
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[quote=Linda Wilms]I have property on Doe Mill Road and have tried unsuccessfully to subdivide 40 acres into four, ten-acre parcels. The restriction as explained to me is because of deer migration routes. I really hope that this is addressed in the General Plan. [/quote] Deer herd issues are indeed going to be addressed as part of the General Plan 2030 process. As part of the team of subcontractors providing services to Butte County, Galloway Consulting, Inc. will be updating the existing deer herd winter range maps as a tool in balancing development and natural resource protection. The product will be a qualitative ranking of identified deer herd habitat and land use strategies appropriate to that ranking. Our goal is to use this information to establish consistent General Plan and zoning designations. On a related note, we will also be having a community meeting in Forest Ranch on the General Plan in the next couple months (tentatively set for 6:00 p.m. on May 9, 2007 at the Forest Ranch Elementary School). Check out [url=http://www.buttecalendar.net/]http://www.buttecalendar.net[/url] for current information. Chuck	CThistlethwaite	cthistlethwaite@buttecounty.net	3/22/2007 3:19:22 PM

<p>We need to have the deer herd management area by Potter Ravine also analyzed. I have property there and must tell you we have little to no herds in existence in the past three years. When was there ever one there? We see a deer now and again but no herds at all nor migrating herds.</p>	<p>vburke003</p>	<p>vburkecpa@comcast.net</p>	<p>6/13/2007 11:28:37 PM</p>
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<p>Safety - has Chico lost its appeal?</p>			
<p>As a father of two young children, safety is a major priority for me. I've been a citizen of Chico for almost fifteen years, and I've seen the small town appeal of Chico slowly fade away. While I am definitely pro business, we definitely need to make sure the growth we experience is controlled, and does not promote unwelcomed visitors and citizens. Unfortunately, greater emphasis needs to be placed on deterring gangs, crime, and drug use. Otherwise, the Chico we all love will quickly become a distant memory. Please incorporate measures that will allow our community to control our homeless, gang, and violence issues. Because we're losing our beautiful community.</p>	<p>Chico Family</p>	<p>jasen.cusick@jmsmucker.com</p>	<p>2/28/2008 4:50:45 PM</p>

Area			
March meeting/Bell Muir			
<p>We will regretfully be out of town for the March meeting. We feel strongly that the Bell Murr area of Chico needs to be rezoned. The area has drastically changed during the 50+ years that we have lived and farmed here. (4 houses on Nord Ave between Chico Grange and Bell Road to over 36 houses).The majority of acres are not big enough to legally or financially farm (Set backs, spraying restrictions, noise, dirt, increase in homes and people and etc.) It makes more sense to make Mud Creek, a natural boundary, the Green Line. What to do with the area is the question. Plan 1: Rezone to 1 acre lots. Plan 2: Rezone to 1/2 acre lots. Plan 3: Rezone to 1/3 acre lots. Those three plans seem to be the most agreeable with the residences of the area. We would like to remain in the County, but, we understand that may not be an option. The 1980s environmental report/plan was a good one. Parks, roads, flood concerns and all areas were addressed. It was for 1.2 acre lots. I feel that the County will not get enough tax dollars for that plan to pass. Our hope for this area is to stay County with a Country feel. Please no city high density plan for this area. If we must be in the City, please make it plan 2 or 3. Respectfully, Ronald &amp; Marilyn 343-3612 cell 518-1601<a href="mailto:ronmagoon@aol.com">ronmagoon@aol.com</a></p>	ronmagoon	ronmagoon@aol.com	3/16/2008 9:42 AM

Agricultural Resources			
Ag/Urban Interface issues			
<p>Stronger Green Line There are some areas just inside the greenline where zoning and parcel sizes need to be addressed. One area for instance is along Nord Hwy from Mud Creek to Meridian Road. The current zoning has designations of AR- 2.5 and A-20. There are a couple of large parcels (60 to 80 acs) that are surrounded by parcel sizes of 2.5 acres, 10 acres and 15 acres. This situation makes it increasingly difficult to farm the larger parcels. It would seem to me that this area (Mud Creek to Meridian Road) should have a new zoning designation of AT (Ag Transitional) with parcel sizes from 2.5 acres (there are currently 32 2.5 acre parcels in this area) to 5 acres or maybe 10 acres. And then from Meridian Road to the west a new zoning designation of IA (Intensive AG). By doing the above it would create a buffer inside the greenline to protect the Ag opperations from urban pressure. I'm sure that there are other areas just inside the greenline that need to be addressed also.</p>	almondman	almondman@digitalpath.net	4/10/2007 10:19:09 AM

Transportation			
Transportation Big Picture			
<p>For Butte County to sustain a healthy economy, transportation must be kept a priority. People, goods, and services must be able to move in and out of the county and within the county efficiently. Air: The county needs to encourage growth of the Chico Airport. If this does not happen, the logical leap to the next airport north of Sacramento is Redding. I believe Redding currently understands this and is upgrading the transportation corridors to and from the Redding airport. Rail: I believe rail issues are much larger than a general plan of a single county can influence, but rail will be important to sustain the economy and long-term future of the county. Roadways: For this consideration of the general plan, this may be one of the single most important factors to sustaining the county economy. - Hwy 99/70: The county has done a good job inside the county providing improvements to these, but now it is time to look toward the borders and improve the connection to our neighbors and other major transportation corridors. A safe and easy link to Sacramento was needed several years ago. A desperate improvement is an improved link to Hwy 20 north of Marysville that will allow Butte Co. easier access to the Tahoe Sierras and I80 East. - Hwy 32 East: This is a major route to recreation within and out of the county. With possible increase in recreation activities in the Chester area (Dyer Mt. ski area) this route will become a critical link to tourist dollars. The Forest Ranch area needs to take this factor into account in the general plan. - Hwy 32 West: This is THE connector to I5 and is very important to sustaining the economy. Now is the time to have Hwy 32 bypass downtown Chico. Also, the county must work with Glenn Co. and Caltrans to encourage improvements from the county line to I5. Keep up the good work improving transportation</p>		<p>das8432254 das8432254@yahoo.com</p>	<p>6/9/2007 12:40:03 PM</p>

within the county and continue to look toward teaming with other agencies for benefiting the entire north state's economy!

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