

GOAL XI

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

BAKER COUNTY

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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PUBLIC FACILITIES and SERVICES GOAL: To plan and develop a timely, orderly and efficient arrangement of public facilities and services to serve as a framework for rural development.

I. INVENTORY OF PUBLIC FACILITIES and SERVICES

A. Police Protection

1. City of Baker Municipal Police: 18 paid personnel
2. County Sheriff's Department: 15 full-time paid personnel; 4 part-time
Halfway, Unity and Huntington have resident deputy sheriff
3. State Police: 16 paid personnel

The State Police, and County Sheriff's Office coordinate their activities, particularly in criminal investigations, for county-wide protection.

B. Fire Protection

1. Municipal Fire Protection
 - a. Baker (16 paid personnel plus 30 volunteers)
 - b. Haines
 - c. Halfway
 - d. Huntington
 - e. Richland
 - f. Sumpter
 - g. Unity
2. Rural Fire Districts (See Plates #14 & #15 of Appendix I)
 - a. North Powder
 - b. Pine Valley
 - c. Haines

C. Ambulance

Baker, Haines, Halfway, Huntington, and Richland are all served by ambulance(s).

D. Garbage Collection

1. Cities

- a. Baker
- b. Haines
- c. Halfway
- d. Huntington
- e. Sumpter
- f. Unity - limited usage of John Day Collection Service
- g. Richland

2. Rural Areas

- a. Durkee
- b. Keating
- c. New Bridge
- d. Pocahontas-Wingville

Note: Garbage collection is a franchised operation.

E. Landfill Sites (See Plate #13 of Appendix I)

1. Baker City - approved
2. Huntington - approved
3. Unity - unapproved
4. Haines - conditionally approved
5. Halfway - approved
6. Richland - approved
7. Sumpter - has no landfill sites, but uses Baker's landfill

F. Communications

1. Pacific Northwest Bell: Baker, Durkee, Halfway, Hereford, Huntington, Richland, Sumpter

2. Haines Telephone Company: Haines and Rural areas (Muddy Creek - Rock Creek - Medical Springs)
3. Pine Telephone Company: Halfway, Oxbow, and Brownlee
4. Eagle Telephone Company: Richland, New Bridge and surrounding areas
5. Oregon Telephone Corporation: Hereford - Unity area

G. Municipal Sewage Collection

1. Baker
2. Halfway
3. Huntington
4. Richland
5. Unity

H. Water System with Capacity

1. Richland - infiltration gravity flow system; capacity unknown
2. Haines - 3 wells; 1100 gallons per minute capacity
3. Sumpter - 300 person capacity, infiltration system
4. Huntington - 480' well, 300,000 gallon steel reservoir;
5. Halfway - 110,000 gallon storage; 2 deep wells & electric pumps
6. Unity - no municipal water system

I. Suspended Particulate Monitoring

New Station - Old Federal Building
 Old site at 1925 Washington discontinued 1976

J. Sources of Information

1. Baker Valley Enterprises Inc.
2. Haines Telephone Directory
3. Pacific Northwest Bell Directory
4. Oregon Air Quality Report
5. Small City Officials

II. GOAL XI PUBLIC FACILITIES and SERVICES FINDINGS and POLICIES

A. Goal XI Public Facilities and Services Findings

The county governing body finds that:

1. "Rural facilities and services" refers to facilities and services which the governing body determines to be suitable and appropriate for the needs of rural users. The level of these services is determined by demand and by affordability. Prioritization of demands for and level of services is a function of the public and quasi-public bodies involved.
2. Rural facilities and services shall include, among other things:
 - a. Police protection according to the cooperative efforts of the County Sheriff and Oregon State Police. Those communities with a resident deputy sheriff are listed in the Technical Information and Inventory Data, Baker County. This service fluctuates with the financial health of county government.
 - b. Fire protection according to the timely establishment of Rural Fire Protection Districts or Associations and their cooperative efforts with the several cities as appropriate and the state and federal standards. Those communities presently served by a rural fire protection district are inventoried and mapped in the Technical Information and Inventory Data. A recent effort has been organized to form a rural fire district in Baker Valley. Information on the result of the effort will be available at future plan updates.
 - c. Sanitary facilities according to the carrying capacity of the air, land and water resources as determined by applicable state and federal standards. Landfills with their capacities, especially the remaining useful life of each facility, are inventoried in the Technical Information and Inventory Data, and mapped on Plate 13 of Appendix I. The known problems relating to solid waste disposal have largely been resolved through the cooperation of the public and private sectors. The BLM has allowed long-term leases for siting landfills, the county has built access roads to and fences around the landfills and the private franchised operators manage and maintain the facilities for public use in compliance with DEQ regulations. There are no significant problems with landfills in Baker County other than the knowledge that the Halfway area landfill is estimated to be within 10 years of capacity.
 - d. Land use regulations as provided by law and this plan create a prevailing density for residential use of land outside of urban growth boundaries of one dwelling per five acres. In a limited number of cases and under special circumstances two dwellings may occupy a five acre parcel with a shared well or shared sewage disposal system. Sharing those facilities for three or more dwellings

becomes a function of the public utility regulations and has been used only once in Baker County according to county records. It has been held by county government since 1974 that compatible interface areas of residential development and resource management are achieved by holding to a five acre development standard.

New direction under specific circumstances is being proposed and to which the five-acre minimum would not apply:

- i) Where an unused set of buildings, house and accessory buildings, is not needed by the owner of a consolidation of farms or ranches, those buildings may be partitioned from the resource land keeping as much land as possible in production; or
- ii) Where long-term occupants of a farm/ranch wish to retire and sell their resource land, they would be allowed to do so, keeping only their home and customary accessory buildings. Please note the pre-existence of the structures and attendant restrictions in both of these deviations from the five-acre norm.
- iii) Dwellings otherwise authorized under ORS 215.283(3).

Inside of urban growth boundaries where residential development is allowed, the consistent standard in Baker County is a 5,000 square foot minimum.

Because of the above, Baker County believes that rural development densities will not create urban densities outside of urban growth boundaries. Furthermore, when the density is increased as in those limited situations described above, the request is accompanied by pre-existing situations.

- e. Recreational facilities and services consistent with this plan.
- f. Public health services consistent with the authority and responsibility of the County Health Department and the State Department of Human Resources, and private health services consistent with the authority and responsibility of the various practitioners and institutions devoted to the healing arts.
- g. Electrical energy distribution and telecommunications services consistent with the applicable public utility laws and other applicable laws of the state and United States.

- h. Other governmental facilities and services that may include the various special districts such as weed control, vector control, water control, irrigation, drainage, schools, sewers, cemeteries and ports and by the development and maintenance of a road system.

B. Goal XI Public Facilities and Services Policies

The county governing body declares that:

1. The county shall cooperate with the several cities, as to their solid waste disposal programs, by zoning land for disposal sites, and as it concerns the smaller cities, by contributing to the construction of such sites.
2. The county shall provide for the regulation of solid waste disposal on lands in the county as required by law.
3. Standards and criteria for regulating the various densities of land use and development shall be provided in appropriate zoning and land partitioning regulations.
4. The county shall provide for rural services appropriate to the type and level of rural development described in the Comprehensive Plan and to the degree desired by the area residents and fundable by county government.