

 <p>2007 YAMPA VALLEY PARTNERS Regional Forums Our Region... Our Future... Our Decisions.</p>	<p>Our intent is to continue providing accurate, new information and then assist with facilitation of the conversation to a regional perspective, when appropriate.</p>	<p>www.yampavalleypartners.com 970-824-8233 Audrey Danner</p>	<p>These groups help us connect to the community plans in place – our community plans developed with our city and county governments – all with a vision of a healthy and vibrant community.</p>
		<p>Call, if you are interested.</p>	
<p>Interests:</p>	<p>Intent:</p>	<p>Contact:</p>	<p>Progress: March 2007</p>
<p>Fueling Thought: Trends in Energy Friday, May 4th, 2007 \$25.</p>	<p>Energy Summit – education and information for community, energy industry and local government</p>	<p>Marianna Raftopoulos 824-9222</p>	<p>May 4, 2007 at Holiday Inn, Craig 8am-5pm event Importance of understanding the energy related social, economic, environmental issues –3 counties</p>
<p>Heritage</p>	<p>Showcase communities' heritage to engage residents and visitors</p>	<p>Shelly Flannery 824-2335</p>	<p>Cultural Heritage Tourism (10 unique communities, 3 counties) to educate people on their tourism potential with a unique cultural focus Progress: Developed indicator template; Preserve America designation in each county; focus on agri-tourism and rural tourism Regional meeting: Sat, 5/5/07</p>
<p>Creative Options in a Shifting Economy</p>	<p>Explore the new trends created by technology and shifts in our socioeconomic structure.</p>	<p>Noreen Moore 870-4461</p>	<p>Progress: Jonathan Schechter 12/06 presentation. Investigating concept of 'new wealth' on our community; establishing technology as infrastructure for emerging economic sectors. Developing Routt Co Economic Development focus. Technology assessment will be conducted in 2007 in Moffat and Routt Counties by Colorado Office of Economic Development.</p>
<p>Y.E.S.! (Youth Embracing Society)</p>	<p>Develop valley-wide youth council to impact their education and involve youth in city and county government</p>	<p>Courtney Vestal Jacci Gilbert</p>	<p>The YES group is dedicated to bridging the gap between the youth in the varied communities of the Yampa Valley through relationship building practices. Yes is a voice that will affect change by engaging and uniting community leaders and youth by establishing a common ground of mutual respect though social, political economic and philanthropic endeavors for generational development. Progress: students speaking to other students at area high schools to 'recruit' interest</p>

<p>Regional Policy & Practice</p>	<p>Develop method for including regional thinking into public policy / practice of elected boards in valley</p>	<p>Towny Anderson 871-8791 Russ Martin 276-3741</p>	<p>Local government talking about the regional issues to improve decision making</p> <p>Use existing resources and community assets to build intergovernmental and public communication system. Rather than have government build a system to notify Valley communities of issues of mutual concern, have independently operated and maintained system built by existing community access portal – YampaValley.info. This may be the most effective and democratic first step toward thinking regionally and collaborating on policy-making and planning practices. If local governments do begin a deliberate discussion on regional issue, will the issue remain within local government? This is an opportunity to help citizens 'connect the dots' and understand the complexity of regional issues.</p> <p>Progress: White Paper to YVEDC 9/6/06 in Meeker; YVEDC host of successful 3 county local govt mtg 2/07/07 in Craig to implement strategies to assist local gov't discuss regional topics. YVEDC discussing secondary impacts identified (2/07) affecting local communities</p>
<p>Neighborhoods</p>	<p>Connecting neighbors</p>	<p>Noreen Moore 870-4461</p>	<p>Communication builds neighbors.</p> <p>Progress: Neighborhood column in Steamboat Pilot</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<p>Providing sufficient workforce housing by 2016</p>	<p>Elizabeth Black 870-0167</p>	<p>Where we live and where we work is where we are. Integration of disciplines necessary to solve regional housing issue. We need a paradigm shift in thinking. A 'tsunami wave' of change is coming to Hayden and Craig on the housing issue.</p> <p>Progress: Yampa Valley Housing Authority strategic plan adopted 6/06; workshop w/City of SS to discuss housing ideas & mutual projects</p> <p>Housing (Moffat County) workshop 3/07 to identify resources and local interest, to then connect w/ YV Housing Authority strategic plan</p>
<p>GIS Technology and Healthcare</p>	<p>Use technology to de-isolate health care in valley</p>	<p>Dace Kramer 871-7633</p>	<p>Aging Well and Access to Care projects of VNA will use GIS capabilities.</p> <p>Progress: VNA – Community Health discussions</p>

