Vision Statement

To build a sustainable prosperous future for all, Siskiyou County strives to improve the lives of workers, visitors, and residents alike by focusing on the following priorities:

* Maintaining the County’s rural heritage, including the right to farm, the right to gather traditional foods, and open range.
* Diversifying and expanding business opportunities based on agriculture, the natural resources economy, outdoor recreation, and local tourism.
* Increasing housing stock while preserving the unique character of our communities.
* Emphasizing private property rights while encouraging sound stewardship of renewable resources and working landscapes.
* Working with tribal partners to support sustainable forest management practices.
* Increasing support for local schools and creating educational opportunities for rural communities.
* Prioritizing local community interests, including wildfire and natural hazard mitigation, while providing efficient cost-effective government services.

Guiding Principles

**1. Hazards, Safety, and Wildfire Preparedness**

* Protecting communities from natural hazards.
* Maintaining community health and safety through disaster preparedness and hazard mitigation.
* Fostering community resilience.

**2. Natural Resources and Scenery**

* Responsibly managing natural resources and open spaces.
* Maintaining public access to recreational opportunities.
* Promoting sustainable water resource management practices to encourage agriculturally based economic development, conservation of fish and wildlife habitat, and recreation.

**3. Economic Development**

* Incentivizing economic development.
* Expanding employment and educational opportunities, including workforce development.
* Boosting local tourism.
* Supporting renewable energy.
* Expanding the natural resource economy.
* Encouraging locally owned businesses.

**4. Sense of Community and Unique Lifestyle**

* Prioritizing rural communities and lifestyles.
* Fostering the unique characteristics of our communities.

**5. Land Use, Housing, and Infrastructure**

1. Incentivizing development to meet current and future housing needs.
2. Providing efficient, competent, and cost-effective government services.
3. Encouraging development near cities and employment centers.
4. Continuing to support local schools and health facilities.
5. Investing in local infrastructure.

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