

 <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>Interests:</p>	<p>Intent:</p>	<p>Contact:</p>	<p>Progress: July 2007</p>
<p>Fueling Thought: Trends in Energy May 4th, 2007 - 8-5pm Holiday Inn, Craig</p>	<p>Energy Summit – education and information for community, energy industry and local government</p>	<p>Marianna Raftopoulos 824-9222</p>	<p>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- to educate people on their tourism potential with a unique cultural focus</p> <p>Progress: Developed indicator template; Preserve America designation under request for each county; focus on agri- tourism and rural tourism Regional meeting: Sat, 5/5/07 w/Gov. Ritter</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.</p> <p>RCEDC developing Routt Co Index (with YVP Community Indicators as basis).</p> <p>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>Kathy Hockett, Town of Hayden 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.</p> <p>Progress: students speaking to other students at area high schools to 'recruit' interest; need volunteers</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</p>

			<p>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: YVEDC 9/6/06 in Meeker discussion. 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 and YVEDC to discuss secondary impacts identified (2/07) affecting local communities.</p>
Neighborhoods	Connecting neighbors	Noreen Moore 870-4461	<p>Communication builds neighbors. Progress: Neighborhood column in Steamboat Pilot</p>
Housing	Providing sufficient workforce housing by 2016	Yampa Valley Housing Authority staff 870-0167	<p>Where we live and where we work is where we are. Integration of disciplines necessary to solve regional housing issue. 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; working w/City of SS - housing ‘tools’, 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>Housing agency listing to 2-1-1.</p>
GIS Technology and Healthcare	Use technology to de-isolate health care in valley	Dace Kramer -VNA Aging Well 871-7633 Diane Miller, NW Co Comm Health Project, VNA	<p>Aging Well and Access to Care projects of VNA will use GIS capabilities. CNCC / YVP working with VNA to develop GIS ‘visuals’.</p> <p>Progress: VNA – Community Health discussions CNCC – ‘visual display of health issues’</p>