



# BEAVERHEAD COUNTY COMMUNITY SURVEY

SURVEY FOR THE UPDATE OF THE 2013 GROWTH POLICY

## **COMMUNITY SURVEY – BEAVERHEAD COUNTY 2020 GROWTH POLICY UPDATE**

This Community Survey is an opportunity for you to share your opinions on the issues and opportunities the county faces. Your input will help the County Planning Board create an overall vision and priorities for the County’s future. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey to the best of your ability. All responses are anonymous.

**Electronic version of this survey is available at:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BeaverheadCo>

1. Where is your primary residential area within Beaverhead County?

- Dillon
- Outskirts of Dillon (5-mile radius)
- Wisdom
- Wise River
- Lima
- Dell
- Grant
- Glen
- Jackson
- Polaris
- Other (please specify)

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2. What would you describe as Beaverhead County’s greatest assets? **(select the top three)**

- Quality of life
- Rural lifestyle
- Schools
- Affordability
- Health care facilities
- Opportunities for local business and entrepreneurial spirit
- Parks, trails and recreation amenities
- The abundance of and access to public lands (Forest Service, state lands, BLM)
- The Big Hole and Beaverhead Rivers
- Other (please specify)

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3. What would you describe as Beaverhead County's greatest weaknesses? **(select the top three)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Job opportunities                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency services   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing options                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure (roads, bridges)                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Schools  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of retail/shopping options within the County              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communication network (internet – cellphone service) | <input type="checkbox"/> Economic development (attracting businesses and creating jobs) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare options                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)   |
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4. Which of these activities should be more promoted in order to attract visitors to the area? **(check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> County Fair/Rodeo   | <input type="checkbox"/> Agritourism opportunities in the County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public access to hiking/biking trails and amenities like Beaverhead/Big Hole Rivers | <input type="checkbox"/> Business recruitment                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban pathways and parks  | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Museum/tours  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ghost towns, historic sites and buildings   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorized vehicle trail systems -public lands                                       |  |
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5. Are there areas of the county where land development should be limited or restricted? **(check all that apply)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> No, it should be allowed everywhere that is privately owned   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, restrict growth that impacts viewsheds and scenic resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, restrict growth in areas with natural hazards such as high groundwater, steep slopes and floodways | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion/not sure  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, limit growth in areas that will have a negative impact on agricultural operations                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)   |
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6. Rural communities like Wisdom and Lima are home for many County residents. Which services would be the most beneficial to such communities? **(select your top three choices)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Better infrastructure for water and wastewater management   | <input type="checkbox"/> Improvements to community-used buildings (structural, remodeling, expansion etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Road maintenance  | <input type="checkbox"/> Improved internet access  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Availability of senior services (medical access, assistance at home, transportation for appointments, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional resources for area schools   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> No opinion/not sure   |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)  |

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7. Some rural areas in the County would like to protect their rural character and while still growing in size. What is the best way to achieve that balance in the future? **(select your top two choices)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt zoning and design guidelines that encourage specific uses at a size and scale appropriate and reflective of the Rural Character of county | <input type="checkbox"/> Support local business by offering financial assistance through grant and loan programs  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area zoning where necessary to allow small lot residential construction adjoining the existing communities                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Promote rural places as destinations for fishing, trails, and general outdoor recreation in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leave it the way it is currently  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consider development incentives, where appropriate  |   |

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8. What do you value most about living in Beaverhead County? (rank in order of priority, 1 being most important and 10 being the least)

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| ___ Clean water and air                                 | ___ U/M Western college and other educational opportunities                    |
| ___ Public parks, trails and recreational opportunities | ___ Availability of local health care/Public Safety                            |
| ___ Open space and access to public lands               | ___ Small town friendliness and atmosphere                                     |
| ___ The people that live here                           | ___ Economic opportunities to find jobs and to pursue entrepreneurial ventures |
| ___ Access to fishing and hunting                       | ___ Other (please specify)   |

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9. Do you know where to go for building/development information in Beaverhead County?

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10. Is there anything else would you like us to know about living and working in Beaverhead County?

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**Please place in box or return completed hardcopy surveys to Rob Macioroski the Beaverhead County Planner at the County Courthouse, 2 South Pacific Street, Suite 7, Dillon, MT 59725. For more information about the survey please contact Rob at (406) 683-3765 or via email at: [rmacioroski@beaverheadcounty.org](mailto:rmacioroski@beaverheadcounty.org)**