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TOPIC: Planning for the Future

KEY MESSAGES

- With the help of community stakeholders, the County is developing a new Master Plan that will guide the strategic direction of land use in unincorporated Routt County for years to come. The Master Plan identifies growth centers, determines the type and location of new development and provides direction to elected officials and staff as they make land use decisions.
- Routt County is fiscally conservative and plans years in advance for large projects. It operates under a “pay as you go” philosophy, meaning, instead of taking on debt to fund major projects and equipment, the County slowly builds up reserves and saves money to pay for large investments in full.
- Public safety is our top priority and planning far in advance of a disaster is important to the County. We work with partners throughout the region to develop and execute multi-year education, training and outreach opportunities that address potential risks to the County.
- One of the best ways to ensure a safe and vibrant future for Routt County is by participating in the upcoming 2020 United States Census. It provides a snapshot of our nation that helps determine where to build new schools, hospitals, and businesses; how federal funding is distributed; and how congressional seats are apportioned. County services will be impacted by the results of the Census and residents are encouraged to participate.
- The County is invested in creating a sustainable future through environmental leadership and is working to develop a Climate Action Plan and investing in water quality monitoring.