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to the

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

**May 30, 2019 • 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

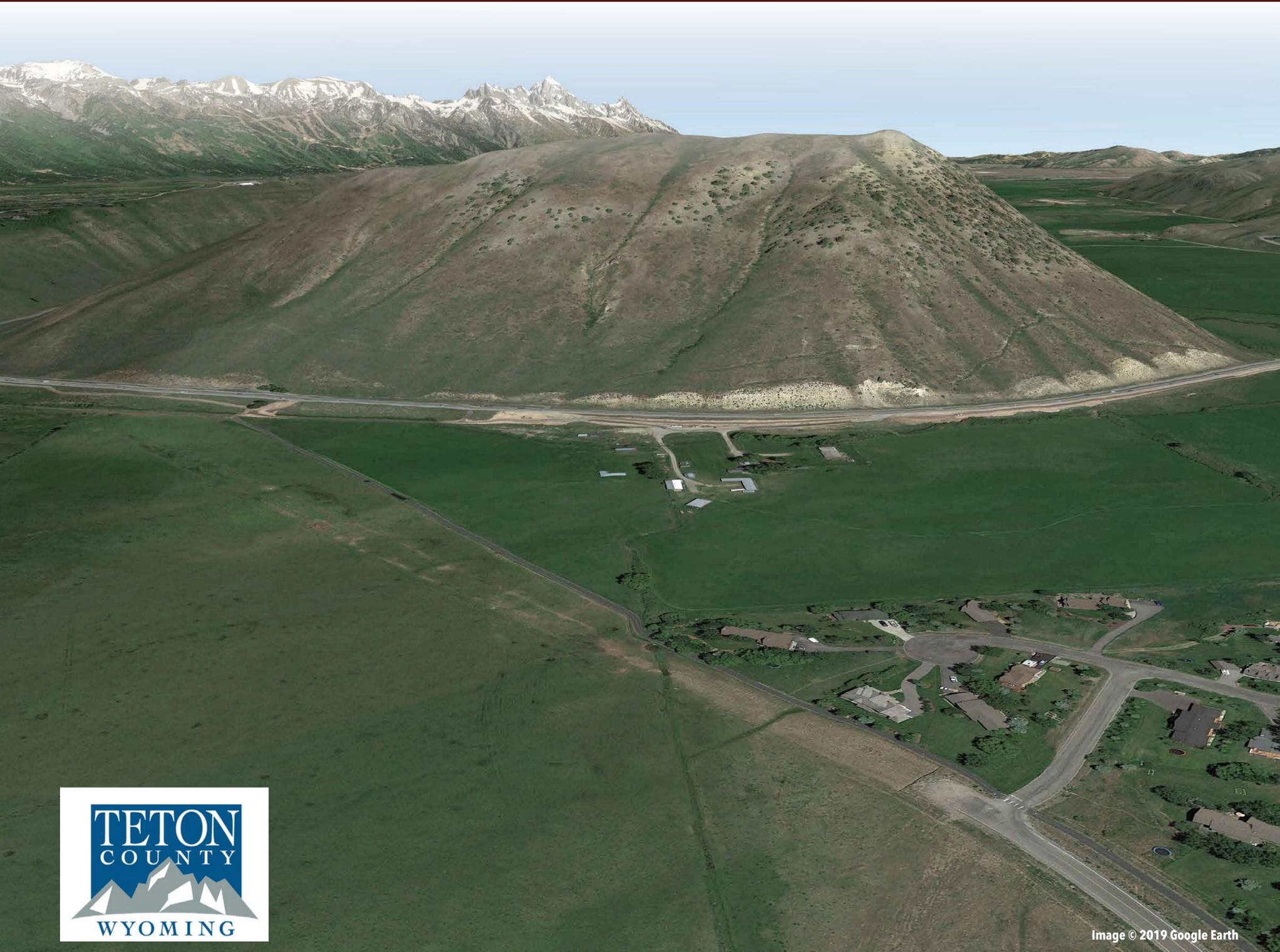


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# PURPOSE OF MEETING



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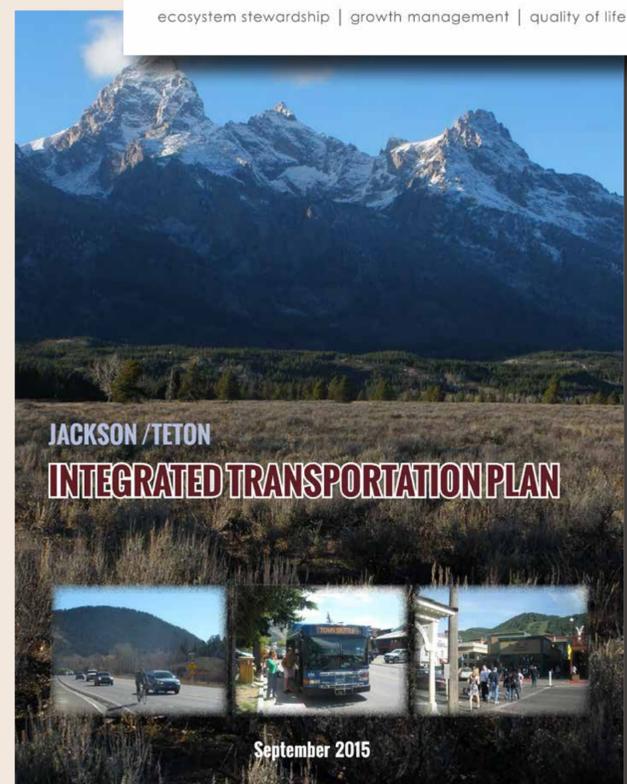
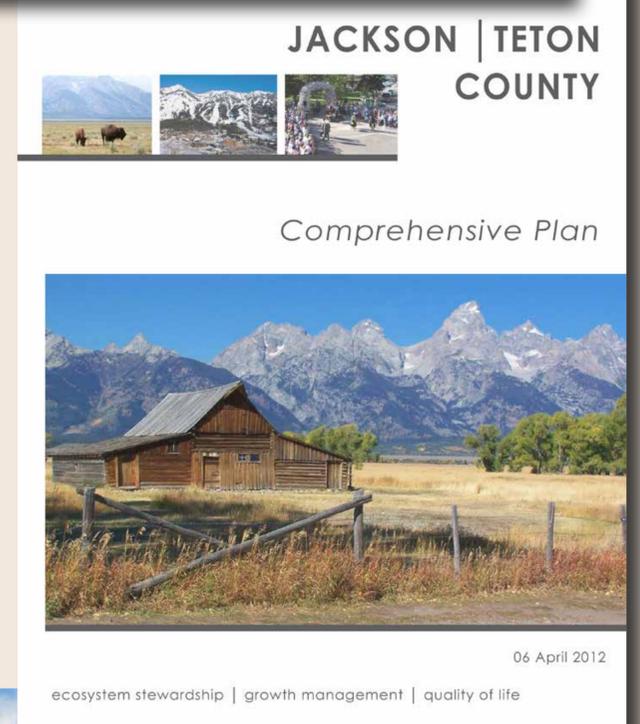
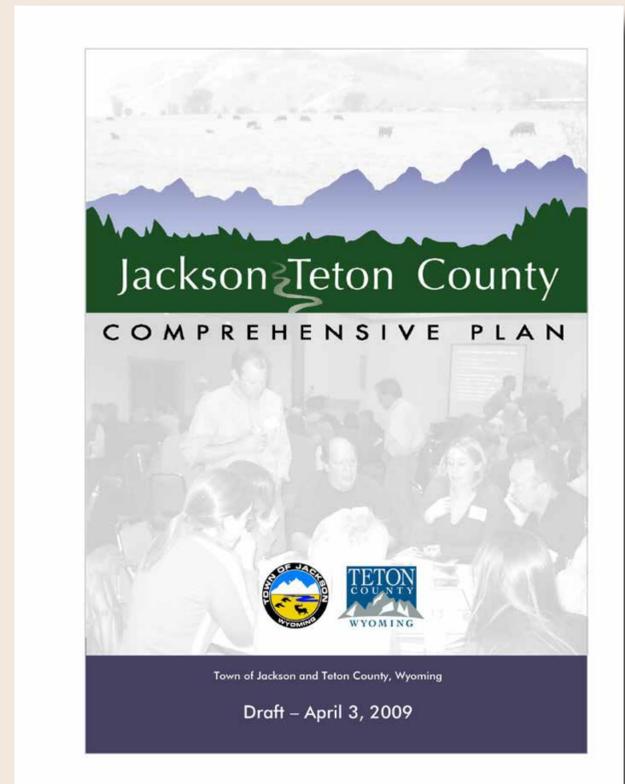
- Present background and history of the project
- Present the Project Purpose and Need, and Objectives
- Present project issues
- Gather input from the public about their issues and concerns to be considered during project planning
- Present next steps



# PLANNING CONTEXT AND HISTORY



- County identified Tribal Trail Connector in 1982 Rural and Urban Design Assistance Team study
- Since, the project included in the following studies:
  - » 1991 Teton County Transportation Plan
  - » 2000 Teton County Transportation Plan
  - » 2009 Teton County Transportation Plan
  - » 2012 Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan
  - » 2015 Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP)
- In 1992, right-of-way for the road was granted to Teton County as part of Indian Springs Ranch Master Plan



# PROJECT CHARTER AND STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE



- Per ITP\*, major capital projects are to be guided by a Project Charter.
- Tribal Trail Connector Charter approved in Fall 2018.
- Charter calls for formation of Stakeholder Advisory Committee to:
  - » provide perspective from various constituencies to inform the project development process,
  - » review and comment on pending decisions and actions, and
  - » provide an additional avenue of communication to the community about the project.
- Committee convened on May 16, 2019. Community needs and project objectives reviewed--and revised--based on Committee input.



# COMMUNITY NEED: TRAVEL REDUNDANCY



- Travel redundancy refers to ability to provide multiple ways in or out of an area
- Current network serving West Jackson and parts of Teton County lacks travel redundancy, resulting in:
  - » Increased likelihood of catastrophic occurrences due to natural and/or manmade incidents
  - » Longer travel time for motorists, including transit and emergency service providers, between US 26/89, WY-22, and the study area

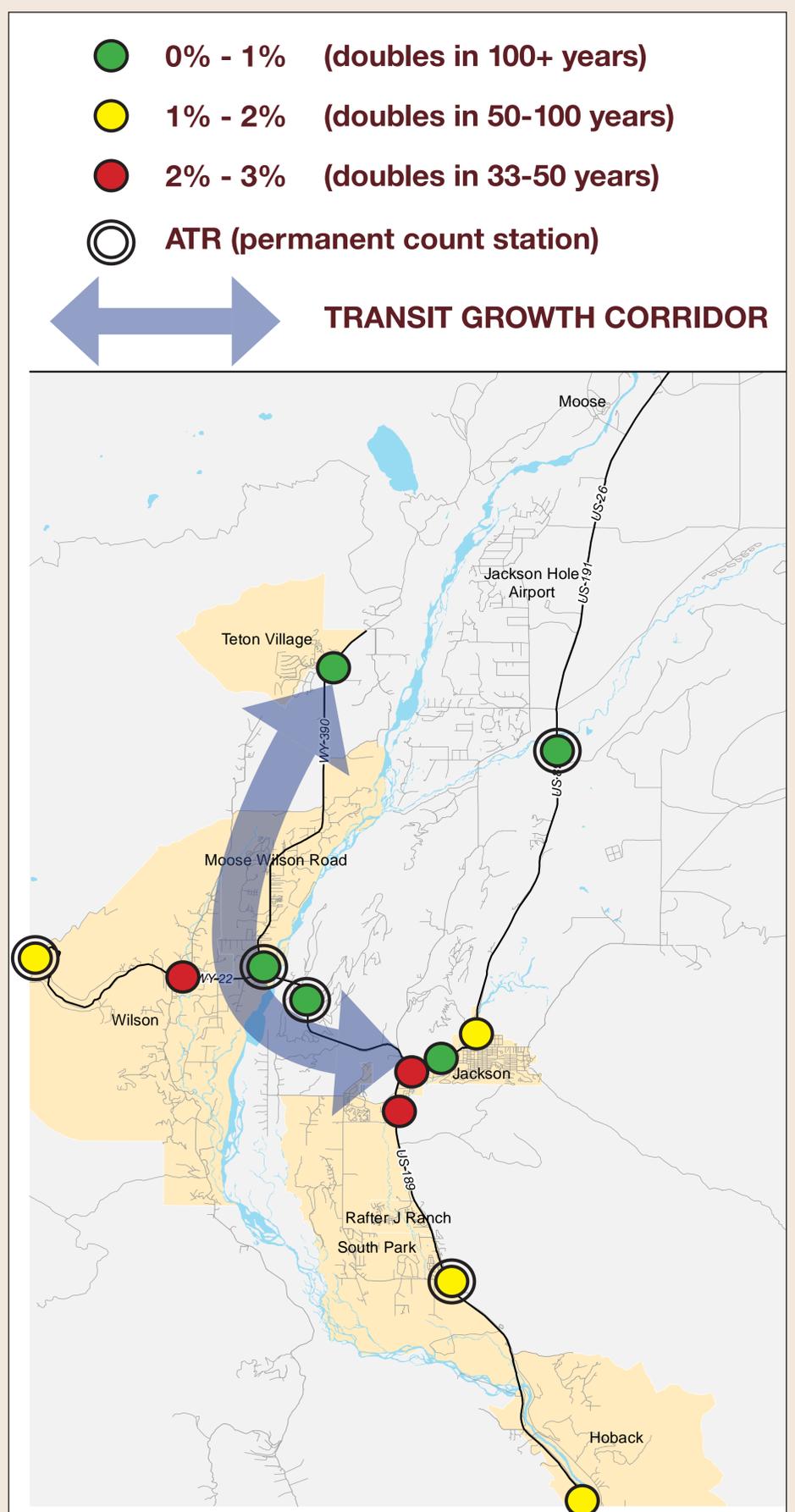


# COMMUNITY NEED: REDUCE VEHICLE MILES TRAVELLED (VMT)



- Per ITP\*, since year 2000, most County traffic growth is made up of local traffic associated with short trips
- To manage traffic growth and reduce VMT, the ITP calls for:

- » “more productive road and street capacity”
- » “reducing the need to expand traffic capacity in the region’s most congested areas, including West Broadway and the “Y” Intersection.”



Source: WYDOT



\*2015 Integrated Transportation

# COMMUNITY NEED: REDUCE LOCAL TRIPS THROUGH Y INTERSECTION



- Currently, only one route (WY-22) connects the communities of Wilson, Teton Village, and eastern Idaho to US-26/89.
- The highways meet at a Y intersection
- ITP\* calls for reducing local trips through intersection by:
  - » using more direct travel routes and
  - » shifting automobile trips to other transportation modes such as transit, bicycle, and walking.

\*2015 Integrated Transportation



# COMMUNITY NEED: IMPROVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE



- Route redundancy would improve emergency evacuation and emergency service access
- Currently, the only route connecting Jackson to Wilson and Teton Village, is through the Y intersection between US 26/89 and WY-22



# COMMUNITY NEED: PROVIDE IMPROVED MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIONS



- 2012 Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan **Principle 7.2:** "Create a safe, efficient, interconnected, multimodal transportation network."
- **ITP desired policy scenario:** over five percent of daily trips made in Teton County (including Jackson) in 2013 will shift from single-occupant vehicle trips to walking, bicycling, and transit trips by 2035.
- Currently, START and school buses/vans routed through Y.



# PROJECT OBJECTIVES



The Project Charter identified these Objectives to supplement the Project Needs:

- Roadway Network Compatibility
- Multimodal Function
- Safety
- Environmental Protection
- Cost Effectiveness



# ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS



An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

## INITIATE STUDY

- Collect data on existing conditions
- Document need for improvements
- Begin collecting environmental data
- Identify issues and concerns
- Develop preliminary purpose and need

## CONDUCT SCOPING

### WE ARE HERE

- Continue to collect environmental data
- Conduct outreach with public and agencies
- Continue identifying issues and concerns
- Refine Purpose and Need

## DEFINE AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVES

- Continue to collect data on existing conditions
- Document need for improvements
- Continue collecting environmental data
- Continue identifying issues and concerns
- Develop preliminary purpose and need

## PREPARE EA

- Document alternatives considered
- Evaluate impacts of alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative
- Identify mitigation measures

## CIRCULATE EA FOR REVIEW

- Provide EA to public and agencies (30-day review)
- Receive comments

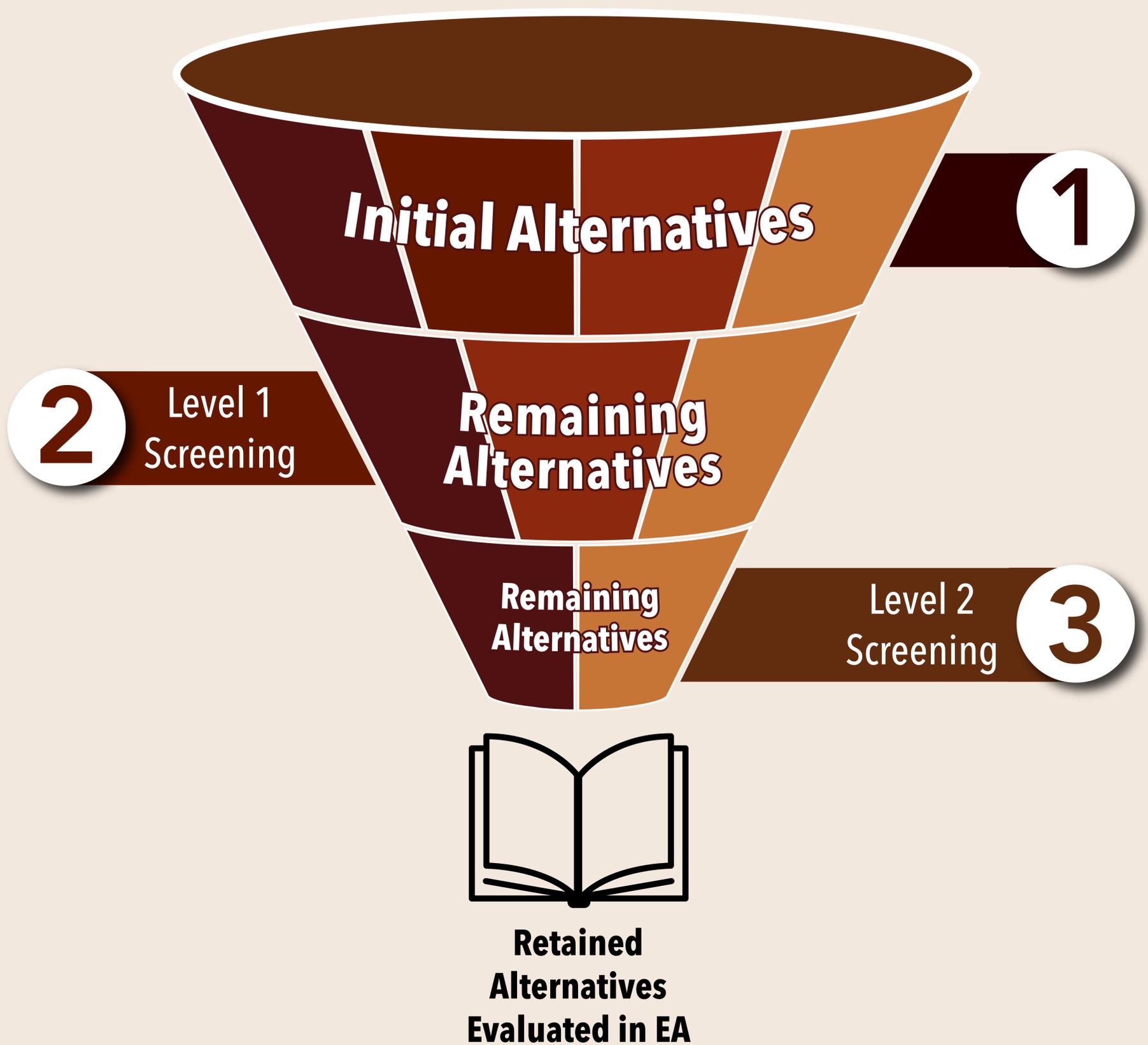
## PREPARE FINAL DECISION DOCUMENT

- Address public and agency comments
- Select alternative for implementation
- Commit to mitigation for impacts
- Document decision

# ALTERNATIVES SCREENING PROCESS



Initial alternatives identified based on ability to meet purpose and need.

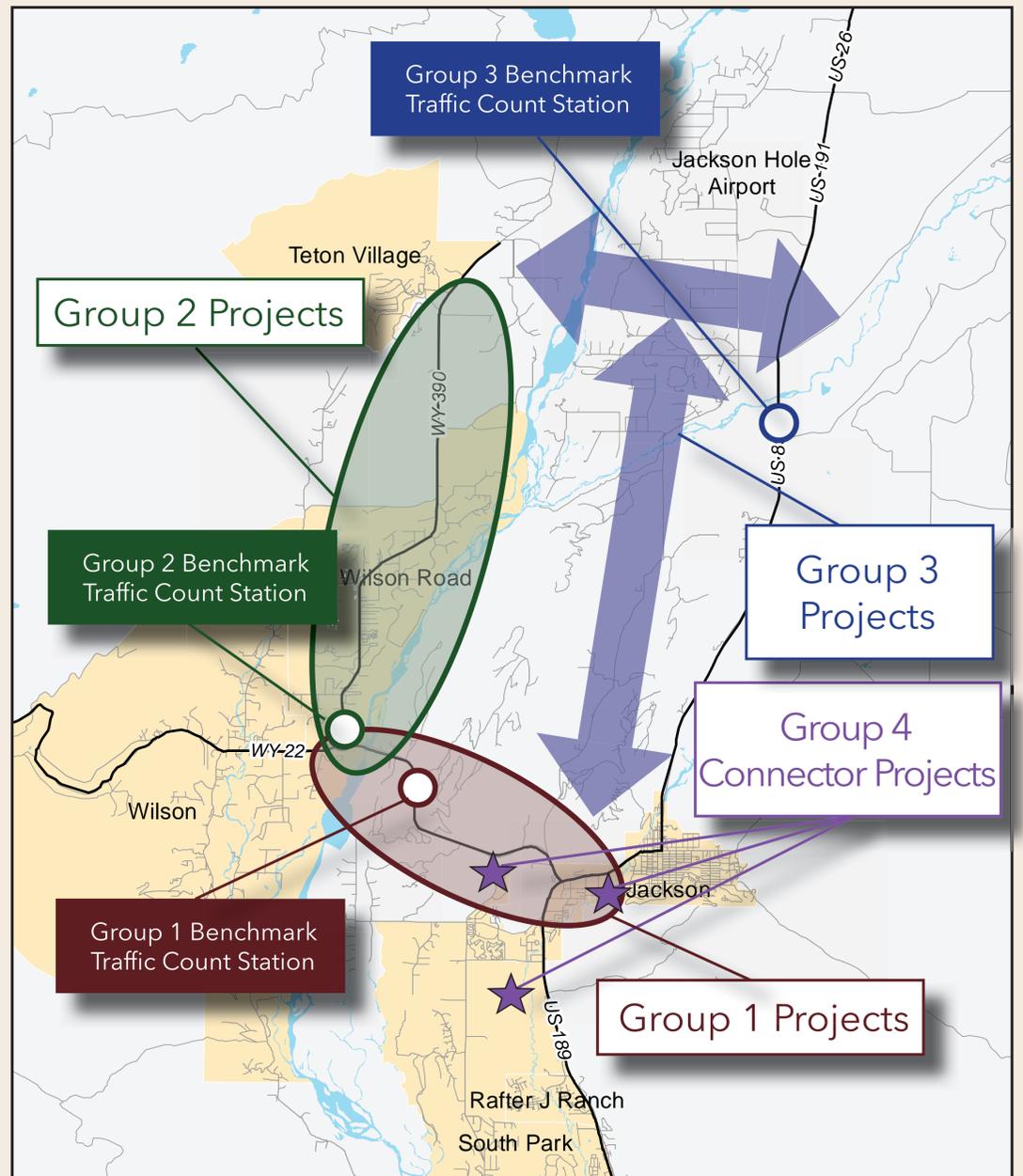


# MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS IDENTIFIED BY 2015 ITP



- The Tribal Trail Connector is one part of a larger 2015 Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP) to address the region's traffic congestion and multimodal connectivity issues.
- The ITP identified and grouped several major capital projects.
- Groups 1 and 2 includes projects that will jointly address the needs of the respective corridor. Group 3 lists several alternatives to be evaluated to address congestion on US-26 north of Jackson. Group 4 projects are high priority local connector projects.

**Major Capital Project Group Locations and Benchmark Traffic Count Stations from ITP**



## Major Capital Project Groups from ITP

Group 1 WY-22 (Jackson – WY-390)	Group 2 WY-390	Group 3 Regional Connections	Group 4 Key Local Connections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multimodal Reconstruction of the “Y” Intersection: (Interim Project Completed)</li> <li>• Tribal Trails Connector</li> <li>• WY-22 Multi-Lane &amp; Multimodal Improvements</li> <li>• WY-22 Pathway (Wilson – Jackson): (Near Completion)</li> <li>• Multimodal Reconstruction of the Intersection of Spring Gulch and WY-22</li> <li>• Wildlife Permeability (from PEL Study): (In Progress)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WY-390 Multimodal Improvements (WY-22 – Teton Village)</li> <li>• Multimodal Reconstruction of the Intersection of WY-390 and WY-22</li> <li>• Wildlife Permeability (from PEL Study): (In Progress)</li> <li>• Bus Rapid Transit (Jackson - Teton Village)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pave and Upgrade Spring Gulch Road</li> <li>• Fixed-Guideway Transit</li> <li>• New North Network Connector</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tribal Trails Connector (also in Group 1)</li> <li>• East-West Connector</li> <li>• Maple Way - Snow King Corridor</li> </ul>

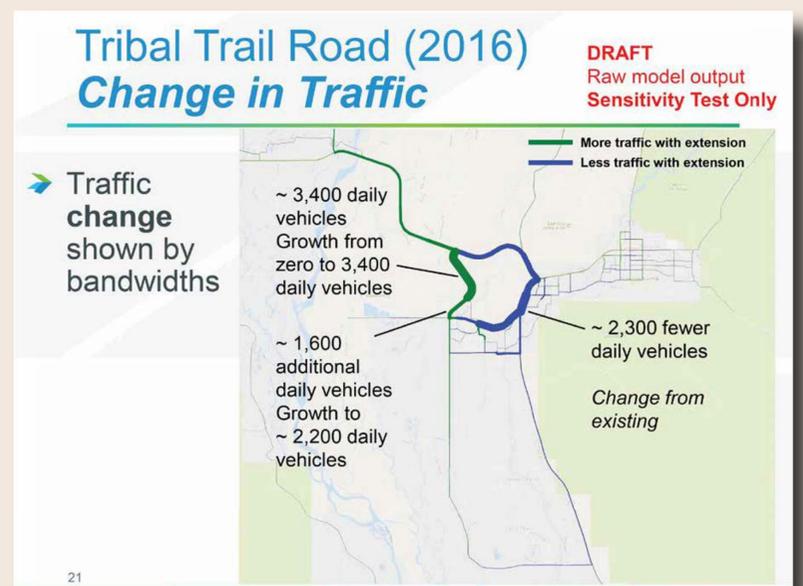


# RELATED STUDIES



## Jackson/Teton County Travel Demand Model (aka Traffic Model)

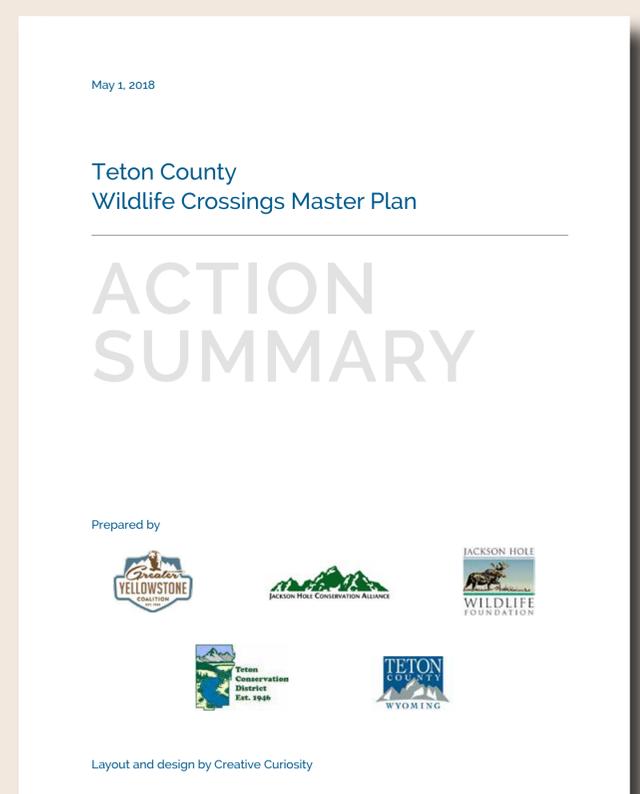
- Travel demand model development completed in January 2019.
- Model allows for testing of various current and future year travel scenarios—helps in planning for transportation improvements.
- Tool will be used significantly in this project.
- Second phase, currently under development, involves developing micro-simulations of intersections throughout the valley based on traffic counts and travel times. This will be used to evaluate intersection options related to this project for both summer and winter season scenarios.



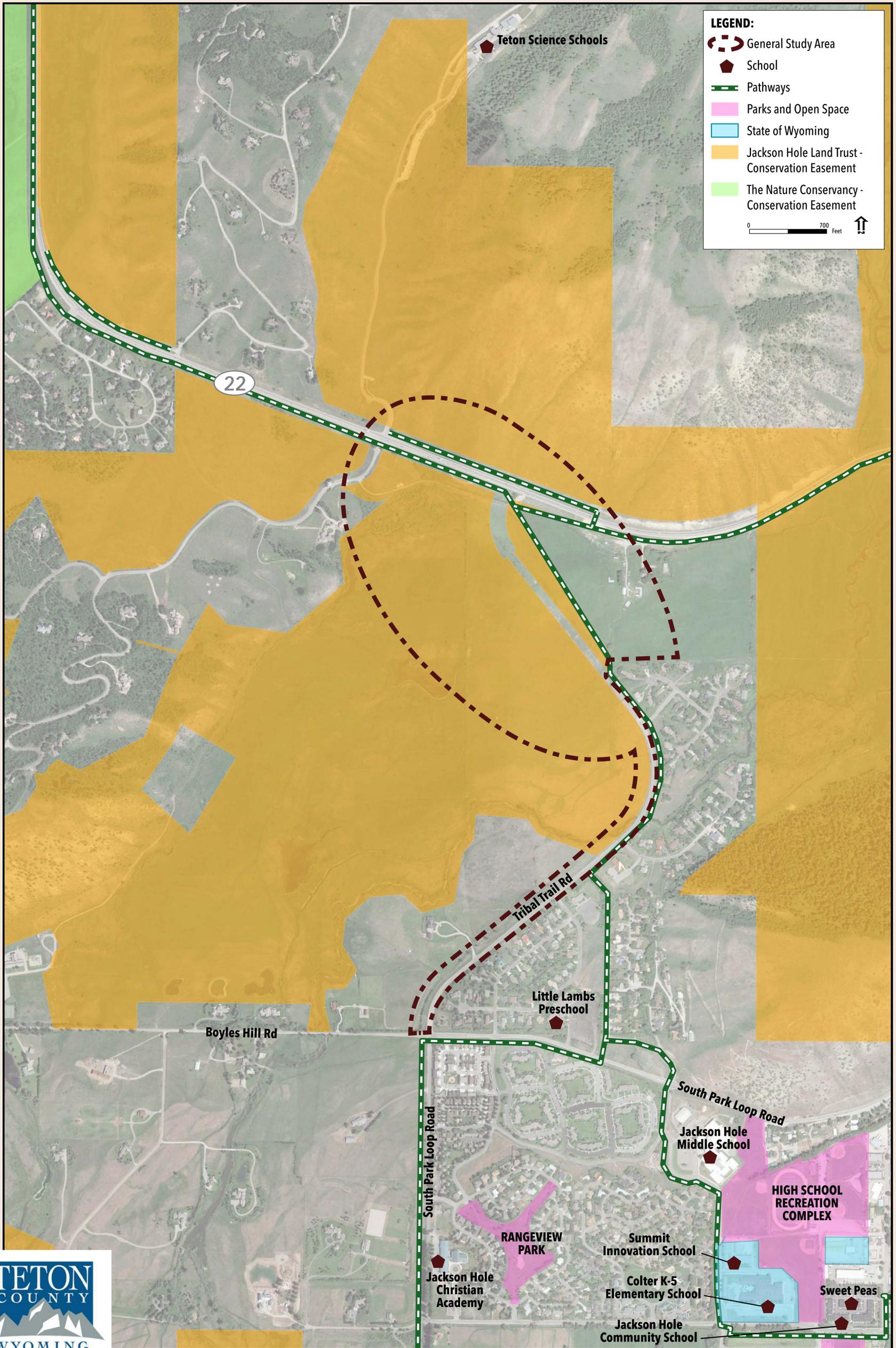
Excerpt from January 2019 Traffic Model presentation

## Wildlife Crossings Master Plan

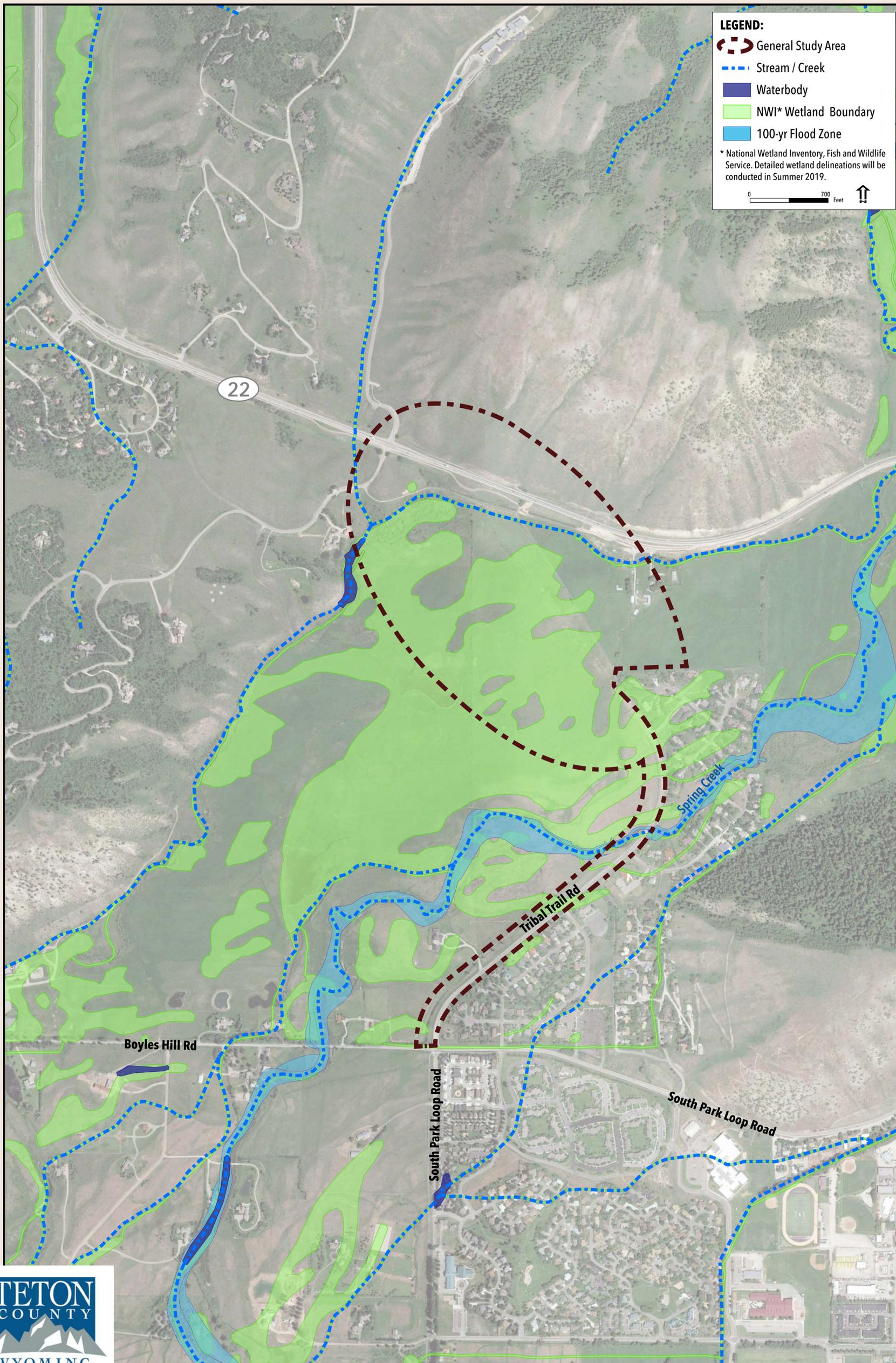
- In 2018, Teton County and its partners completed the crossings plan. See <http://www.tetonwyo.org/1639/Wildlife-Crossings>
- As follow-up to the recommendations in the plan, Teton County and WYDOT are evaluating a wildlife crossing of WYO 22 in between North Bar Y Road and Coyote Canyon Road/Indian Springs Drive



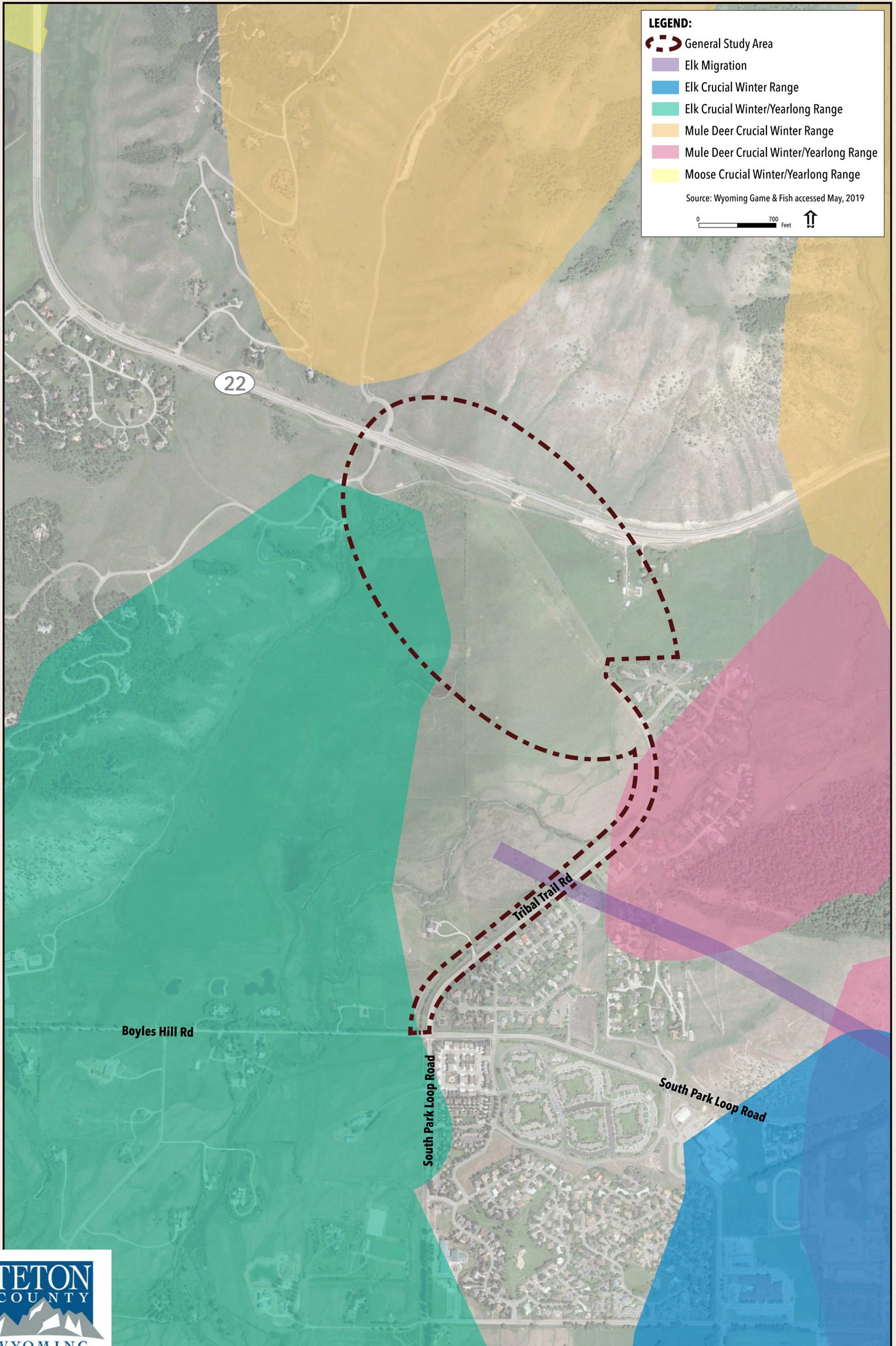
# CONSERVATION EASEMENTS AND LAND USES



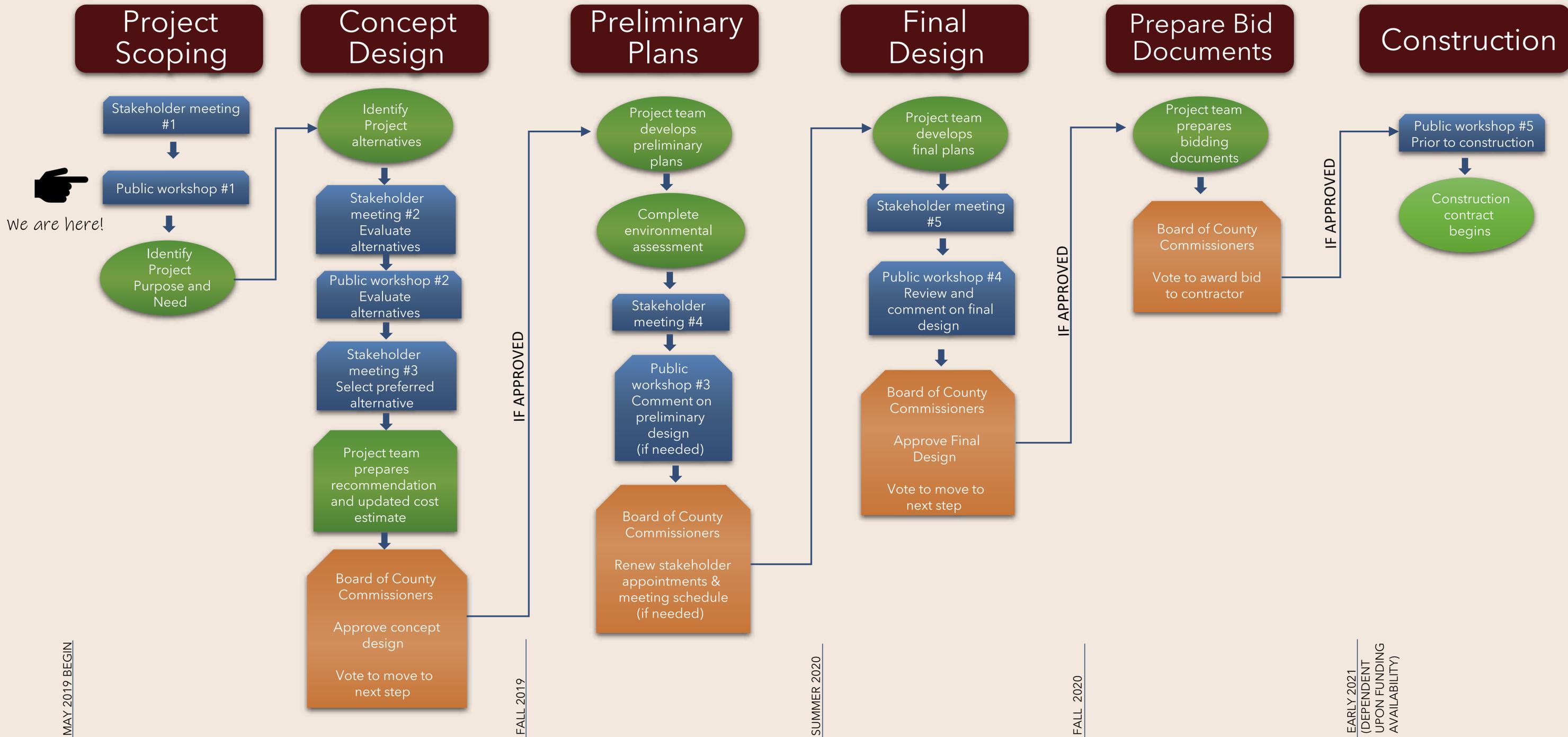
# WATER RESOURCES



# WILDLIFE



# TRIBAL TRAIL PROJECT DECISION



We are here!

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Estimated timeline (subject to change)



# PROJECT SCHEDULE/ NEXT STEPS



## **Public and Agency Scoping**

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**Spring 2019**

Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1  
Public Workshop #1

## **Alternatives Evaluation Planning/Concept Design Phase**

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**Summer 2019**

Stakeholder Committee Meeting #2  
Public Workshop #2

## **Identify Preferred Alternative**

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**Fall 2019**

Stakeholder Committee Meeting #3  
Board of County Commissioners Meeting  
Start Preliminary Design

## **Review of Environmental Assessment**

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**Summer/Fall 2020**

Stakeholder Committee Meeting #4  
Public Hearing/Workshop

## **Complete Final Design**

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**Winter 2020**

Public Workshop #4  
Board of County Commissioners Approval



# WHAT'S NEXT?



Project schedule that shows duration of following tasks:

- Ongoing public involvement activities
- Prepare Environmental Document
- Public Review of Environmental Document
- Decision Document
- Final Design and Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Construction



# WE WANT YOUR INPUT!



Please provide your thoughts about the study to help us understand what issues are important to you and your community. You can provide your comments and input in the following ways:

- **In Person:** Talk to a Study Team member during this meeting.
- **Comment sheet:** Fill out a comment sheet and submit at this meeting or mail in later to the address on the back of the comment form.
- **Online:** [www.tribaltrailconnector.com](http://www.tribaltrailconnector.com)
- **Email:** [TribalTrailConnector@gmail.com](mailto:TribalTrailConnector@gmail.com)
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*Thank You*

for Attending the Public  
Scoping Meeting for the  
Tribal Trail Connector  
Environmental Assessment

