

What are the Problems & Challenges in Your Community?

TOWN OF STAR VALLEY RANCH PROBLEMS & CHALLENGES

Problems and Challenges

- Roads – need improvement
- Aging leadership
- Water
- Rules and regulations needing enforcement
- Lack of Businesses
- Lack of footpaths
- Barn and silo
- Aging leadership
- Year round community building
- Roads – paved or better maintained
- Year round businesses and businesses into the town
- Prioritization – so many things to do what do we do first
- Getting in tune with what the needs of the community are...I.e. younger people with kids – do we need more parks?
- Transition from summer resort to full fledged town is a challenge
- Fire and safety
- Community development and commercial business development
- Bringing community together (hard to melt young and old community members)
- Separate and joint master plans
- Association has to be as active as the town
- As we grow, the lack of town land for future growth (fire station, library)
- Water
- Roads
- Commercial businesses, lack of
- Roads
- Water
- Commercial development
- Roads
- Complete what we start is a major challenge
- Water and road projects completed
- Ability to communicate with absentee property owners
- Ditto

- Roads
- Financing of everything we want to do
- Community center
- Figuring out what we should do for our youth
- “If it is for the kids it is good for the community”
- Bringing the community together
- Roads
- Bringing the community together
- Fire protection
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Year round faculty
- Something for youth in the community
- No emergency communication system – work with town
- Ditto
- Roads
- Fire protection
- Communication
- Ditto
- Year round facility
- Fire protection
- When we grow up do we want to be a bedroom community or destination community? We need to think about that
- No sewer system (municipal sewer treatment facility)
- Making everyone happy at the same time with 30 miles of graveled roads
- Citizens and not enough money
- Citizens do not have enough to do so they call and complain about everything at any time
- Squeaky wheel gets the grease here – people that are here for 3 months get priority treatment
- People don’t pay attention to information – read a first line of a bill or information and complain or think before they understand the situation or information – don’t think something through
- We have residents that have a block in their mind between town and association – don’t know we are 2 separate entities
- Ditto
- Lack of law enforcement presence on the Ranch
- Lack of money for better equipment – in the long run better equipment would save us money
- Ditto
- Ditto – buy equipment that does not do the job
- Lack of adequate staff on board to cover emergencies

- Lack of funding to pay adequate wages
- Ditto
- Budget in relation to equipment and not being able to serve the people with poor equipment
- Old water lines and causing leaks
- Need a vehicle to keep citizens informed – lack of ongoing communication
- Communication – problem is getting community to listen to information we are putting out
- Wages and benefits are too low
- Ditto
- Not enough staff to do all the work required
- Ditto
- Communicating to the people that we are still a growing town and we can't solve things overnight
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Low wages and communication
- Wages and short handed
- Communication with employees and staff of town – need two way communication

(Association)

- Marketing the ranch – signage is an issue. 3 miles off main highway, but need more signage to get people up here
- Restrictions in DCC&Rs
- Communication with the membership – confusion between town and association
- Changing demographics
- Ditto – in a state of flux with so many different opinions
- Clear defined plan to move forward
- Get younger generation involved
- Ditto
- It is no longer a summer place and our facilities are single season use only
- Attracting new businesses into Star Valley Ranch – Association is largest employer at this time
- Lack of marketing
- No amenities in Star Valley Ranch – no services here yet
- Ditto – it would be nice to go down the street to get a gallon of milk
- Ditto
- Don't have facilities to be a destination facility
- Lacking in choices of motel facilities – diminish opportunities
- Lack of small businesses
- Closest airport is Jackson so that becomes the destination
- National economy – driving everything

- Lack of marketing to make Star Valley Ranch a destination
- Confusion on who is who – Town and Association – identify roles of each and who pays for who
- Association has not been good at defining goal and mission of association and articulating that
- Lack of ability of association staff to get input from association members
- Association is squeaky wheel form of management – changing demographics has made it difficult for us to communicate with
- Hate the name “Star Valley Ranch” as a town – causes confusion – and makes people wonder why they have to pay for anything on the ranch
- Lack of respect for any rules here in SVR from visitors
- Member participation is terrible (voting, decision making)
- Safety issue with speeding, kids driving, etc.
- Perception of Star Valley Ranch (fighting, law suits, etc)
- Association: We keeping asking ourselves: Are we trying to make money or give service to our members?
- In a community like this, someone always has something they want to do so it gets moved forward and then everyone has to pay for it.
- Don’t want to see any street lights
- Homeowners leaving lots looking abandoned
- Speeding and no enforcement
- Diverse community with young families as well as senior – don’t think young people are living here for recreation
- Dust control is a problem
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Combining of community members has caused difficulty (young and old and want they want out of the community)
- Ditto
- Roads are improperly taken care of
- Communication is problem since everyone doesn’t have a problem
- Attitude that we are wealthy community and everyone can afford to do all the activities and that we don’t need any help
- Ditto
- Lack of law enforcement (kids driving arts and golf carts)
- Ditto
- Vacant lots (north side) have large tree falling over and no maintenance – creating fire hazard
- Reluctance of town to dabble in anything other than roads and water and assert themselves as the sole governing body
- Unity amount youth

- Ditto
- Ditto
- Difficulty of operation between town and association
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- SVR and association are competing through taxation and assessment causing double cost i.e. when town formed roads and water costs were transferred to town and association costs were not reduced
- Elderly people living alone with reduced abilities and lack of services for them (meals, call, etc)
- Repair barn and silo into a year round facility
- Not street legal vehicles driving around with kids as drivers
- Snow machines and 4 wheelers going too fast
- Two entities running town
- Ditto
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- Money put into roads, cheaper to pave
- Snow removal
- Public access to golf courses rather than through property
- Water freezing in homes in the winter
- Dealing with diversity of community – social and economic
- Ditto
- Lack of community support of senior center in Thayne
- Difficulty of meeting needs of those working and those not working
- Lack of recreation facilities for younger families
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Fire danger with empty lots – need direction on how to clear timber in wooded areas
- Lack of recreation opportunities for kids in the north end of town – huge amount of kids up there
- Lack of understanding of difference between town and association
- Problem with town council going paperless – can't see screen and writing is too small
- Re-think egress and ingress into BLM land (going to be an accident some day)
- Speeding on the roads
- Motorcycles
- Town assume association responsibilities

- Dogs – barking
- Ditto
- Swimming pool costs too much
- Ditto
- Barking dogs and dogs that bite – we now carry clubs
- Dogs
- Town does not support Thayne senior center – could do more to support
- Enforcement of the DCCR rules
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Consistency in enforcement of the DCC&R rules
- Double fees for building
- Transportation for seniors into town
- Water system
- What do I get for my \$300 in assessments?
- Brand new town and going through growing pains and have been interesting
- Because of growing pains, the duality of two leaderships cause numerous problems
- Not like a regular town and have a lot of property available for new business so our revenue stream is not much which limits us
- Perceptions of needs and wants – newer families are opposed to older people who have been here and of course negative perceptions of SVR in the valley
- A community divided – Town and Association and don't seem to be coming together – too many association law suits going on
- Ditto
- Wyoming isn't familiar with an association and if you have not lived in one, you think we have 2 rulers – lack of understanding that they are two separate entities
- Seems to be the concept that we have 2 forms of government – both town and association. The Association is separate business. It needs to be made clear by the association
- This is an unusual town – boundaries are the same for the association and town – town needs to have a recreation department
- Problem with the Association – during election candidates said the association was a recreation facilitator-our fee did not go down when Town took over association duties
- Ditto
- Town is growing and will have tracks that are not part of the association
- Is it appropriate to have something in your town
- Association – given them \$2M to buy ground we have already bought. Association should go away and be a town only
- Apathy – younger people don't have time to participate and don't feel their voice is heard

- Lack of traffic laws
- 909 homes here, 400+ are left empty when snowbirds leave. More than ½ of members are not Wyoming residents. Town is piggy bank to support Association
- Threat of fire
- Don't have arrest powers so scope of authority ends abruptly
- Can't give moving violation
- Property owners are not a problem, but visitors are
- Finding people's addresses on their houses
- We live on north end and no recreation area for us, no bike paths or no way to access it
- Roads – after it rains everything washes out and it is like a jackhammer to get up
- Pot holes on roads – the town tries to fix the holes and they just keep coming back
- When we do try to create our recreational activities we get yelled out by the rule enforcers i.e. sledding on a scarcely used road and she yelled at us and there was no kind interaction. We had people posted watching the road.
- Pool – life guard staff is not adequate (lifeguards just watch – overhear mothers talking about problems at pool
- Up at the north end, we try to build jumps and get in trouble – need a bike jump area
- Signage is lacking for Town amenities
- Not many job opportunities on the ranch for kids – have to drive to Jackson
- Rule enforcer does not warn us, just yells at us
- Lifeguards do not pay attention – boyfriends are down there and there is a lack of attention
- Speeding
- Lived here all our lives – sledding since we have been born and none of neighbors have complained
- Building something new for golfers – they could put the money into building something for the kids that is recreational
- Getting the rest of the community at the table – doesn't matter if it is association or town meeting – very little community involvement
- Two organizations taking a lot of money and providing few services for that money
- Ditto
- Getting reliable, permanent water service to the town
- Started at a retirement golf community – people here a long time they want to put everything back into the golf course and not the rest of the community and other interests
- Community doesn't know what the role of the association is vs role of the Town
- Communication in general – never seem to have enough or doing it the right way
- Distinct or presumed differences in the makeup of the community – snowbird and full time folks and they are different groups with different needs and ideas
- Don't seem to be reaching out to the families and working people of the community – lot of families here and not placing any emphasis on them
- Want to do more for the youth – better understanding of what the youth want

- With the 2 different organizations not sure who you should go to build something
- Fire threat
- Working families are busy with children that we don't get any volunteerism from that portion of the community
- How to reach out to young families and how to engage them in a conversation
- When the sign goes up that 55 and older live here we are gone – we get a lot of joy out of seeing children and young people – concern of lack of understanding in the generations
- Ditto
- Hard to have a community when you don't have town structure – other than town hall. No ball parks, no schools, etc.
- Negative perception in the valley of the people that live here – some is earned – but there are great people here.
- Ditto
- Activities and facilities in the north end – lack of and a safer way for them to get to the recreation facilities
- Maybe we aren't projecting a positive image of the ranch
- I get positive and negative responses about the ranch
- Lack of communication with Town government, lack of communication with Association, meetings being held in the middle of the day so you can't expect input from those of that are working
- Lack of new business and old business are going out and that is effecting all the communities in the Valley
- Ditto
- Area that has experienced rapid growth, development brings challenges, takes a while to bring infrastructure up with needs. Growth is emotional for a community
- Ditto
- Some people that have moved to Ranch expect it to be a Town, but there is still a transition between Ranch and Association, so it has caused problems with the rules of the Association (i.e. paying dues). Transition of melting the association and Town.
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Association/town dual government – Town has opportunity to address covenants in 2011
- No fences or structures – it is our property and we should be able to do as we please
- Star Valley Ranch constable harassed us on numerous occasions for things that we don't think is very serious, i.e. people parking road during a yard sale.
- The same short, medium and long-term goals are still on the table for recreation, such as tennis,
- Meet needs of changing demographics in the community
- When we have rapid change you need to commit to on-going review of community plans
- Codes have stayed the same – people have come from different places and it is hard to get people to comply with codes
- Ditto
- Trying to determine how much additional regulation we should put on activities

- Ditto
- With changes in DCC&R – need a community that is working together and not spreading apart
- Fire suppression in forest and on property itself
- Adjusting to growing pains and changes in the town from planning and building standpoint – interesting proposition to put standards in an area that has been wild west
- Putting good standards into place that will enhance safety and quality of life
- Law enforcement is going to be a growing need in this area, whether to increase county resources or joint efforts with other communities
- Tax situation is a challenge for communities – industrial activities in the south – north reaps the benefits – this are retraction activities and coal is more and more unreliable – natural gas is trendy, but runs out quicker than coal – long term big picture issue. If tax base diminishes and we have to make with our own taxes, we will have tough choices.
- So many needs and wants and so little time and money to get it done
- Ditto
- Planning for recreation and recreational activities is a challenge
- Water
- Commercial property
- Ditto
- Employment opportunities
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Squeaky wheel gets the grease
- Major gathering area
- Lack of amenities i.e. gas
- Economic development
- Lack of commercial property
- Lack of jobs
- Planned recreational activities
- Lack of qualified employees
- Communities working together
- Community unification
- Communication
- No gas station
- Economic diversification
- Water and roads
- Ditto

- Training opportunities
- Infrastructure
- Ditto
- Fire suppression
- NO parks and recreation
- Lack of higher education opportunities
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Communication
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Lack of funds
- Commercial services – 10 of one thing but not 10 different things
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Schools – concentrated on southern end of valley
- There is no 24/7 security. Once in a while one might see a sheriff's truck. Four tracs and golf carts have been stolen and taken for joy rides, trucks driving across greens and tearing up the surface. Underage drivers on our streets.
- There are no ordinances for shooting firearms on the ranch. Fireworks and open fires are all that is in place. We have lots of children on the Ranch and no firearm ordinance.
- Our SVR infrastructure is near the end of its life. No funding assessments are in place to rebuild our infrastructure.
- The swimming pool, playground is way too small for our growing population and are in the wrong location. The hazards of the adjacent golf course are an accident, waiting to happen and a subsequent law suit.
- The same short, medium and long term goals are still on the table for recreation such as tennis, pickle ball, athletic fields, hiking trails, etc.
- No roads have been paved
- The water meter system did not take in lawn watering and the lawns will be brown now because of low pressure and the expense of the water usage is not good
- Noise (motorcycles, dogs, fireworks, gunfire, diesel trucks and screaming kids
- Money, roads, sewers, Association
- Lincoln County Commissioners do not help the Ranch Town as they should
- Group at odds with Association. People don't aide by covenants we pay \$100 year to store son's pick up and small flat bed trailers, yet there are 5th wheels all over ranch. We resent that.
- The major problem is two administrations Town of SVR and SVRA. SVRA needs to turn all facilities over to the Town and disband
- Traffic, speed control on streets/highways

- Kids driving golf carts at high speeds
- Weed control
- Loud mufflers on cars and motorcycles
- Modernization/change of orientation/vision of SVRA from “elite” golf resort to mountain community
- SVR Road crew is modifying roads, therefore building roads, they are not experts and in many cases create problems where none existed before modification was done
- The town of Star Valley Ranch and Star Valley Ranch Association are two “Governing” entities which complicates the process of providing a well balanced community meeting needs of citizens. The need for the Association is obsolete.
- Lack of leadership for the House an entertainment Committee
- Water aerobics class for women should not pay a fee – the assessment is enough
- People who do not follow the DCCR’s – allow under age drivers on golf carts, ATV, dirt bikes, on our roads, run stop signs, talk on the phone while driving, speeding
- Barking dogs
- Communication (lack of) – need better communication between town and residents, association and residents and way for residents to communicate with each other (online, bulletin board) listing yard sales, trades, services, activities.
- It has become a bedroom community for Jackson, WY. You have mixed use in permanent and part-time residents. Both parties need to be included in decisions; many homes are not taken care of.
- We think there are far too many dogs and are particularly annoyed by the ones left home all day while owners are gone (probably at work).. They (or many of them) just bark and bark and bark.
- It doesn’t seem like the DCCRs are being enforced – sizes of buildings, RVs on lots, speeding, fireworks on ranch
- Some of the roads got so bad that we had to drive into the barrow pits to avoid the horrible holes.
- Lack of road repair
- Lack of leadership
- The Association should be dismantled now that we are a town
- Need of a new water system – we have every low pressure and nothing can be done until a new, larger main line is installed
- DCCRs and the Association of old golfers
- 2 governing bodies – let’s just have a Town
- We would like to see the DCCRs eliminated totally. The Association should be strictly recreation (golf) as a “country club”.
- The town should be responsible for all the rest as in other towns
- 2 organizations managing the ranch
- 2 taxes from organizations managing the ranch – why not just one
- Nowhere for children to ride motorized vehicles, i.e. track, etc.
- No approval yet to fence in backyard
- No decent playground

- Road conditions – potholes, dirt roads
- No need to have an association – we are a town
- Water system
- No zoning and building codes
- Unlawful use of ATVs/snowmobiles on streets, especially underage users
- Rusty water pipes
- Pot holes in paved roads
- Town wants to become fancy city town, people don't want that, moved here to get away from that
- Maintain communication with the SVR Association
- Improvement/maintenance of water system and roads
- Water systems
- Relationship between the SVR and SVRA
- Both SVR and SVRA have building committees
- Getting outdated DCCRs changed to accommodate modern times and requirements. Overcome voter apathy so we can get the necessary 70% of voting membership
- SVR has negative image due to problems with SVRA excessive membership dues, overzealous DCCRs and an Association that is largely out of touch with the membership. This greatly affects the sale ability of property here.
- Lack of shopping in the area and excessive prices in the stores that are available.
- SVR association and town are competing to meet needs of diverse community thru taxation and assessment thereby creating a “double cost” to town residents and association members who are one and the same.
- The Association does not recognize the diversity of community it represents. Total community wishes and needs are not being heeded.
- Road erosion
- Water pressure
- Interactions with the enforcement officer here have been negative and confrontational. This poses a problem for my children to be respectful and have a positive attitude toward law enforcement
- The willingness of the leadership of the town to acknowledge and participate in programs like the senior center in Thayne.
- The town and Association leadership needs to realize how the economic downturn in Lincoln County is affecting many families and get rid of the elitist attitude that everyone is rich who lives on the Ranch.
- It is cheaper to take children and grandchildren to the RV pool to swim rather than go to the SVR pool.