



# Community Visioning

A Report to the BSB Planning Board

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# Objectives

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- Review complete survey results
- Review public input through survey maps, workshop activities
- Visioning exercise and discussion of the DRAFT vision statement
- Where we're and next steps

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Parks, trails and recreation amenities	30%
The rural character of the county	12%
<b>The abundance of and access to public lands (US Forest Service, state lands, BLM)</b>	<b>39%</b>
The Big Hole River	14%
<b>Historic character, culture and amenities</b>	<b>41%</b>
Mining history	18%
Uptown Butte	24%
The Montana Tech campus and other educational opportunities	32%
Montana Connections Business Development Park and major industrial employment opportunities	4%
<b>Affordability</b>	<b>34%</b>
Opportunities for local business and entrepreneurial spirit	7%
Access to highways, rail and transportation corridors	21%
Health care facilities and services	2%
Other (please specify)	7%

Q2

Greatest Assets

**BUTTE-SILVER BOW  
GROWTH POLICY UPDATE  
PROJECT VICINITY MAP**



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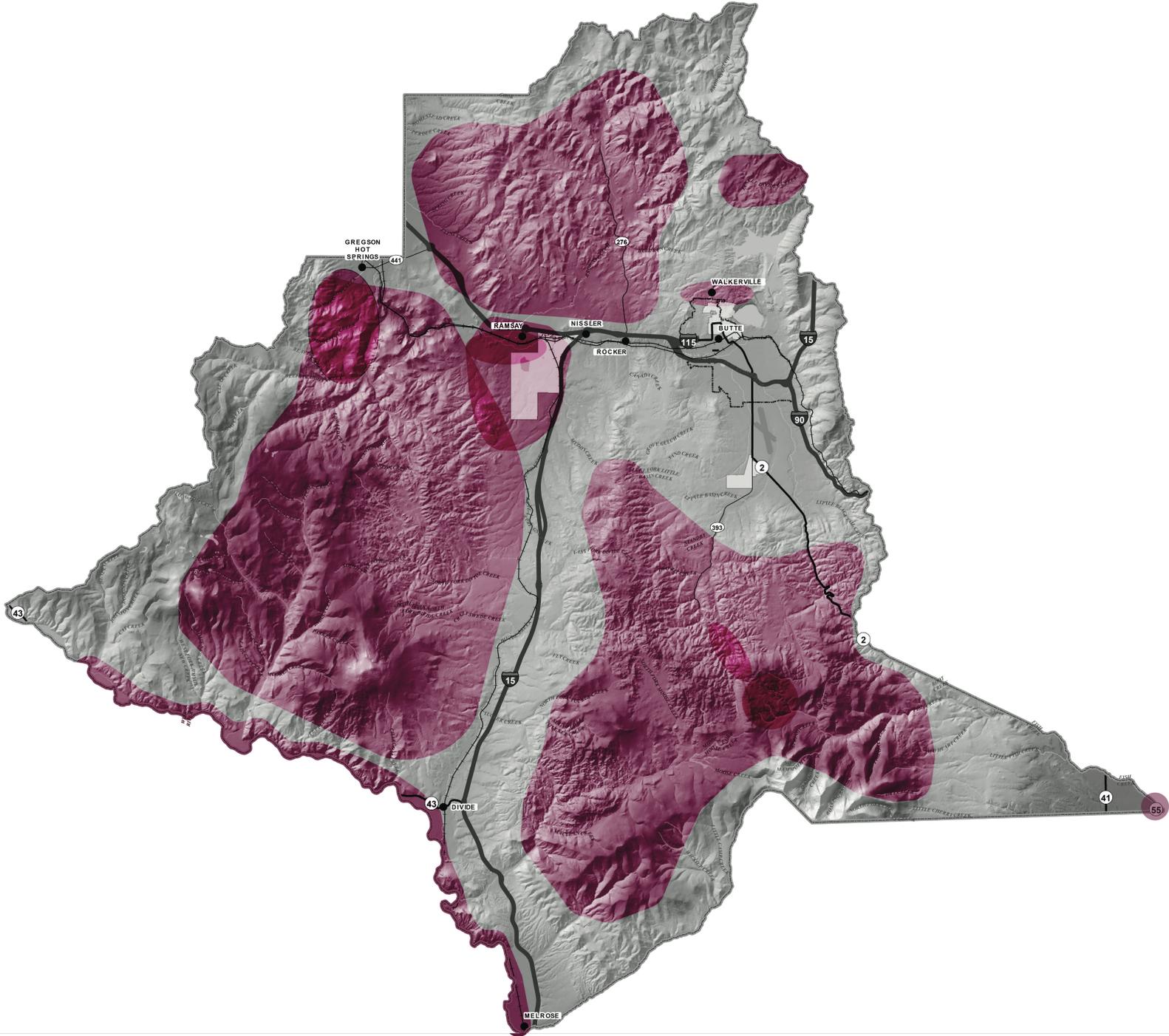
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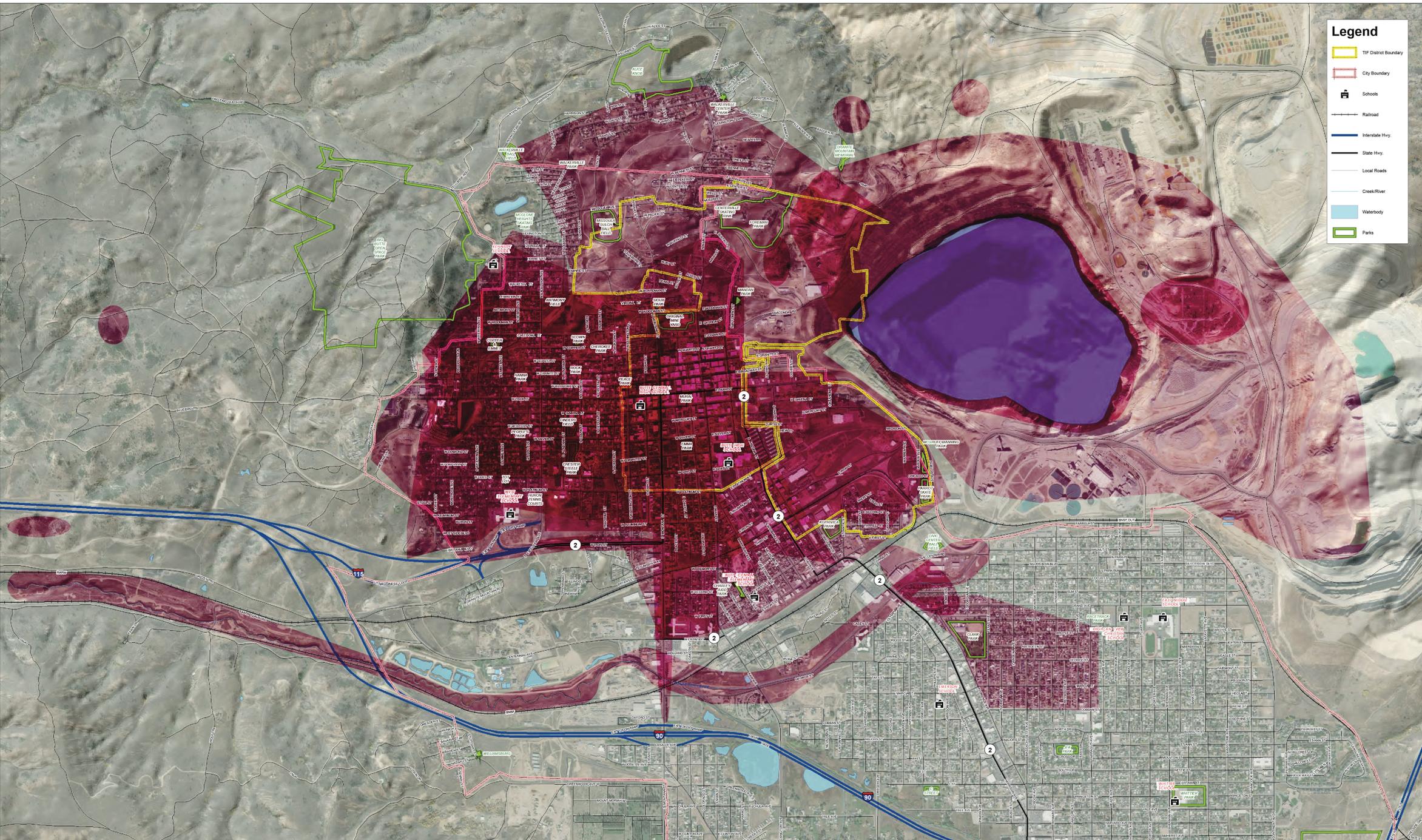


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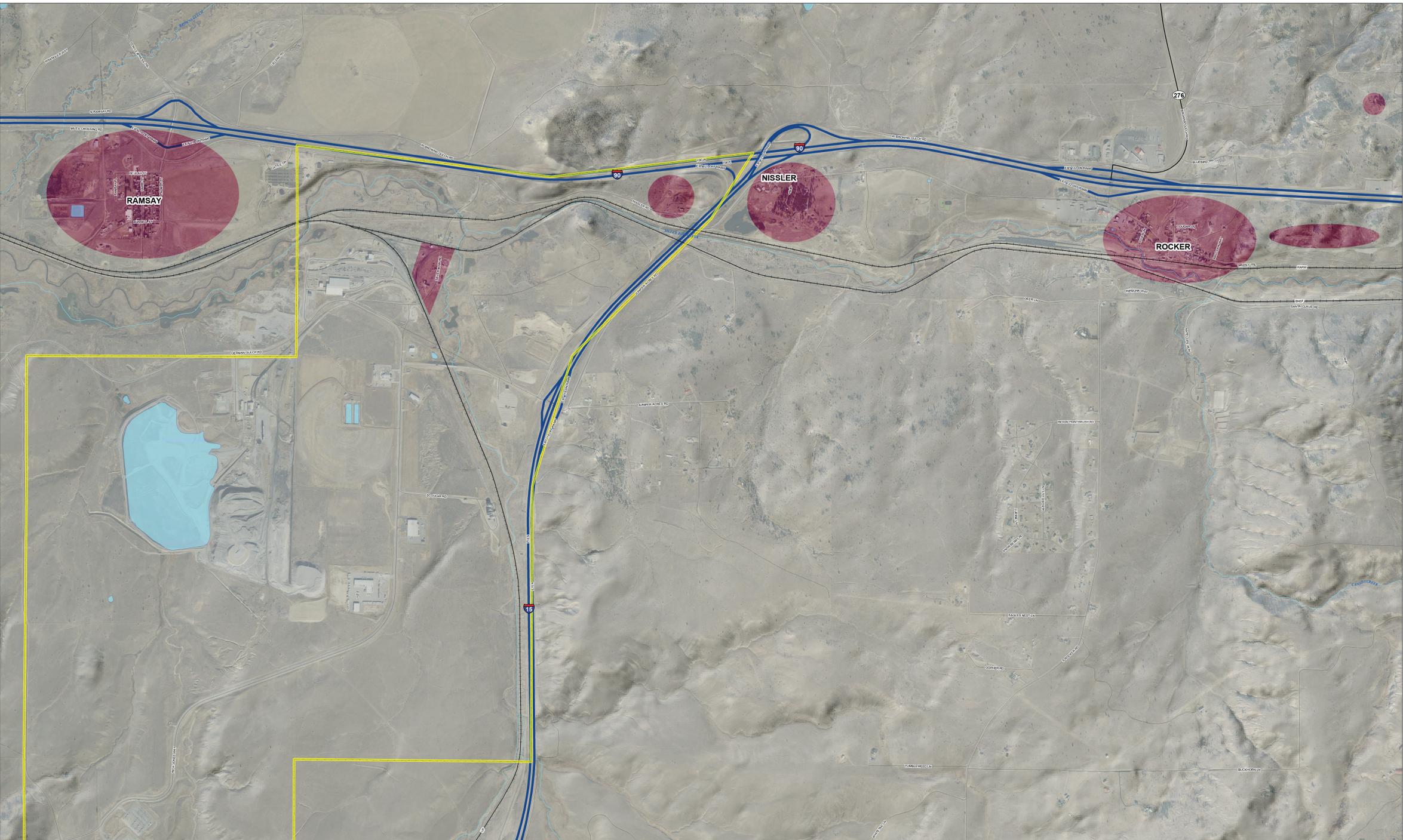
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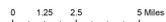


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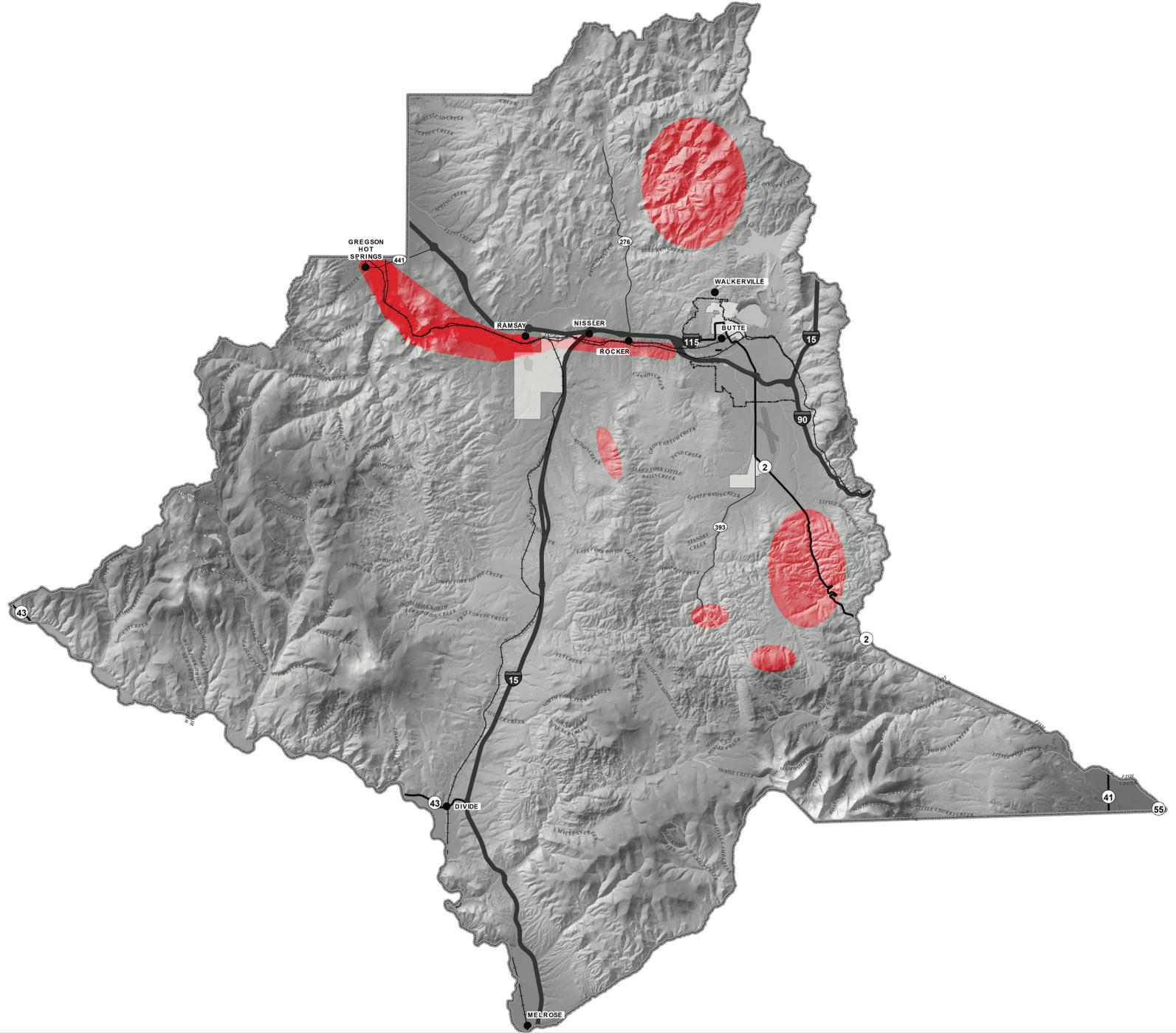
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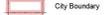
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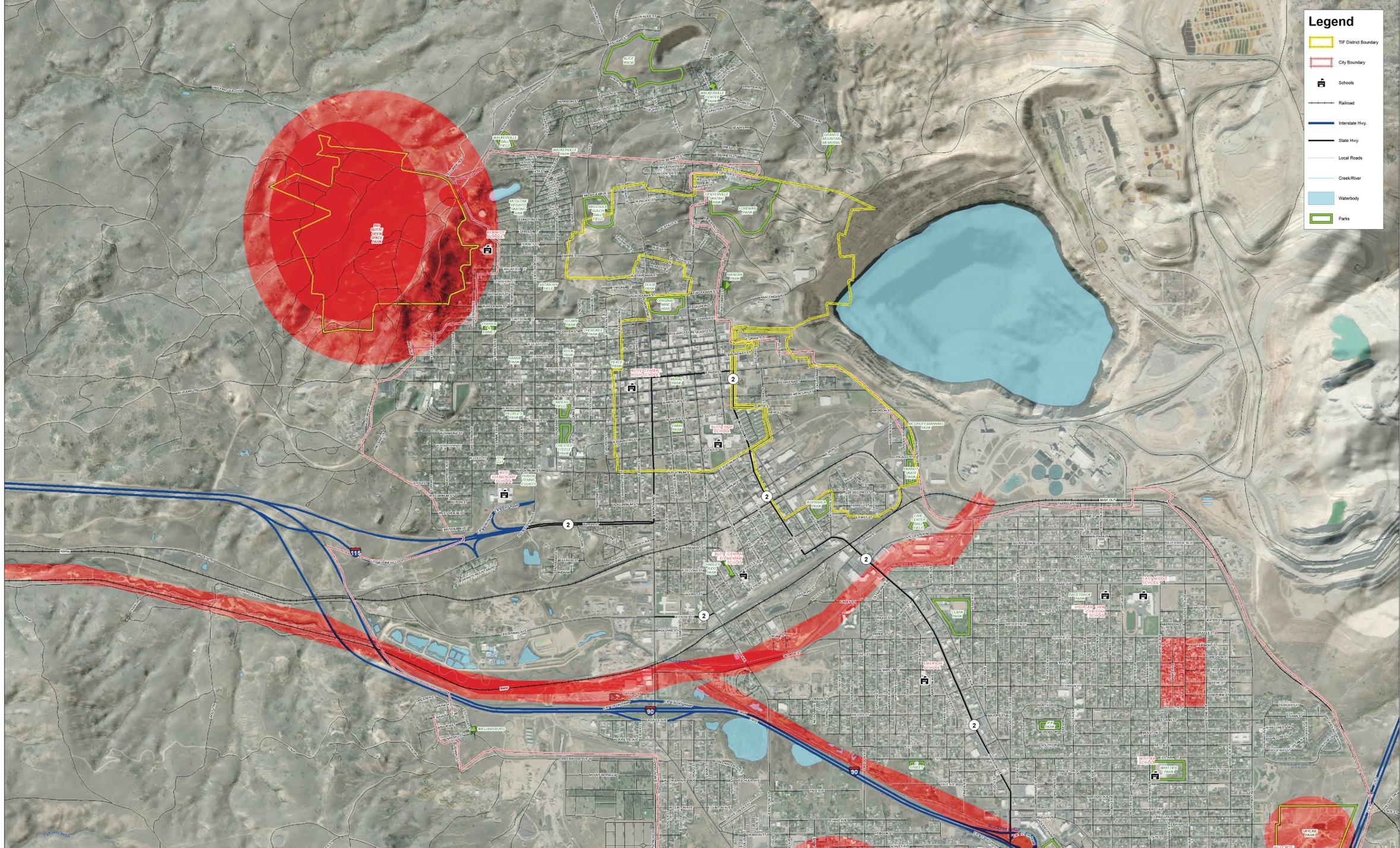


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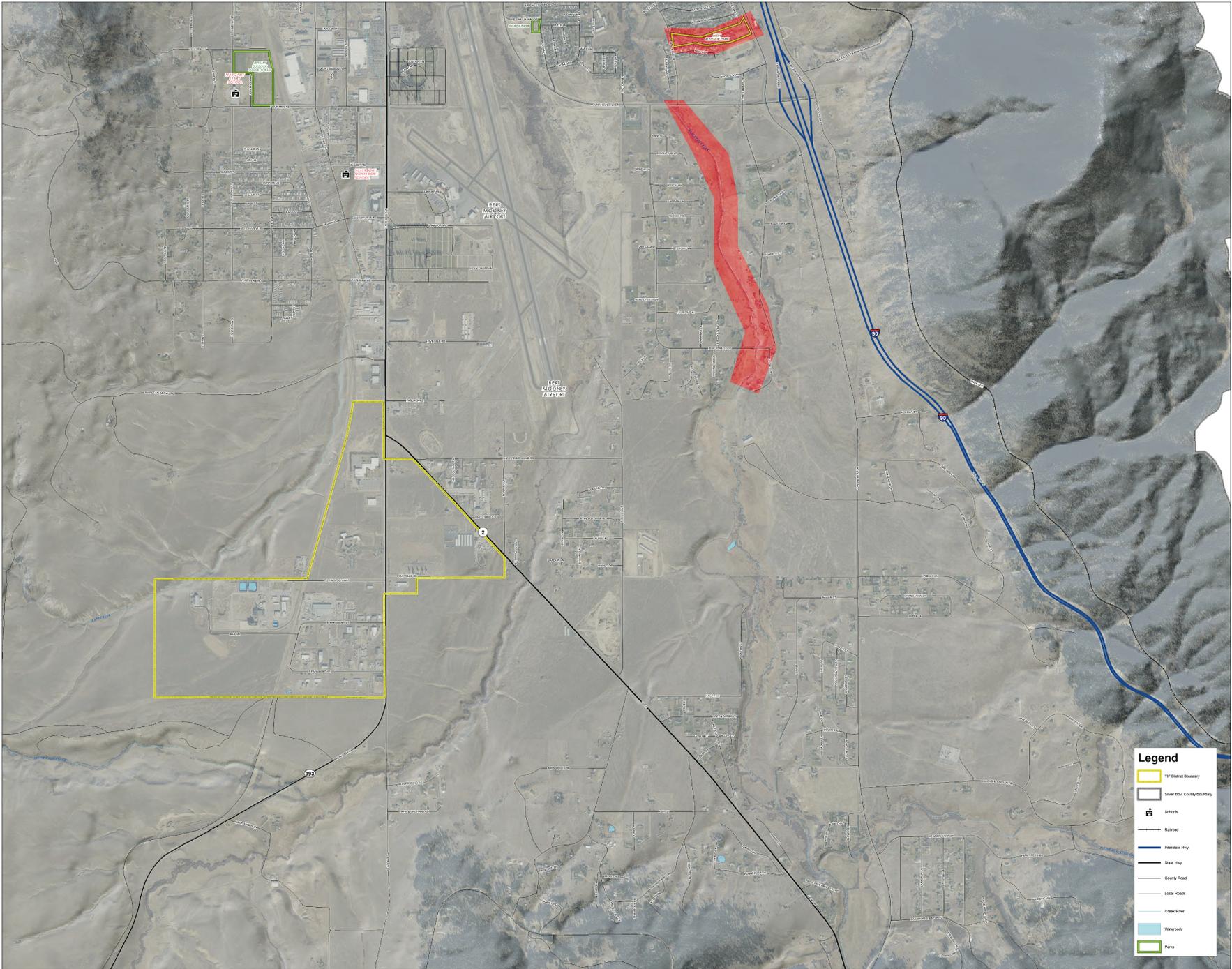
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**BUTE-SILVER BOW  
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RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
<b>Lack of retail opportunities within the urban boundary of Butte and Walkerville</b>	<b>56%</b>
Lack of commercial development and employment opportunity in rural areas	28%
Attracting a qualified workforce	19%
Quality of available housing	14%
Selection of housing types	5%
Availability of housing in location desired	5%
<b>Perception of the county by others</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Urban decay (vacant buildings, buildings in disrepair)</b>	<b>64%</b>
The Superfund designation	13%
The Berkeley Pit	23%
Insufficient or lack of wayfinding in Butte	5%
Insufficient or lack of wayfinding throughout the county (outside urban boundary)	1%
Consolidated government structure	7%
Other (please specify)	21%

Q3

Greatest Weaknesses

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
<b>Mixed residential and commercial development</b>	45%
<b>Live/work/make opportunities combining light industry with residential and commercial activities</b>	39%
Additional retail business	36%
Additional professional office space	8%
Civic land uses such as museums, visitor centers and libraries	21%
Neighborhood parks, public spaces and urban trails	28%
<b>Small-scale commercial services including uses such as restaurants, breweries, boutique hotels, etc.</b>	43%
Large scale commercial services including uses such as hotel/conference center facilities and event rooms, chain restaurants, etc.	22%
Medical facilities and services	14%
Manufacturing, warehouse and heavier industrial uses	9%
No opinion	4%
Other (please specify)	12%

Q4

Preferred  
redevelopment in  
Uptown Butte

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Cultural events, and festivals	34%
Recreational tourism, especially in the rural areas	38%
Agritourism in the rural areas	4%
Light manufacturing in the Industrial Park and elsewhere (where allowed)	52%
Industrial uses near highway interchanges and railyard	35%
Reuse of the Butte Mall	54%
Small business and commercial opportunities outside the urban boundary	22%
High technology (bitcoin mining and processing, for example)	21%
No opinion	1%
Other (please specify)	17%

# Q5

Economic diversification  
desired

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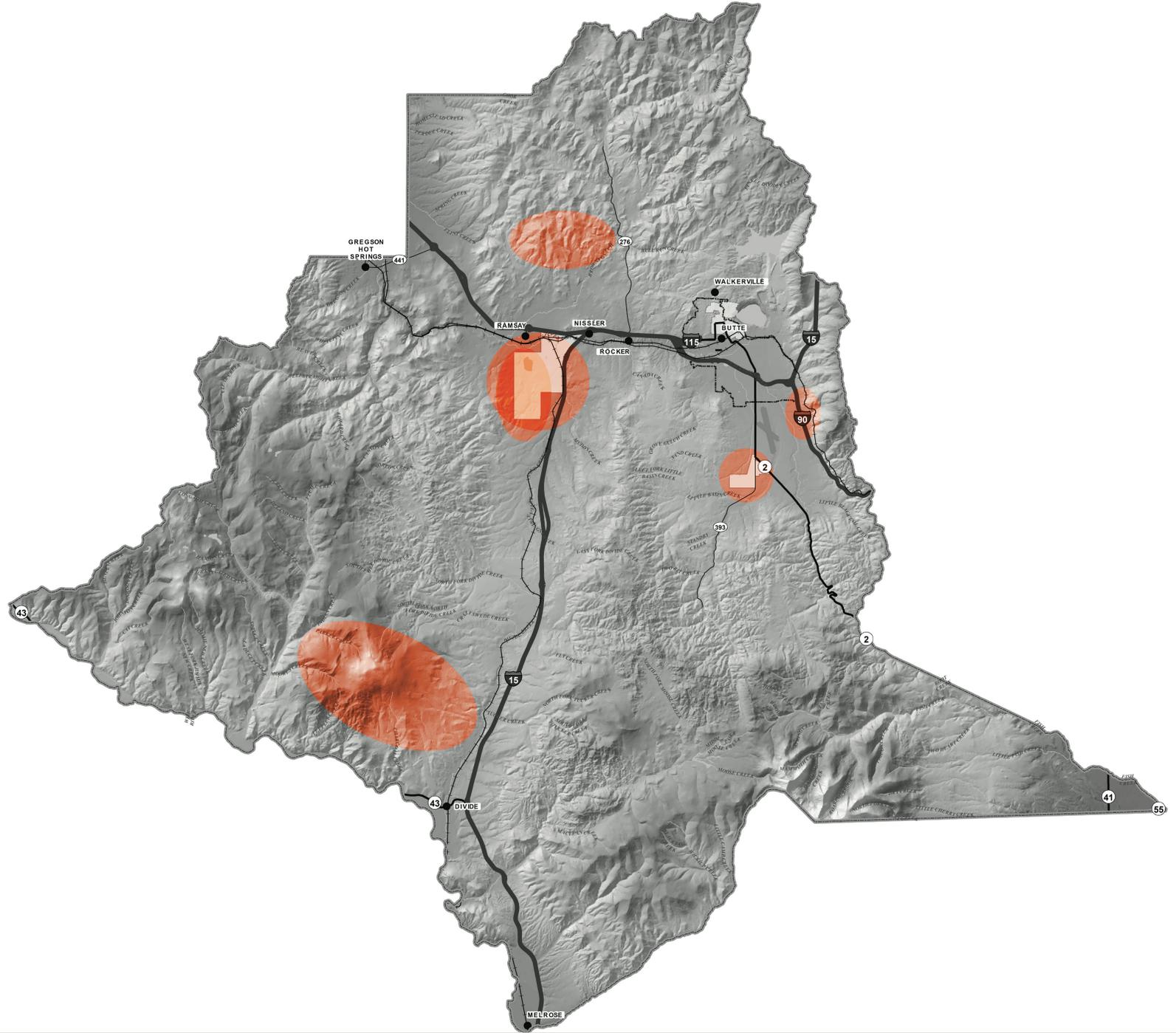
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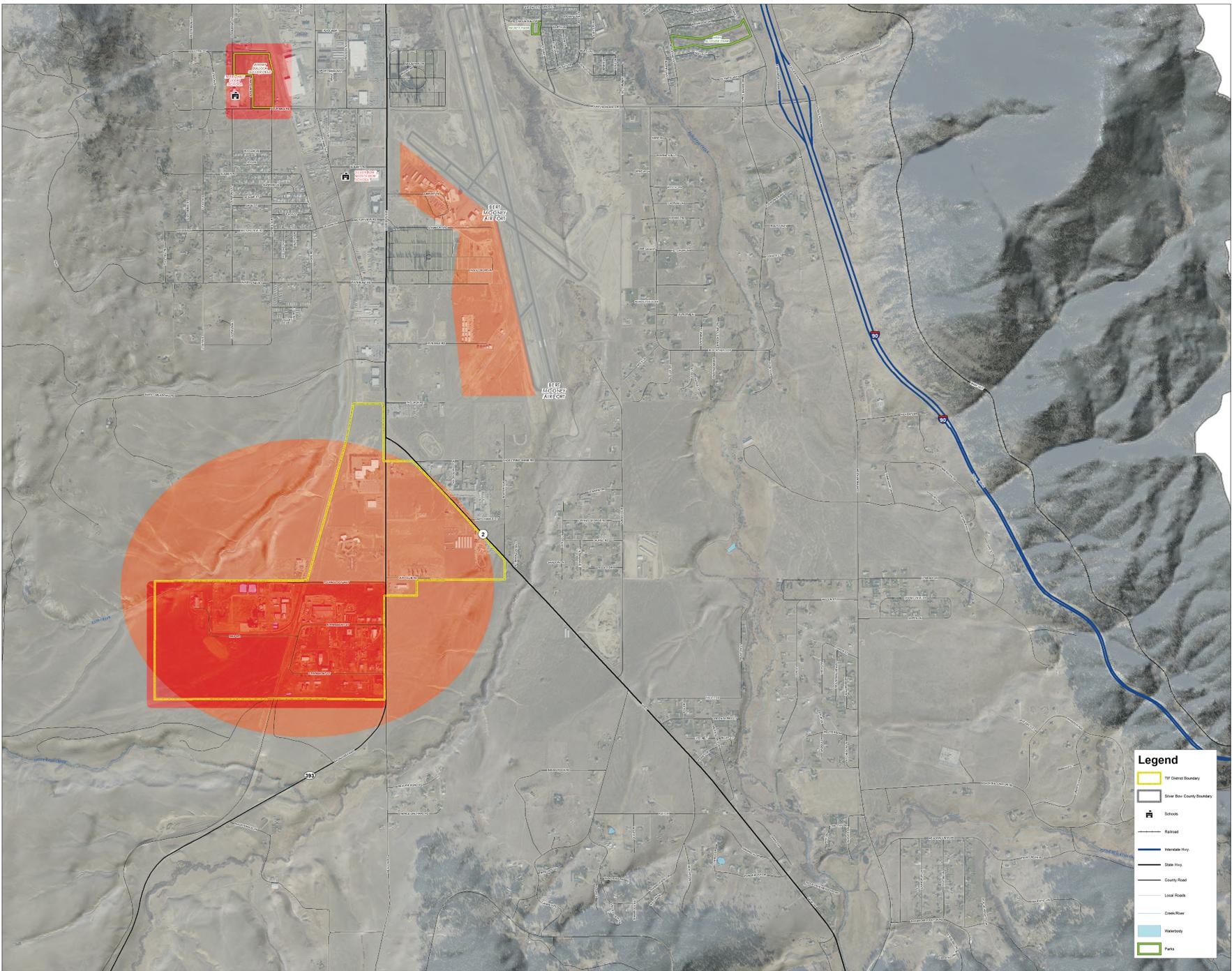
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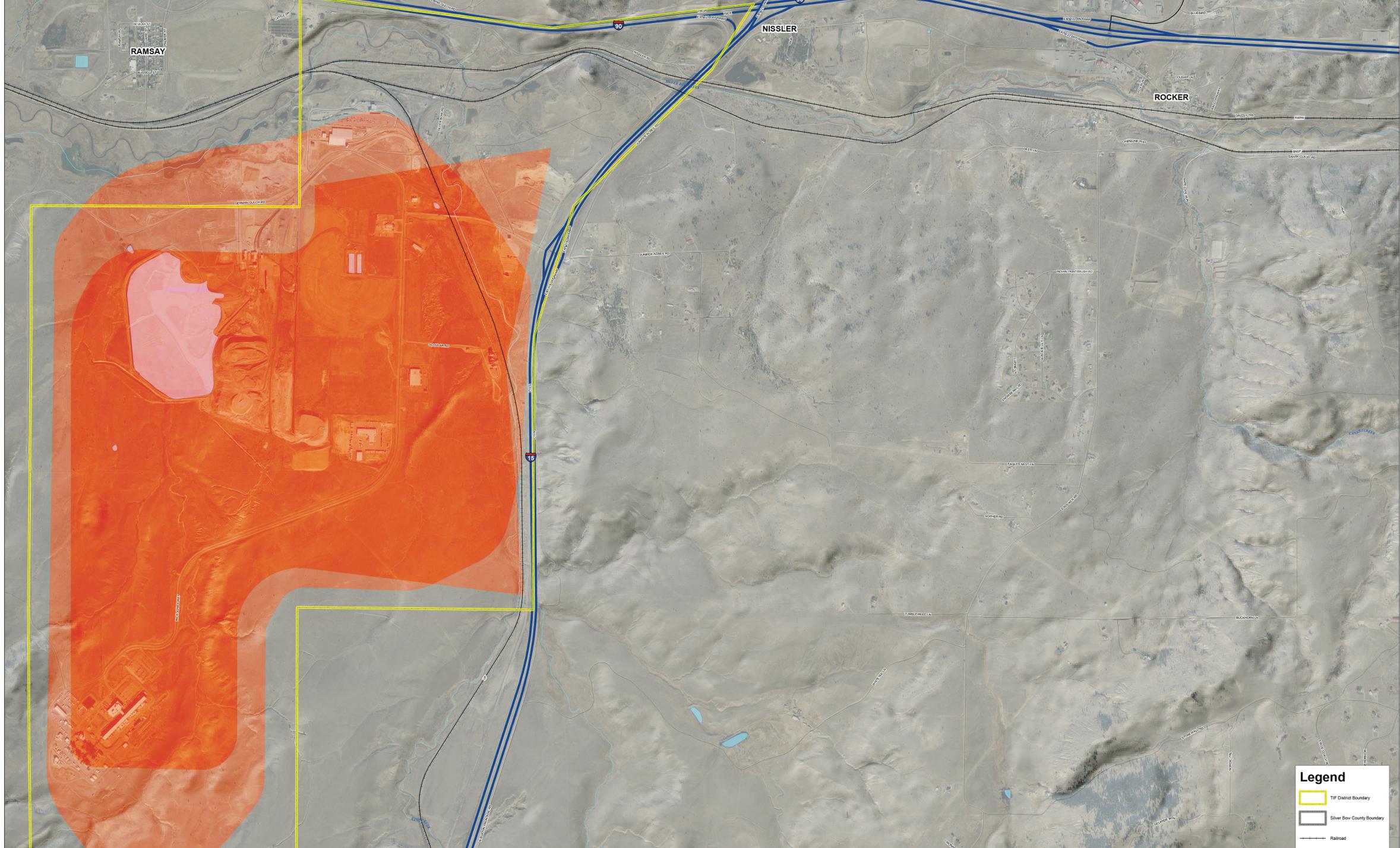


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ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION**

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MUNITY UPDATE  
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RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Music festivals	52%
Public access to hiking and biking trails and amenities like the Big Hole River	56%
Urban pathways and parks	38%
Superfund reclamation tours	15%
Historic sites and buildings	61%
Agritourism opportunities in rural Butte-Silver Bow County	13%
Business recruitment	61%
No opinion	2%
Other (please specify)	13%

# Q6

## Tourism promotion

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Quantity of rental units	25%
Quantity of units to own	15%
<b>Quality of rental units</b>	<b>57%</b>
<b>Quality of units to own</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Affordability of rental units</b>	<b>30%</b>
Affordability of units to own	22%
Lack of housing in urban areas (Butte, Walkerville)	20%
Lack of housing in ex-urban areas (Ramsay, Rocker)	5%
Lack of housing in rural areas (Melrose, Divide)	7%
I don't see a problem with current housing options or supply	14%
No opinion	6%
Other (please specify)	19%

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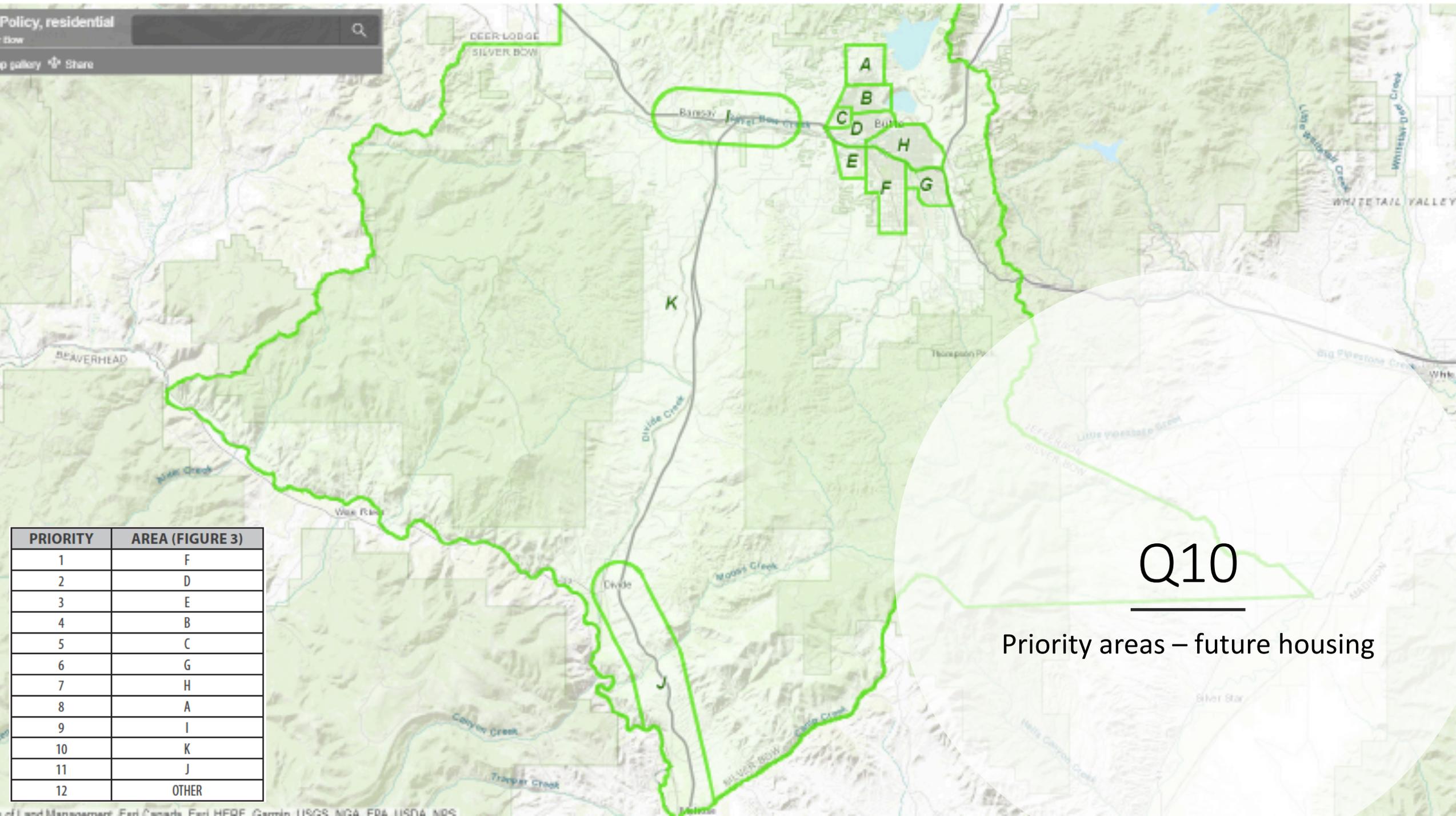
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Top housing issues

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Single family house, all prices	20%
Single family house, \$250,000 and under in value	36%
Single family house, \$250,001-\$400,000 in value	9%
Single family house, \$400,001 and over in value	3%
Two-family (duplex) units	9%
Three- and four-plex units	11%
Apartment building, 5 or more units	13%
Condominiums	18%
I do not believe there is a shortage of housing.	21%
No opinion	13%
Other (please specify)	11%

Q9

Housing types desired



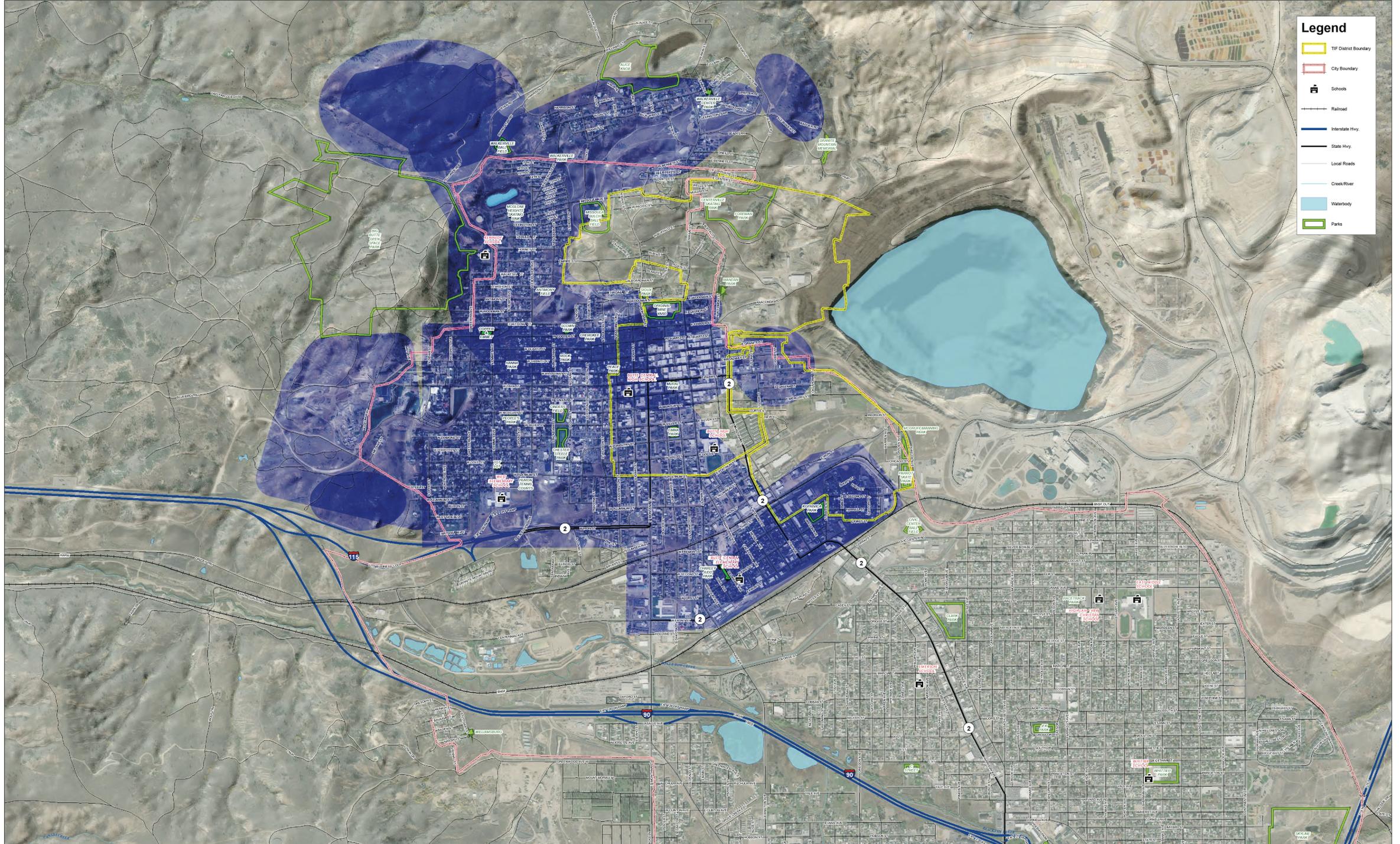
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Priority areas – future housing

PRIORITY	AREA (FIGURE 3)
1	F
2	D
3	E
4	B
5	C
6	G
7	H
8	A
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11	J
12	OTHER

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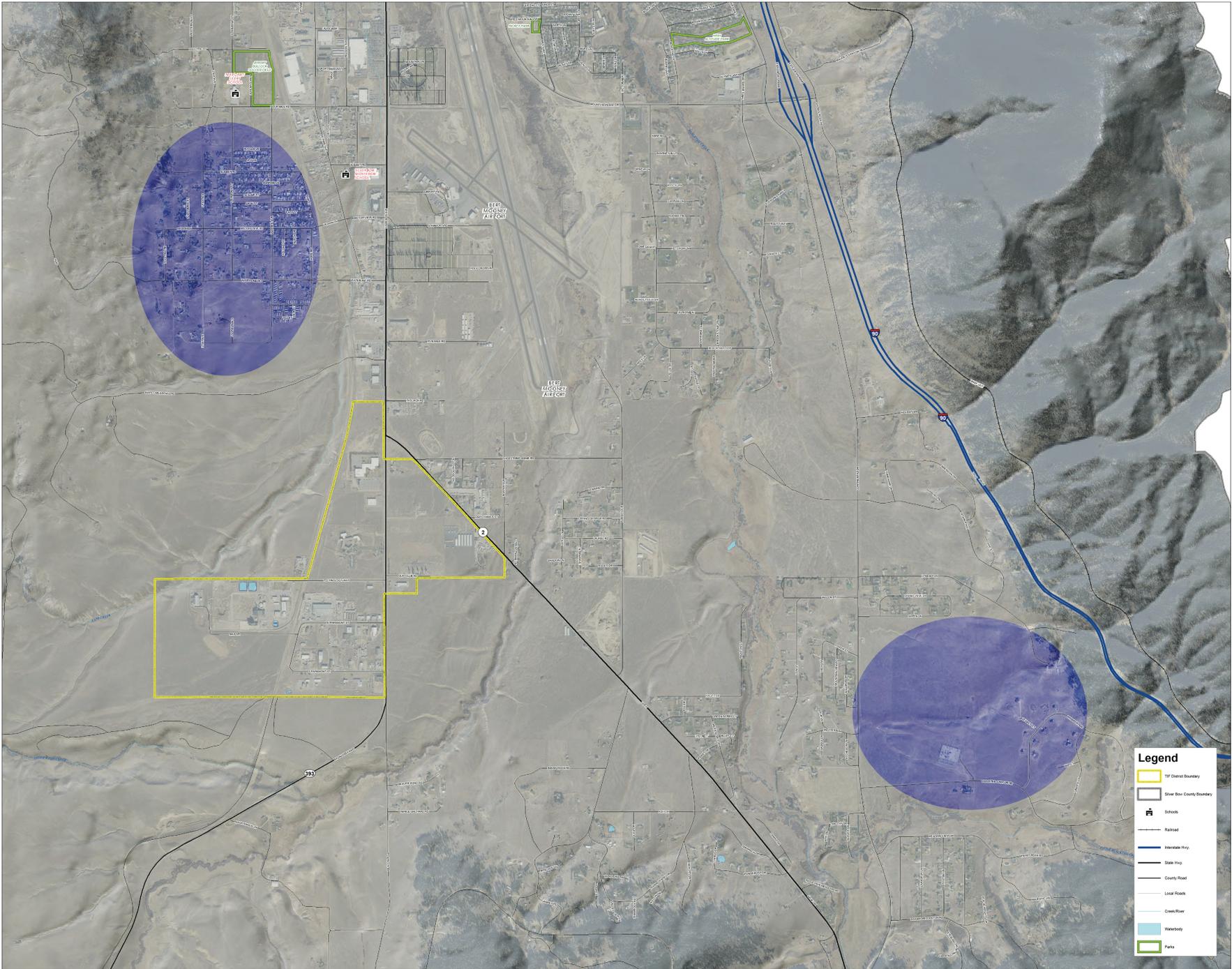
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UPTOWN AREA**

**PRIORITIES FOR  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**





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**PREFERENCES & PRIORITIES  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

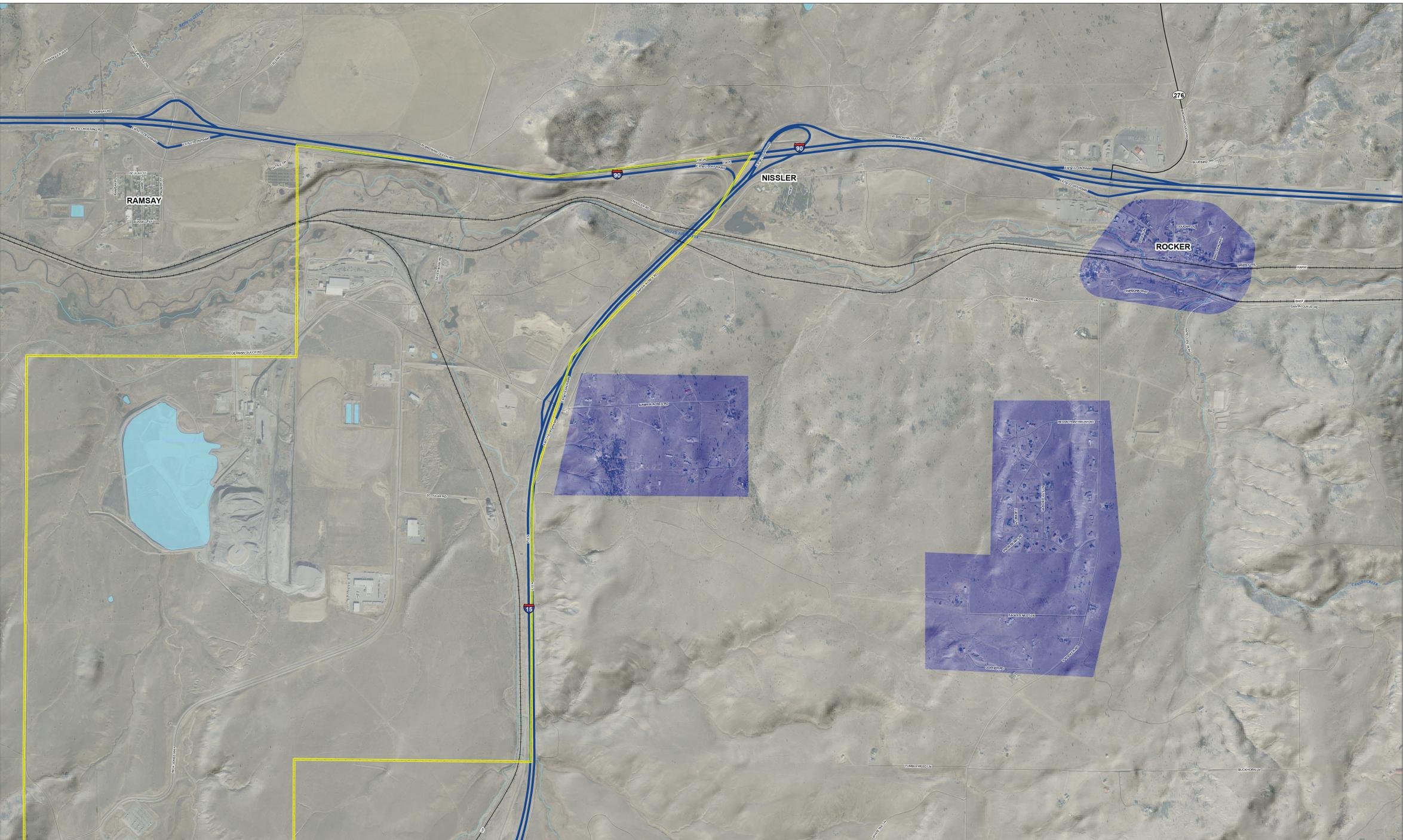


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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**



Q11

Q12

Q13

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Neighborhood Plans

More Plans?

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Yes	42%
No	10%
<b>No opinion/not sure</b>	<b>46%</b>
Other answer	2%

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Neighborhood Improvement Alliances?

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
<b>Yes</b>	<b>59%</b>
No	14%
No opinion/not sure	26%
Other answer	1%

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Enforce design standards for all building projects	30%
Use Municipal Code and local regulations to remove dilapidated structures	52%
Continue improving infrastructure to encourage more walkability, including new sidewalks, curb cuts, street lights, and wayfinding signs	63%
Decrease the size of the district	8%
The Historic District is fine as is	4%
I don't believe there should be a historic district	2%
No opinion/not sure	3%
Other (please specify)	16%

# Q14

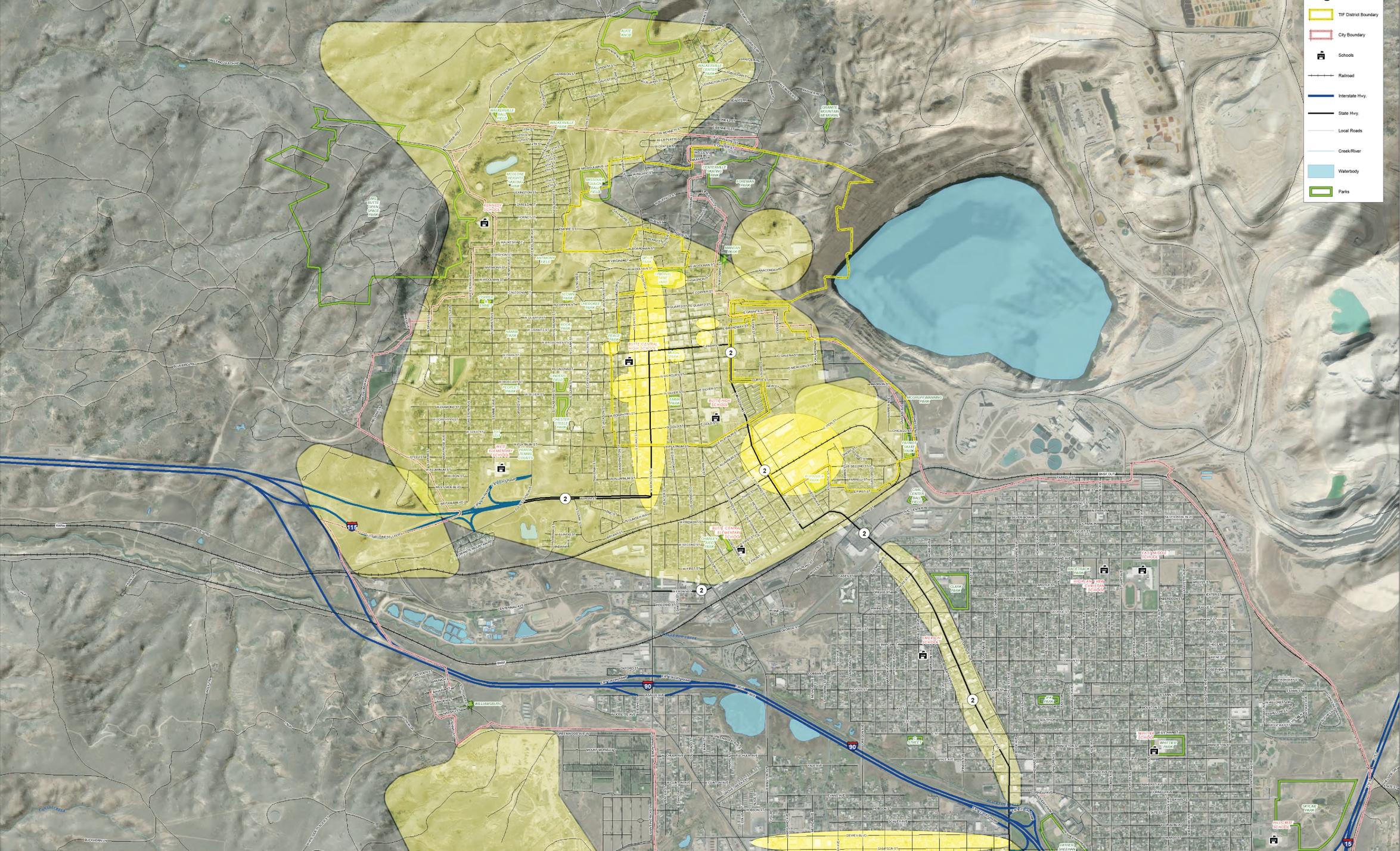
Improvements to historic district

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Open space or small pocket parks	48%
Two story buildings with mixed uses, for example specialty stores on the first floor and office spaces or residential uses on the second floor	58%
Commercial uses, such as office-related supplies or printing services, department stores, etc.	34%
Condominium units for commercial or residential purposes	37%
Large-scale commercial and retail development (hotel/conference centers, larger retailers such as like Walgreens)	29%
Additional parking	33%
I don't believe there should be any more infill development in Uptown	4%
No opinion/not sure	3%
Other uses (please specify)	12%

# Q15

Infill development preferred in Uptown Butte

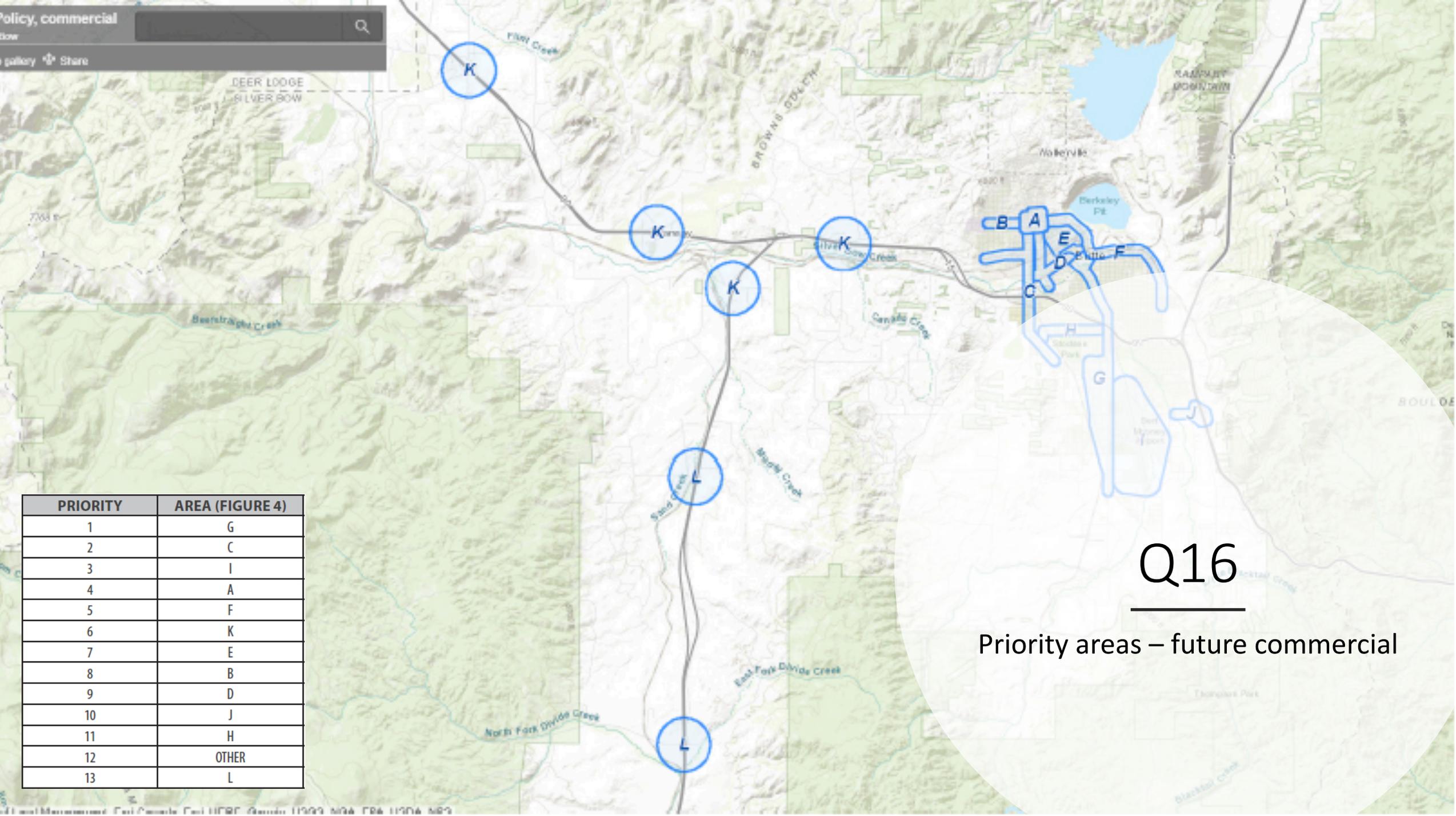
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**OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
INFILL REDEVELOPMENT**





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12	OTHER
13	L

Q16

Priority areas – future commercial

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Provide assistance with finding funds for building rehabilitation	46%
Create a local program offering loans for rehabilitation	41%
Enforce development code requirements for building safety and nuisance control	42%
Upgrade public infrastructure to stimulate area redevelopment (water, sewer and stormwater utilities; improve sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, etc.)	44%
No opinion/not sure	3%
Other (please specify)	11%

# Q17

## Role of local government

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
No, it should be allowed everywhere that is privately owned	13%
Yes, restrict growth in areas with natural hazards such as high groundwater, steep slopes and floodways	55%
Yes, restrict growth in areas with underground hazards such as those resulting from mining extraction	50%
Yes, limit growth in areas that will have a negative impact on agricultural operations	31%
Yes, restrict growth that impacts viewsheds and scenic resources	44%
No opinion/not sure	11%
Other (please specify)	7%

# Q18

Areas to restrict development

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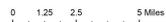


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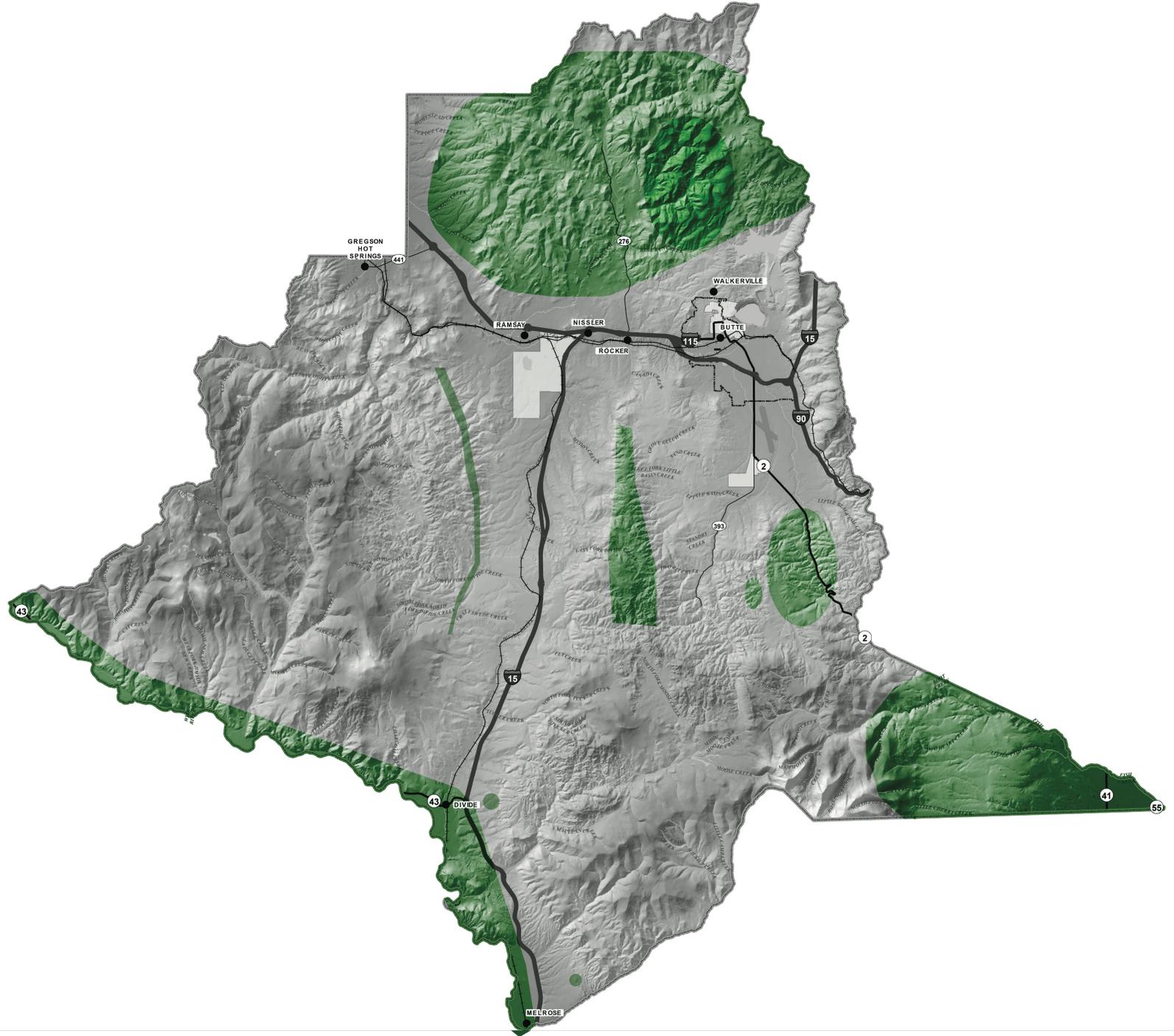
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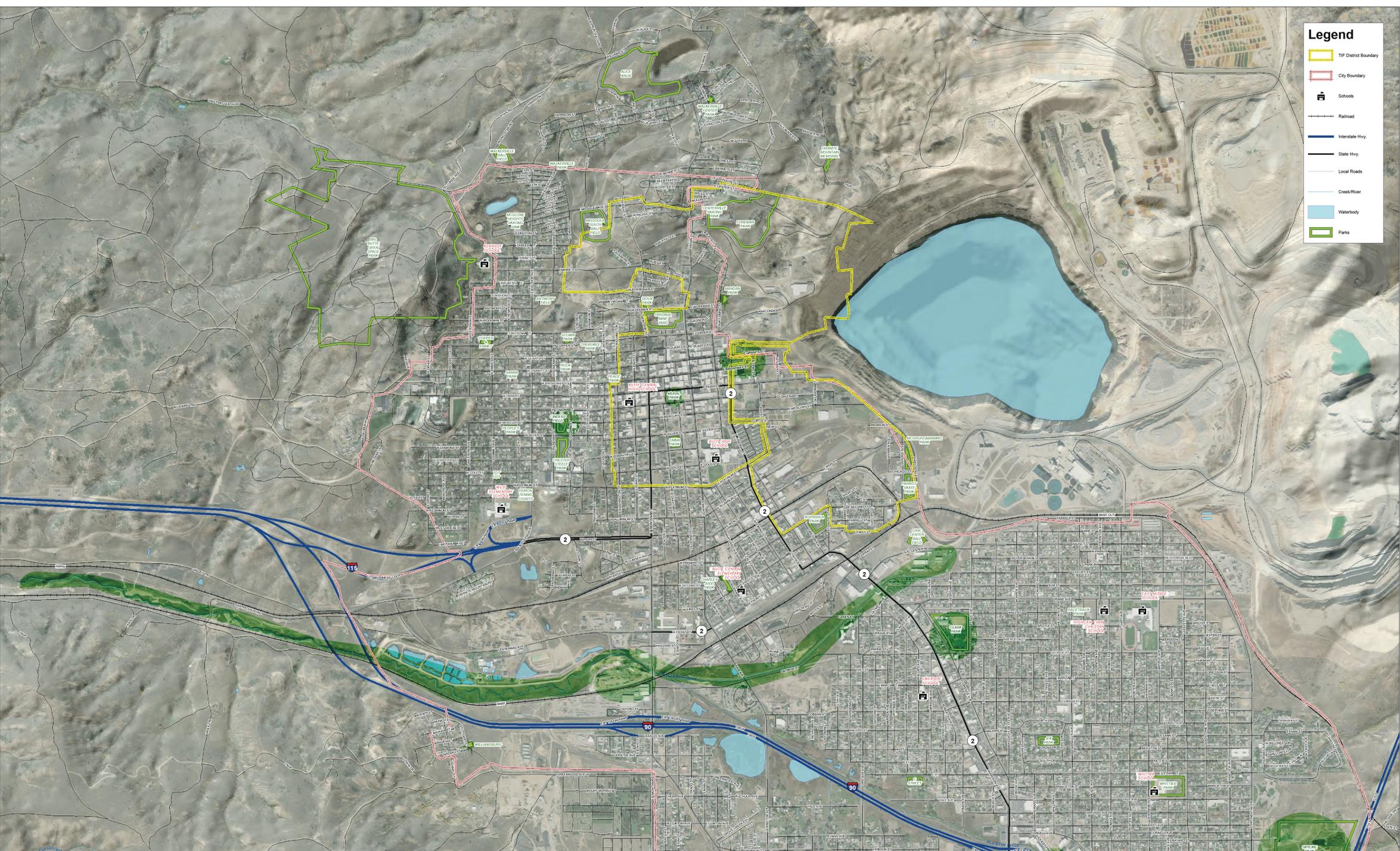


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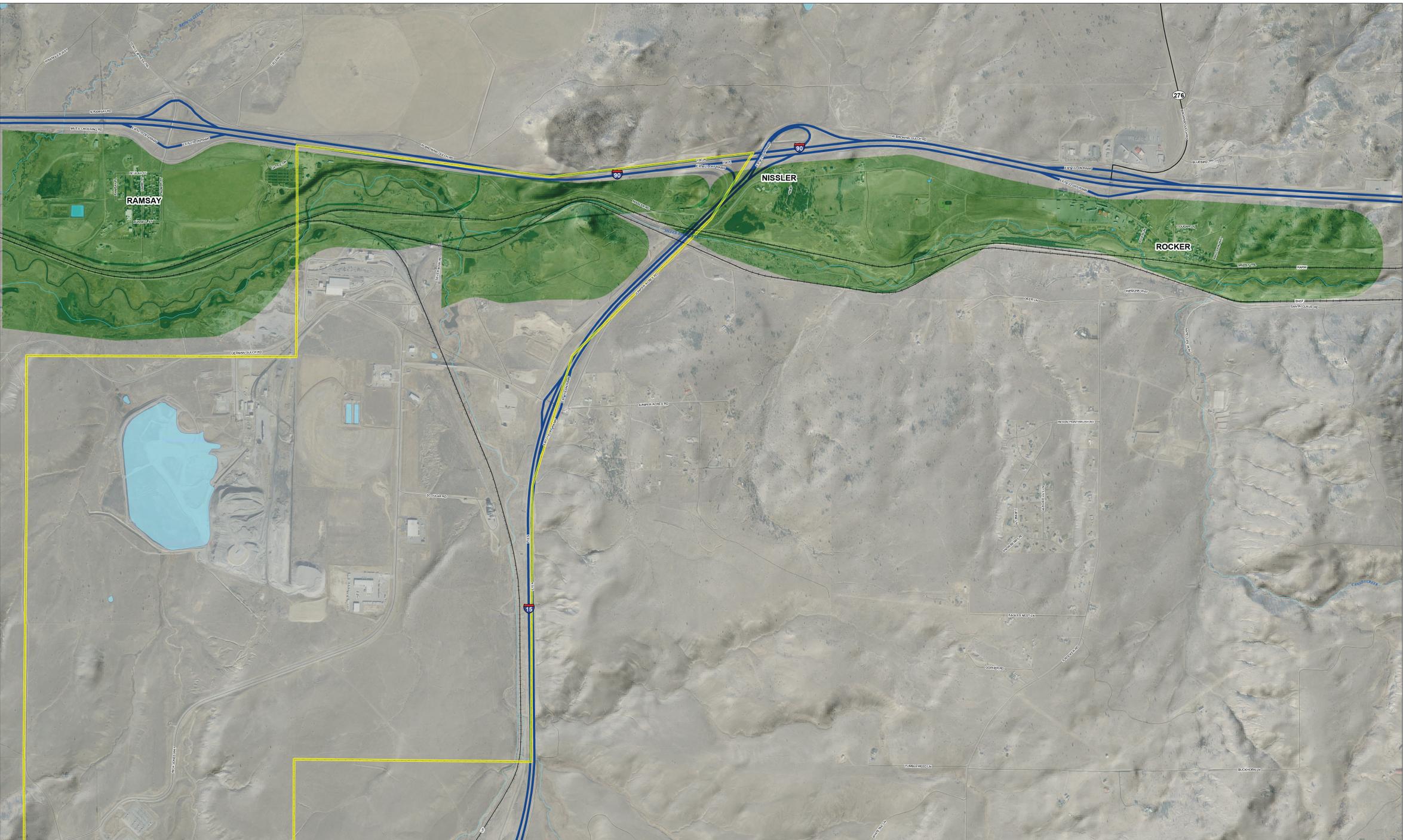
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RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Improve wayfinding signage to Big Hole River access sites and trail heads	35%
Install welcome signs at community entrances	15%
Maintain an attractive appearance of I-15 interchanges serving rural communities	30%
Provide restroom facilities for visitor use	30%
Dedicate funds for tourism promotion	29%
No opinion/not sure	13%
Other (please specify)	12%

# Q20

Balancing character  
while promoting tourism

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
Better infrastructure for water and wastewater management	31%
Road maintenance	46%
Availability of senior services (medical access, assistance at home, transportation for appointments, etc.)	22%
Improvements to community-used buildings (structural, remodeling, expansion etc.)	21%
Improved internet access	35%
Additional resources for area schools	24%
No opinion/not sure	24%
Other (please specify)	7%

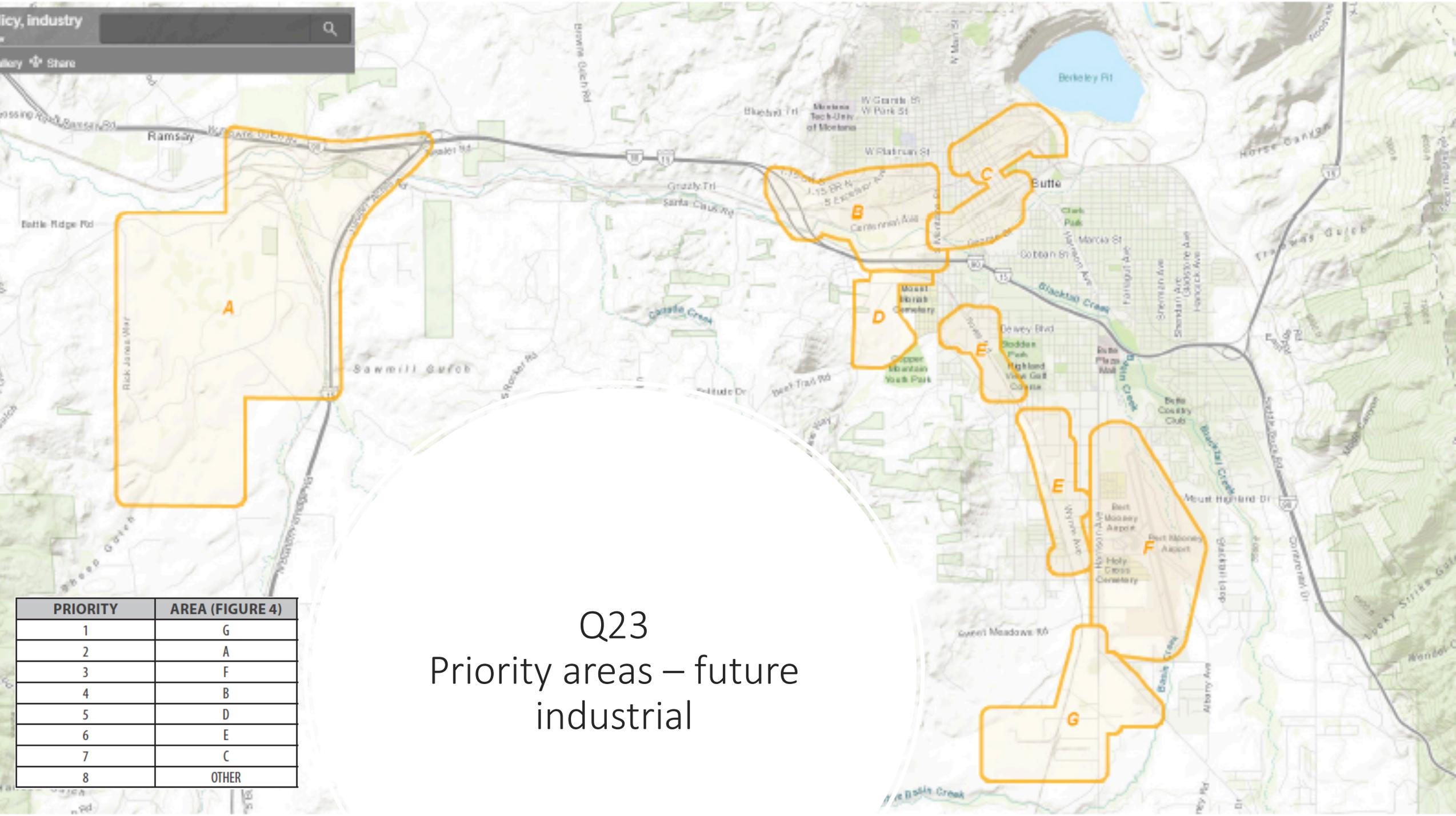
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Services needed in rural communities

RESPONSE	PERCENTAGE
<b>Adopt zoning and design guidelines that encourage a mix of uses at a size and scale appropriate and reflective of the community</b>	37%
Adjust existing zoning and development regulations to direct more intensive growth toward areas served by public utilities like water and wastewater	16%
<b>Designate local resources to rehabilitate vacant or underutilized buildings for reuse by new start-up businesses</b>	29%
Support local business by offering financial assistance through grant and loan programs	17%
Consider development incentives, where appropriate	11%
<b>Promote rural places as destinations for fishing, trails, and general outdoor recreation in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest</b>	28%
Leave it strictly up to private enterprise	8%
No opinion/not sure	15%
Other (please specify)	5%

# Q22

Preserving rural character



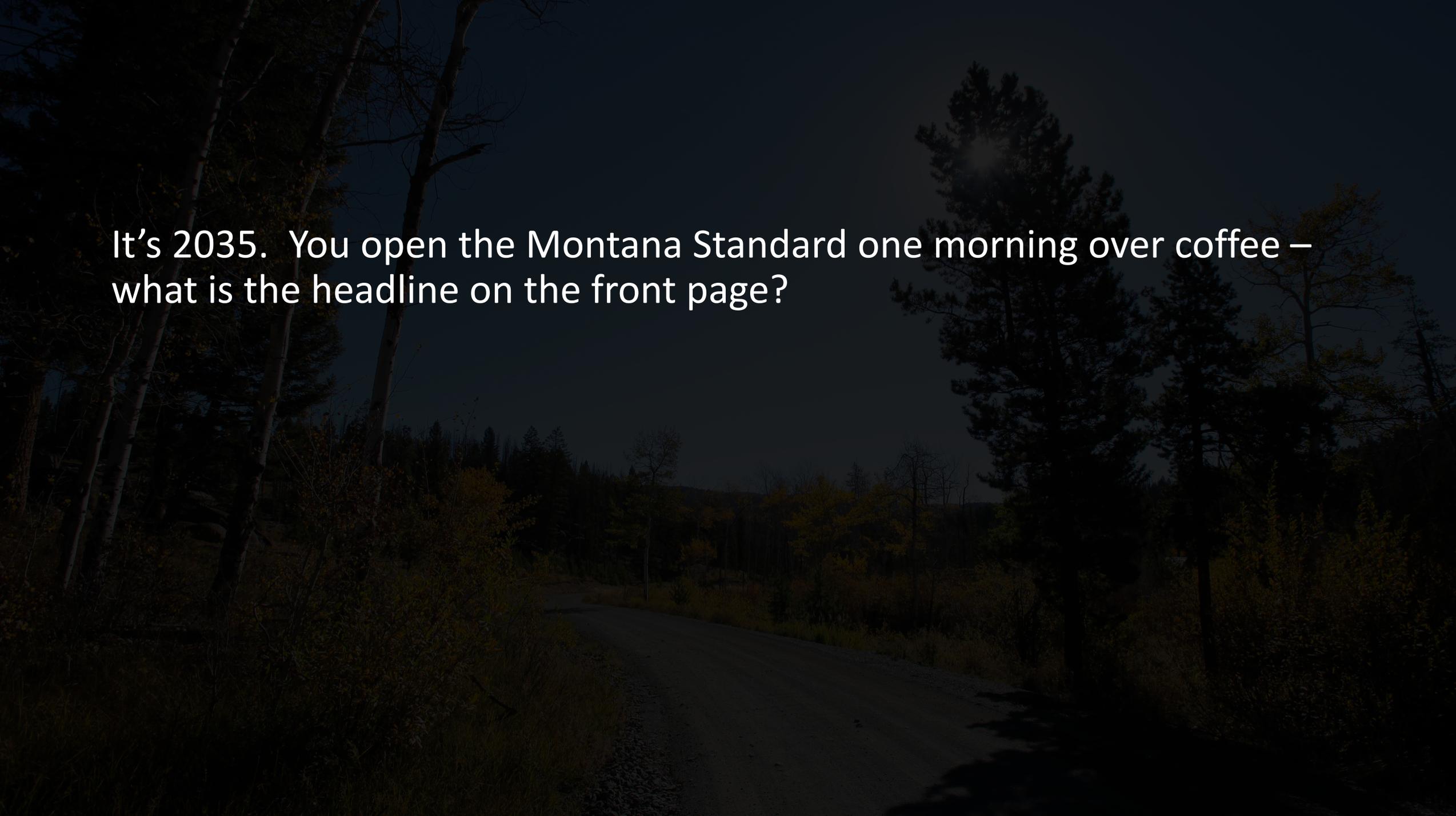
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Q23  
Priority areas – future industrial

PRIORITY	VALUE
1	Clean water and air
2	The people that live here
3	Open space and access to public lands
4	Public parks, trails and recreational opportunities
5	Small town friendliness and atmosphere
6	Montana Tech and other educational opportunities
7	Butte Historic District and area history
8	Access to fishing and hunting
9	Availability of local health care
10	Economic opportunities to find jobs and to pursue entrepreneurial ventures
11	Other (please describe)

# Q24

Community values -  
ranked

A dark, atmospheric photograph of a forest path. The path is a light-colored, gravelly or sandy trail that curves through a dense forest. The trees are mostly evergreens, but some have yellowed leaves, suggesting autumn. The lighting is very low, creating a moody and somewhat somber atmosphere. The sky is a dark, uniform grey. Overlaid on the left side of the image is white text.

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# Charting the course for Butte-Silver Bow

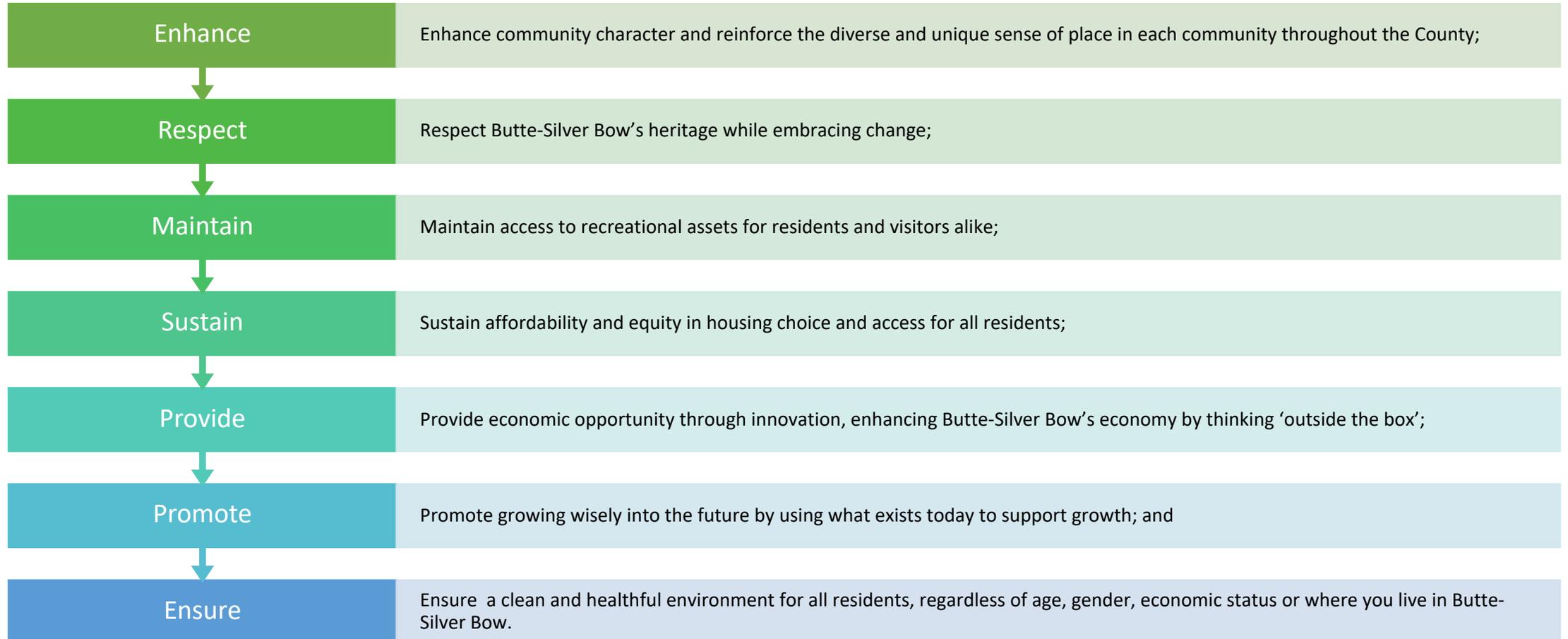
With roots as deep as the copper mined from our hills and a vision as expansive as our big sky, our future is grounded in the stewardship of this place we call home. From its storied past to a prosperous future, we will embrace our potential by:

- Upholding our heritage and the communities we have built by maintaining the unique sense of place that defines Butte-Silver Bow.
- Protecting the landscape and serving as stewards of our environment, preserving the health, well-being and livelihood of all who call Butte-Silver Bow home.
- Building and rebuilding to create a thriving, enduring community - one that is safe, one that is beautiful, one we are proud of.
- Seeking opportunity to set ourselves apart by maintaining affordability, promoting diversity and expanding quality of life
- Tapping into our greatest resource - the people of Butte-Silver Bow - to cultivate and continue an authentic community spirit, from Melrose to Walkerville, Fish Creek to Ramsay.

Our resolve is deep and our endurance proven. The people of Butte-Silver Bow are our greatest asset; now is the time to unearth their potential. Let's dig deep. Let's celebrate the past while looking firmly toward the horizon. It's time we elevate Butte-Silver Bow.

# Planning Principles.

The decisions we make moving forward will:



# Next Steps



LET THE DRAFTING  
COMMENCE!



REVIEW TIMEFRAME,  
DELIVERABLES AND  
EXPECTATIONS



PHASE 3 PUBLIC  
OUTREACH



QUESTIONS?