

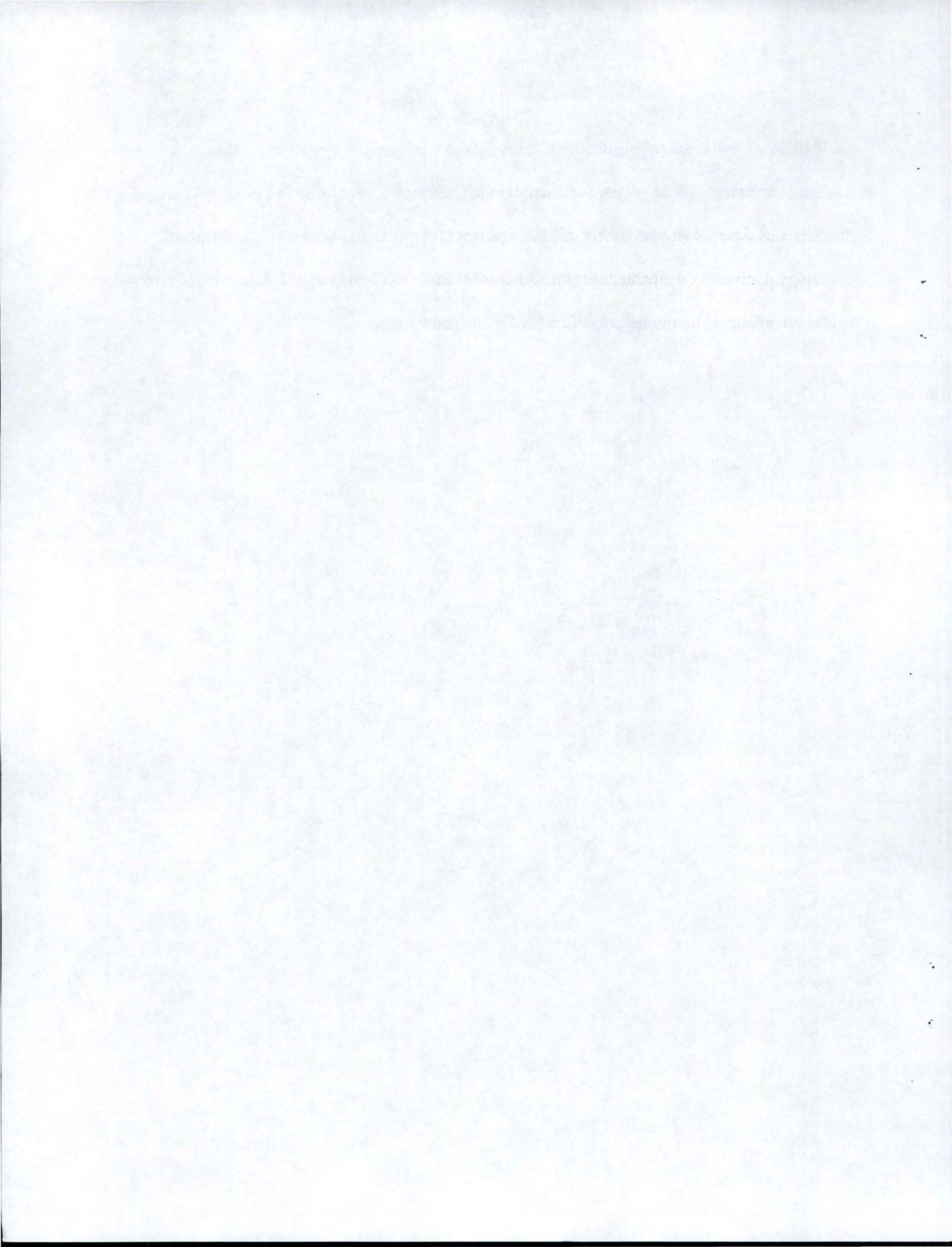
*A Survey of Custer County Residents Concerning
Community Issues, Facilities and Services:
General Summary*

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Preface

I would like to thank the people of Custer County, Idaho who generously gave their time to respond to this telephone survey. The survey was funded by the Commissioners of Custer County and conducted by the Social Science Research Unit of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Idaho under the direction of Prof. John Carlson and Barbara Schnabel. Survey results are available to all interested members of the general public.



Introduction

This report briefly discusses the responses of Custer County residents to a telephone survey conducted during April 1998. The survey gathered initial information from county residents about community services, infrastructure, land use, and general community concerns. The survey was requested by the Custer County commissioners to assist their comprehensive planning efforts during the next year. Public meetings will follow this survey to further examine the opinions of residents and to incorporate those opinions into a formal county planning process.

This report has four sections. First, the sample and survey method is discussed. Second, the survey attitude and opinion data concerning general issues in Custer County are highlighted. Third, the general demographics of the survey sample are presented. Finally, the full text of the survey instrument is provided.

Sample and Survey Method

A statistically random survey sample of 750 Custer County residents was drawn by Survey Sampling, Inc. of Fairfield, CT. These 750 telephone numbers were then contacted with a letter or postcard informing them that an interviewer would be calling in the next few weeks for a survey of their opinions about issues facing the county.

All 750 households were contacted by telephone for the survey. The survey completed 451 interviews. An additional 64 people refused to participate, and 140 people were ineligible for the survey because their telephone was disconnected, they had moved, were deceased, or the number was for a business. Finally, 95 households in the sample could not be reached after five (5) attempts each. The overall response rate is 74% $[451 / (750-140)]$ and the overall cooperation rate is 86% $[451 / (451 + 64)]$.

The geographic breakdown of the completed interviews by zip code is presented in Table 1. The majority of the respondents come from the Challis area and the fewest are from the Ellis area.

Table 1: Geographical Distribution of Custer County Survey Respondents.

	Number	Percent
Challis	271	60.1%
Clayton	30	6.7%
Ellis	6	1.3%
Mackay	123	27.3%
Stanley	21	4.7%
<i>Total</i>	<i>451</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

The interviews were conducted by the Social Science Research Unit of the University of Idaho. The telephone survey consisted of series of general questions about community issues, land use, community services and facilities, resource management, housing, transportation, recreation, and educational facilities, all in Custer County. General demographic information was also gathered to build a profile of the respondents. The average interview lasted just over 20 minutes, with the fastest interview taking 9 minutes and longest being 75 minutes.

Attitudes and Opinions: The Survey Data

The intent of this survey is to provide initial information about attitudes and opinions of Custer County residents toward a variety of issues. The issues are related to the county comprehensive planning process as required by Idaho statute. This survey is intended to serve as a first approximation of community opinion, and the planning process that is carried out will include public meetings designed to further expand many of the opinions gathered here. Each of the major areas contained in the survey are presented below. Percentages are used in each table to allow comparison across responses and questions.

General Community Issues

Respondents hold varying degrees of concern for a set of issues facing Custer County communities. Over 50% of the respondents feel that two issues are of serious concern: the availability of good jobs for young people and that important community decisions are being made outside of the county. In addition, maintaining the current economic base, protecting the quality of

Table 2: Degree of Concern about Community Issues in Custer County.

	Serious Concern	Moderate Concern	Slight Concern	Not a Concern
Development of local businesses with diverse products	26.5%	48.3%	11.0%	14.2%
Maintenance of current economic base	42.9%	39.8%	8.7%	8.7%
Availability of good jobs for young people	69.2%	21.2%	5.1%	4.5%
Maintenance of family and individual income levels	40.1%	43.3%	10.1%	6.5%
Protecting the quality of local streams and rivers	42.1%	35.1%	12.2%	10.6%
Development of local utilities such as power or phone lines, cable access	10.9%	37.7%	23.2%	28.1%
Important community decisions are made outside the county	55.4%	22.9%	10.3%	11.4%
Quality of local drinking water	21.3%	20.9%	17.1%	40.7%
The general appearance of our community	16.9%	42.0%	16.4%	24.7%

local streams and rivers, and maintaining family and individual income levels are serious concerns to 40% or more of the respondents. Developing local businesses with diverse products, maintaining income levels, and the general appearance of the community at least are of moderate concern to 40% or more of the respondents. It is interesting to note that over 40% of the respondents feel that the quality of local drinking water is not a concern.

Land Use in Custer County

A series of questions concerning land use are presented in Table 3. These questions have been used in a series of state and local surveys in Idaho since 1974 and predictably measure the preservation attitude people hold toward land use. These questions address both private and public land. Over 70% of the respondents feel that the agricultural land base should be maintained.

Table 3: Attitudes toward Land Use in Custer County.

	Strongly Agree	Agree Somewhat	Neutral	Disagree Somewhat	Strongly Disagree
We need to maintain our agricultural land base	72.7%	19.0%	5.4%	1.8%	1.1%
We need to maintain current land use guidelines and controls in Custer county	47.8%	27.7%	11.0%	7.2%	6.3%
We have enough legally designated wild and scenic rivers	68.5%	15.9%	6.3%	3.1%	6.3%
We need more legally designated wilderness areas	6.3%	8.3%	8.7%	15.0%	61.7%
We have enough roadless areas	60.0%	19.9%	5.2%	5.9%	9.0%
We need to set aside more land for wildlife protection	11.2%	10.5%	8.7%	20.5%	49.1%
We have enough irrigated farm land	24.4%	27.7%	16.7%	16.9%	14.3%
We have enough land set aside for recreation	57.2%	26.5%	6.7%	5.4%	4.3%
We need more state parks in Idaho	9.6%	11.2%	16.0%	19.6%	43.6%

If the "agree somewhat" category is added to this, then almost 90% of the respondents favor maintaining the agricultural land base. This support for agricultural land does not extend to irrigating more of it: 52% of the respondents think we have enough irrigate farmland. Over 60 % of the respondents agree that sufficient wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, and roadless areas have been set aside. Over 75% of the respondents at least agreed, and almost 48% strongly agreed, that the current land use guidelines and controls in Custer County should be maintained.

Community Services and Facilities

Respondents were asked to judge how adequate they thought a general set of community services and facilities are in Custer County. Their responses are presented in Table 4. More than 70% of the respondents feel that the availability of water, local libraries, local airport facilities and the local fairgrounds are currently adequate. Local health care facilities are seen as inadequate by almost 62% of the respondents, and the number of senior care facilities is deemed inadequate by almost 54% of the respondents. Finally, 31% thought more day care facilities are needed in the county.

Table 4: Adequacy of Community Services and Facilities.

	More Than Adequate	Adequate	Less Than Adequate	Unsure
Availability of water for business and residential use	14.6%	76.1%	5.5%	2.9%
Number of senior care facilities	2.2%	37.9%	53.9%	5.5%
Number of day care facilities	1.8%	47.5%	31.0%	18.2%
Local libraries	5.5%	71.6%	21.3%	1.6%
Local airport facilities	6.7%	72.5%	18.8%	1.8%
Local fairgrounds	6.7%	69.6%	20.0%	2.9%
Local health care facilities	1.8%	35.3%	61.9%	0.7%

If a respondent indicated that one of four general local facilities (libraries, airports, fairgrounds, health care) were "less than adequate" they were asked, "What is less than adequate about _____?"

These "open-ended" questions are extensive but yield some general attitudes that are useful.

The hours, the number and quality of books, funding, and physical space for local libraries are the primary reasons for judging these facilities to be inadequate. The airport facilities are criticized for upkeep, small size, high cost, lack of services, and because people have to drive elsewhere for commercial flights. Respondents feel that local fairgrounds are inadequate due to age, poor condition, lack of funding, distance to many areas of the county, inadequate size, or are nonexistent in their communities. One respondent humorously described the roads on the fairgrounds as "18th century" and therefore "subject to the weather."

The adequacy of health care facilities generated over 275 additional comments from respondents. Basically, these facilities are inadequate due to a lack of physician(s), lack of services on nights and weekends, travel to hospitals, lack of elder care, over-reliance on EMT's for medical help, and the lack of 24-hour care. The number and consistency of these responses indicate that this is an obvious concern to people in Custer County.

Resource Management Issues

Respondents were asked a set of attitude questions concerning resource management in Custer County. This set of questions is designed to measure a general attitude to the mix of resource uses respondents agree are compatible. Responses to these questions are presented in Table 5.

Table 5: Attitudes toward Resource Management in Custer County.

	Strongly Agree	Agree Somewhat	Neutral	Disagree Somewhat	Strongly Disagree
Land which has high value for other uses should not be used for open or green space	20.9%	17.4%	26.3%	15.5%	20.0%
Livestock grazing is compatible with other uses of natural resources	61.8%	23.6%	7.0%	3.4%	4.3%
Wildlife management is compatible with other natural resource uses	46.2%	32.7%	7.2%	7.7%	6.3%
Local people should decide the mix of uses for natural resources	64.7%	19.9%	6.3%	4.9%	4.2%
Mining is compatible with other uses of natural resources	58.2%	29.7%	4.3%	4.7%	3.1%
Recreation is compatible with other uses of natural resources	60.7%	30.9%	3.6%	3.1%	1.8%
We need to build roads and other accommodations to provide greater access to undeveloped natural areas	20.4%	17.2%	9.4%	20.4%	32.7%

With the exception of keeping land in open or green space even if it has a high value for other uses (26% neutral), respondents hold strong attitudes toward resource management. Over 90% of the respondents either agree or strongly agree that recreation is compatible with other uses of natural resources. In fact, taking livestock grazing, wildlife management, mining, and recreation together, respondents agree or strongly agree that these uses of natural resources are compatible. Over 50% disagree or strongly disagree that we need to build more roads to provide greater access to undeveloped areas. Nearly 65% of respondents felt that local people should decide the mix of uses for natural resources.

Housing, Transportation, and Recreation Services and Facilities

How Custer County residents view current and future housing, transportation and recreational needs is extremely important. Survey respondents rated the adequacy of these services and facilities with a short set of questions presented in Tables 6,7, and 8. The availability of low and moderate-income housing is the greatest concern among residents (Table 6), with 37% indicating that it is less than adequate. Respondents go on to say that there is not enough affordable housing and what is there is not always in decent shape. Other comments include a lack of rental housing, limited housing for seniors and the need for zoning.

Table 6: Adequacy of Housing in Custer County.

	More Than Adequate	Adequate	Less Than Adequate	Unsure
Low and moderate income housing	5.1%	54.1%	37.0%	3.8%
Availability of new housing	10.0%	59.8%	27.6%	2.7%
Quality of housing in the community	8.2%	70.2%	19.3%	2.2%

Overall, people feel that housing in Custer County is adequate. This also holds for roads and bridges.

Table 7: Adequacy of Roads and Bridges in Custer County.

	More Than Adequate	Adequate	Less Than Adequate	Unsure
Roads	4.7%	58.9%	36.4%	0.0%
Bridges	6.7%	77.1%	14.3%	2.0%

Table 7 indicates that over 36% of the respondents feel that roads are less than adequate, but only 14% find bridges to be inadequate. Repair, maintenance and safety issues are the dominant comment from respondents listing roads and bridges as less than adequate. Additional transportation issues include

suggestions concerning bus service or public transportation between towns.

Most respondents rate the recreation facilities and services in Custer County to be adequate.

Table 8: Adequacy of Recreation Facilities and Services in Custer County.

	More Than Adequate	Adequate	Less Than Adequate	Unsure
Local recreation sites for visitors are...	26.2%	59.1%	13.8%	0.9%
Local events that attract tourists	17.3%	55.0%	25.5%	2.2%
Local access to outdoor recreation	29.5%	60.3%	9.5%	0.7%
Access to wildlife viewing areas	26.5%	63.5%	7.6%	2.4%
Development of local recreation businesses	9.9%	56.7%	29.6%	3.8%
Preservation of local historical sites	13.1%	65.3%	18.9%	2.7%
Advertising of local historical sites	9.3%	54.7%	31.6%	4.4%
Preservation of local scenic areas	12.7%	73.8%	9.8%	3.8%

Local recreation sites for visitors, access to outdoor recreation and wildlife-viewing areas are rated as more than adequate by over 25% of the respondents in Table 8. Advertising local historical sites, developing local recreation businesses and local events to attract tourists are ranked as less than adequate by 25% or more of the respondents. The comments by those rating recreation facilities and services as less than adequate were quite varied. These can be placed into two very broad categories: recreation facilities for youth and the inadequacy of local infrastructure such as campgrounds and hotels to capture visitor spending. Additional comments are made about attracting tourists and focus on a lack of advertising and promotion. Access to outdoor recreation draws comments about access to public lands via road closures, and restricted access to rivers via private property. Similar reactions are offered with respect to access to wildlife viewing.

Educational Services and Facilities

Survey ratings for educational facilities and facilities are presented in Table 9. Again, the majority of respondents feel that education is adequate in Custer County. The obvious exception is

Table 9: Adequacy of Educational Services and Facilities in Custer County.

	More Than Adequate	Adequate	Less Than Adequate	Unsure
Classroom space for current needs	12.4%	61.8%	11.7%	14.2%
Classroom space for future needs	7.9%	50.8%	24.5%	16.9%
Educational opportunities for adults	1.8%	22.5%	65.5%	10.2%
School transportation for children	13.6%	78.3%	2.0%	6.0%
Local ability to pay for schools...	2.7%	56.8%	30.4%	10.1%

educational opportunities for adults. Over 65% of the respondents feel that these opportunities are inadequate most feel these opportunities do not exist. Local ability to pay for schools was also deemed less than adequate by 30% of the sample. Many of the people surveyed no longer had children in school and this raised the percentage answering the questions as "unsure" well above the same answer for previous items.

Those seeing education as inadequate focus their comments on a general lack of adult education opportunities. They also comment on how prepared students are for college and the workplace, the lack of money to fund schools, and the need for access to technology, both for adults and students.

Conclusion

This evaluation of the survey data from Custer County is very brief. However, these answers point to a variety of issues that provide a starting point for a planning process. Some of the issues are generic and common: road maintenance, lack of money for facilities like libraries and schools, and gaps in transportation services. But other issues are vital to life in communities. Most notable is the inadequate rating of health services, housing, and the capture of recreation dollars. The people of Custer County have indicated the issues that are important to them and this information provides the foundation for additional public meetings and the planning process.

Appendix 1: Demographics of Custer County Survey Sample

Q9. How long have you lived in Idaho? **AVERAGE = 33.6 years**

Q10. How long have you lived in Custer County? **AVERAGE = 23.1 years**

Q11. What is your current employment status? Are you...[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

Self employed	21.1%
Employed full-time	40.1%
Employed part-time (<36 hours)	12.2%
Full-time homemaker	11.1%
Student	2.4%
Retired	26.2%
Unemployed	2.7%
other / no answer	3.5%

Q12. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

Less than high school	4.7%
High school graduate	37.5%
Some college or vocational training	34.4%
College graduate	14.6%
Some graduate work	4.7%
Advanced degree	4.2%
no answer	0.0%

Q13. What is your current marital status?

Single (never married)	11.6%
Married	73.1%
Separated	0.7%
Divorced	7.3%
Widowed	6.4%
Partner (not married)	0.9%
no answer	0.0%

Q14. What is your spouse's/partner's current employment status? Are they...[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

Self employed	12.9%
Employed full-time	34.1%
Employed part-time (<36 hours)	8.2%
Full-time homemaker	12.2%
Student	0.9%
Retired	15.5%
Unemployed	1.3%
other / no answer	1.1%

Q15. What is the highest level of education your spouse (partner) has completed?

Less than high school	5.1%
High school graduate	45.6%
Some college or vocational training	26.4%
College graduate	17.7%
Some graduate work	2.7%
Advanced degree	2.4%
no answer	0.0%

Q16. How many dependents (including youth and elderly) are living in your household?

None	59.2%
One	12.0%
Two	14.6%
Three	10.2%
Four	2.2%
Five	0.9%
Six	0.4%
Eight	0.2%
Nine	0.2%

Q17. What is your present age? **AVERAGE = 51.2 YEARS**

Q18. In what size community did you spend most of your life up to age 18?

Rural, on-farm	17.3%
Rural, not on farm	5.6%
Small town (Population of 100-2,500)	37.4%
Large town (Population of 2,500-10,000)	8.7%
Small city (Population of 10,000-50,000)	12.8%
Medium city (Population of 50,000-100,000)	5.4%
Large city (Population of 100,000 or more)	12.8%

Q19. Thinking of political issues in general, do you consider yourself to be...

Very Conservative	8.4%
Conservative	40.7%
Moderate	38.1%
Liberal	10.9%
Very Liberal	1.9%

Q20. Which of the following categories describes your total household income before taxes in 1997?

Less than 10,000	10.6%
10 to 15 thousand	12.9%
15 to 20 thousand	17.1%
20 to 30	17.5%
30 to 40	13.7%
40 to 50	11.8%
50 to 75	4.0%
75 to 100 thousand	1.8%
100 thousand or more	10.6%

Q21. [INTERVIEWER: DO NOT ASK] Respondent's gender

Male	44.8%
Female	55.2%

Appendix 2: Telephone Survey Instrument

Comment: Surveys are conducted on computer-assisted telephone interview (CATI) systems. The instrument below appears on a computer screen, and the data is collected electronically as each interview progresses.

Custer County Comprehensive Plan Survey Questions April 1998

Hello, is this the _____ household?

My name is _____ and I'm calling from the Social Survey Research Unit at the University of Idaho. We are conducting a study about planning and development issues in Custer County. We sent a postcard/letter to you last week to explain about the study. Did you receive that postcard/letter?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 UNSURE
- 4 no answer / not available

IF NO: The postcard/letter contained a brief explanation about the survey and that we would be calling you.

IF YES: Is this a convenient time for an interview?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO -- CALL BACK
- 3 SEND ANOTHER POSTCARD
- 4 SEND ANOTHER LETTER
- 5 REFUSAL

IF CALL BACK: When would be a good time for me to call back? And, who should I ask for?
[INTERVIEWERS: Write TIME & NAME on the CALL RECORD]

IF REFUSAL: This should only take about 15 minutes. I would be happy to call back later this evening or some other time. [note time on call record]. Your opinions are valuable to this study so I would really like to talk with you. Your responses will be kept confidential. The questions are not at all difficult. How about if I read a few questions so you can see what they are like?

IF OKAY: This interview is voluntary and if we come to any question you would prefer not to answer, just let me know and I'll skip over it. I'd like to assure you that your responses will be kept confidential.

Q1. All things considered, how do you rate Custer County as a place to live? Would you say its an...

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Fair, or
- 4 Poor place to live
- 5 no answer

Q2. There are a number of issues facing communities in this area. As I read a list of issues, please indicate whether each issue is a **SERIOUS CONCERN**, a **MODERATE CONCERN**, a **SLIGHT CONCERN**, or **NOT A CONCERN**.

1. Development of local businesses with diverse products
2. Maintenance of current economic base
3. Availability of good jobs for young people
4. Maintenance of family and individual income levels
5. Protecting the quality of local streams and rivers
6. Development of local utilities such as power or phone lines, cable access
7. Important community decisions are made outside the county
8. Quality of local drinking water
9. The general appearance of our community

Would you say is a...

- 1 Serious concern
- 2 Moderate
- 3 Slight
- 4 Not a concern
- 5 unsure / no answer

Q3. Are there any other community issues you are concerned about? IF YES: What are they?

Q4. Next, I will read a few statements concerning land use in Custer County and in Idaho in general. Please indicate whether you **STRONGLY AGREE**, **SOMEWHAT AGREE**, are **NEUTRAL**, **SOMEWHAT DISAGREE**, or **STRONGLY DISAGREE**, with each statement.

1. We need to maintain our agricultural land base
2. We need to maintain current land use guidelines and controls in Custer county
3. We have enough legally designated wild and scenic rivers
4. We need more legally designated wilderness areas
5. We have enough roadless areas
6. We need to set aside more land for wildlife protection
7. We have enough irrigated farm land
8. We have enough land set aside for recreation
9. We need more state parks in Idaho

Do you...

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree
- 6 no answer

Q5. Are there any other land use issues you think are important? IF YES: What are they?

Q6. We would like to know what you think of community services and facilities in Custer County. As I read a list of services and facilities, please indicate whether you think each one is MORE THAN ADEQUATE, ADEQUATE, or LESS THAN ADEQUATE.

1. Availability of water for business and residential use
2. Number of senior care facilities
3. Number of day care facilities
4. *Local libraries
5. *Local airport facilities
6. *Local fairgrounds
7. *Local health care facilities

Would you say...

- 1 More than adequate
- 2 Adequate
- 3 Less than Adequate
- 4 unsure
- 5 no answer

[IF * SERVICES OR FACILITIES ARE LESS THAN ADEQUATE ASK Q7]

Q7. What do you think is less than adequate about the [INSERT SERVICE/FACILITY]?

Q8. Are there any other community services or facilities you think are important? IF YES: What are they?

Q9. Next, I will read a few statements concerning resource management in Custer County. Please indicate whether you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, are NEUTRAL, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE, with each statement.

1. Land which has high value for other uses should not be used for open or green space
2. Livestock grazing is compatible with other uses of natural resources
3. Wildlife management is compatible with other natural resource uses
4. Local people should decide the mix of uses for natural resources
5. Mining is compatible with other uses of natural resources
6. Recreation is compatible with other uses of natural resources
7. We need to build roads and other accommodations to provide greater access to undeveloped natural areas.

Do you...

- 1 Strongly agree
- 2 Somewhat agree
- 3 Neutral
- 4 Somewhat disagree
- 5 Strongly disagree
- 6 no answer

Q10. Are there any other natural resource management issues you think are important? IF YES: What are they?

Q11. We would like to know what you think of housing, transportation, and recreational services and facilities in Custer County. As I read a list of services and facilities, please indicate whether you think each one is MORE THAN ADEQUATE, ADEQUATE, or LESS THAN ADEQUATE

1. Low and moderate income housing
2. Availability of new housing
3. Quality of housing in the community

Would you say...

- 1 More than adequate
- 2 Adequate
- 3 Less than adequate
- 4 unsure
- 5 no answer

Q12. Are there any other important HOUSING services or facilities? IF YES: What are they?

Q13. Next, thinking of transportation services and facilities in Custer county, would you say ROADS are MORE THAN ADEQUATE, ADEQUATE, or LESS THAN ADEQUATE?

Would you say ROADS are....

- 1 More than adequate
- 2 Adequate
- 3 Less than adequate
- 4 unsure
- 5 no answer

Q14. Are BRIDGES are...

- 1 More than adequate
- 2 Adequate
- 3 Less than adequate
- 4 unsure
- 5 no answer

[IF HOUSING OR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OR FACILITIES ARE LESS THAN ADEQUATE ASK Q15]

Q15. What do you think is less than adequate about the [INSERT SERVICE/FACILITY]?

Q16. Are there any other important TRANSPORTATION services or facilities? IF YES: What are they?

Q17. Next, thinking of recreational services and facilities in Custer county.

Would you say...

1. Local recreation sites for visitors are...
2. Local events that attract tourists
3. Local access to outdoor recreation
4. Access to wildlife viewing areas
5. Development of local recreational businesses
6. Preservation of local historical sites
7. Advertising of local historical sites
8. Preservation of local scenic areas

- 1 More than adequate
- 2 Adequate
- 3 Less than adequate
- 4 unsure
- 5 no answer

[IF * SERVICES OR FACILITIES ARE LESS THAN ADEQUATE ASK Q18]

Q18. What is less than adequate about the [INSERT SERVICE/FACILITY]?

Q19. Are there any other important recreational services or facilities? IF YES: What are they?

Q20. We would like to know what you think of educational services and facilities in Custer County. As I read a list of services and facilities, please indicate whether you think each one is MORE THAN ADEQUATE, ADEQUATE, or LESS THAN ADEQUATE.

- 1. Classroom space for current needs
- 2. Classroom space for future needs
- 3. Educational opportunities for adults
- 4. School transportation for children
- 5. Local ability to pay for schools

Would you say...

- 1 More than adequate
- 2 Adequate
- 3 Less than adequate
- 4 unsure
- 5 no answer

Q21. Are there any other local educational services or facilities you think are important? IF YES: What are they?

Lastly, we need to ask for some background information to help with statistical analysis.

Q23. How long have you lived in Idaho?

Q24. How long have you lived in Custer County?

Q25. What is your current employment status? Are you...[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

- 1 Self employed
- 2 Employed full-time
- 3 Employed part-time (<36 hours)
- 4 Full-time homemaker
- 5 Student
- 6 Retired
- 7 Unemployed
- 8 other / no answer
- 9 CONTINUE NEXT QUESTION

Q26. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

- 1 Less than high school
- 2 High school graduate
- 3 Some college or vocational training
- 4 College graduate
- 5 Some graduate work
- 6 Advanced degree
- 7 no answer

Q27. What is your current marital status?

- 1 Single (never married)
- 2 Married
- 3 Separated
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Widowed
- 6 Partner (not married)
- 7 no answer

Q28. What is your spouse's (partner's) current employment status? Are they...[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]

- 1 Self employed
- 2 Employed full-time
- 3 Employed part-time (<36 hours)
- 4 Full-time homemaker
- 5 Student
- 6 Retired
- 7 Unemployed
- 8 other / no answer
- 9 CONTINUE NEXT QUESTION

Q29. What is the highest level of education your spouse (partner) has completed?

- 1 Less than high school
- 2 High school graduate
- 3 Some college or vocational training
- 4 College graduate
- 5 Some graduate work
- 6 Advanced degree
- 7 no answer

Q30. How many dependents (including youth and elderly) are living in your household?

Q31. What is your present age?

Q32. In what size community did you spend most of your life up to age 18?

- 1 Rural, on-farm
- 2 Rural, not on farm
- 3 3 Small town (Population of 100-2,500)
- 4 4 Large town (Population of 2,500-10,000)
- 5 5 Small city (Population of 10,000-50,000)
- 6 6 Medium city (Population of 50,000-100,000)
- 7 7 Large city (Population of 100,000 or more)
- 8 unsure/no answer

Q33. Thinking of political issues in general, do you consider yourself to be...

- 1 Very Conservative
- 2 Conservative
- 3 Moderate
- 4 Liberal
- 5 Very Liberal
- 6 unsure / no answer

Q34. Which of the following categories describes your total household income before taxes in 1997?

- 1 Less than 10,000
- 2 10 to 15 thousand
- 3 15 to 20 thousand
- 4 20 to 30
- 5 30 to 40
- 6 40 to 50
- 7 50 to 75
- 8 75 to 100 thousand
- 9 100 thousand or more
- 10 no answer

Those are all the questions I have. Do you have any comments concerning your community or Custer County?
Thank you for your participation.

Q35. [*Interviewer: Do not ask*] Respondent's gender

- 1 Male
- 2 Female
- 3 unsure

