

# What are the major strengths and assets of your community?

## TOWN OF STAR VALLEY RANCH STRENGTHS & ASSETS

### Strengths and assets

- Volunteers that come together to clean up community
- Retired community of folks that have good skills and willing to volunteer
- Ditto
- Volunteers
- Good team to get things in the town to get things where they are today
- Ditto
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- One team heading the same direction – both town and association
- Community leaders worked hard to get grant writing
- Beautiful area that people like and people are willing to contribute to it
- For a town that is 4 years old – heading in the right direction
- Define Star Valley Ranch– sense of community & people in the Valley know where we are
- Team of council – pull the town together and achieved so much so far
- Natural resources
- Natural beauty and the four seasons
- Can't change the natural beauty of this area – you can change the council
- Can't change the influx of people coming here due to the natural beauty
- Volunteerism
- Proximity to natural beauty and recreation
- Leadership flexibility – willing to change and modify the direction and achieve what you need to achieve
- Ditto
- Great physical assets – water, green areas, National Forest – able to use those assets to build a better recreation program and quality of life
- Foresight on the town, association and with that foresight building plans to go forward
- Access to the surrounding area
- Ability to network with so many different people
- Natural recreation
- Nice clear air, except when we have Forest fire
- Beauty of area
- Town and association live on volunteers – pretty proud of where we are today (cut and plagiarized but they are pretty darn good)
- How many people get an opportunity to walk out your back door and see a moose and the natural beauty
- Leadership – aggressive leadership on both town and association side

- 4 seasons – remoteness
- Intellectual assets – pool of knowledge we have to draw on
- Low crime
- Council fully utilizes what is at their disposal – they have learned and moved forward
- Financial strength
- Leadership of both council and association
- Youth of association board is an asset
- Being in Wyoming is an asset – small population state with mineral resources
- Feel safe in this community because of the people
- 5th penny passed – gives community some stability and meet objectives
- Lack of businesses gives the community the opportunity to figure out what it really needs before business come in
- Town is a great model for the association
- Being a new town, we have been able to learn from mistakes of other towns and do it better
- Slow moving town – allowing us to do it right the first time
- Proud of Town staff – love the people that are here
- Forest and scenery
- Great place to raise a family
- Lived in Star Valley my whole life, never see me leaving it is a great place
- Active Mayor and Council – supportive and helpful
- Proud to say I work for Star Valley Ranch – council and mayor are always out there getting \$ and grants
- Mayor, Council and staff – great people to work with
- Most of the citizens are great
- We have started something – it is going to take a lot to finish it – hope our Mayor and Council will be around long enough to keep moving in that direction
- Pretty place to live – citizens are nice
- Beautiful place to work – so much challenge here for road work – pallet or canvas to work on
- Accomplishments we have done in 4-5 years – when we get complaints we can act on them
- Workers – never had a job I enjoy more than this one
- Community is great – 99% of people are cordial and great
- Wherever you go in the Valley people think it is great you work at Star Valley – people enjoy coming to work here
- The way community finds ways of getting things done and how quick town acts on it
- Amenities – golf courses, pools
- Ditto
- Friendly people – not like folks in the city – people know that we are workers put them first
- I use to carry a gun for a living and now I only have to carry it once in a while
- Beautiful place to live
- Ditto

- People are in awe of the beauty when they visit
- Golf courses (2 great courses)
- Hunting opportunities
- National Forest
- Access to National Forest
- Backcountry skiing
- Huge asset is the National Forest and we need to push it
- Swimming pool
- Mountains, valleys and scenery and seasons – atmosphere-outdoor activities-hard to beat any place in the county
- Uniqueness of the Ranch – terrain, nestled in the mountains – great new perspective for new home owners
- Beautiful places I have ever seen
- Summer climate
- Water source – great asset now but it could be a problem in the future
- Snowmobile trail
- Not crowded, especially in the winter
- Great place to raise a family
- Safe except maybe for a golf ball once in a while
- The fact that we have become a town is a major asset
- Wildlife - migration corridor
- Good working relationship with the Town – cash fund that needs to be invested- could be an asset in the future if invested correctly
- Good horse country and everything is here to create some type of business
- Quality employees at the association that are not utilized enough or thanked enough (recognition)
- Recreational opportunities and affordability of housing available compared to other areas in western Wyoming
- Good climate
- Major assets – the more we do here we provide job opportunities
- Senior center in Thayne – meals are delivered
- Senior center in Thayne – many services – meals are fantastic
- We are in Wyoming
- Great people that give of their time
- Beauty of the area
- Friendliness
- Talent and well educated and experienced people on the ranch and need to reach out
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Recreation resources

- Formation of the Town
- We are trying to improve as a town and association
- Lucky to get out in the winter time – snowplowing is great
- Clean air and keep it that way!
- Mayor and Council that are making positive changes
- Ditto
- Moving on with town
- Unlimited potential
- Becoming a town
- 27 holes of golf, tennis, swimming and lots of recreation
- Ditto
- We have it all!
- Cooperative efforts between SRA and town
- It is beautiful
- Availability of senior center
- People and natural beauty
- Clean air and water
- In Wyoming
- Response to concerns immediately
- Working together SVRA and town
- Willing to get together and cooperate and get something done
- Ditto
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- Talented and educated people
- Low taxes of Wyoming
- Smart enough to get WRDC involved and do assessment
- Volunteers
- Warren – great asset
- Can do quick way of getting things done – go for something
- Maintenance crew
- Keeping roads plowed in winter
- Ditto
- Low cost of recreation facilities
- All of the people that want to improve our community
- Responsiveness of maintenance people
- Quality of leadership
- A community where they are families

- Ditto
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- The nice use of this building
- Mayor and council – strong group that work well together for our
- Glad I don't have to travel to Thayne to get mail
- Friendly town office staff
- Working with town on building –super bunch of people
- Diverse ages
- Work that leadership has done to secure grants
- No crime – crime free
- We are in Wyoming
- Town is moving forward
- Beautiful scenery
- No crowds
- Diverse population of all ages, variety of talents and abilities and want to make this community better
- Beauty of area – winter and summer
- Excellent leaders
- STP – same ten people volunteering but that is a strength because those people care
- Environment
- Unique community with a vast pool of knowledge and skills and willing to share
- We are the envy of surrounding town because of the knowledge and volunteerism
- Winters – love them! Summers are a welcome surprise
- Strengths are the same as weaknesses: remote, secluded, and diversified
- Proximity to where this community is to everything else around here: mountains, fishing, etc.
- Town maintenance crew – they come when you need help
- Water quality – I've lived all over this country and this is the only place that water has tasted like water!
- Younger community – don't utilize them well
- Unity of Town and Mayor and the time they spend together to reach goals and keep good records on what they have accomplished and what they have not – good records
- Association and Town Council cooperation – don't see negativity a few years ago
- Education level of the majority of people is high but they still work hard – quality people
- Most citizens are law abiding and want to comply with ordinances if they know about them
- When Lincoln county responds they do a great job
- Health emergencies – they get here quick and do a great job
- Great place to live – you know your neighbors and know the deer that hang out in your yard
- Mayor and Council are doing a great job
- Volunteers for fire department – people willing to volunteer

- Everybody is willing to work with you and understand problems – people are very understanding, i.e. water break
- Community comes together and work well together – cohesive and want to help the whole town
- Ditto
- Community is tight knit, setting aside problems between Town and Association – usually not such a divided place
- Nice neighbors
- People help each other out a lot
- Everyone is really friendly – golfers stop and talk to you, sometimes longer than you would like
- Well organized, nice that it has meetings like this
- Try and fill in the pot holes – they do their best
- We have a ditch we play in and they let us play in that (that is because they can't see us)
- Golf courses are well taken care of
- Safe place to live and play
- Friends are obsessed by the mountains
- Tight knit community
- Keep it really nice – not dirty
- Bike trail – Ranch did a great job
- Soccer field
- Sledding area – build a hill we can sled on – no way for the kids on the north to get to it
- Friends – have friends, make friends
- Came here to retire and love the community and the people in this community – Wyoming is a welcoming state
- The crowd we were running around with live here, so we moved here
- Winter activities and access to those activities
- Great people
- Day recreation activities – pool, driving range, chipping greens, up the canyons – lots of access without loading up 3 kids – you can go out your back door
- I built a spec house – could afford to build one. Liked the area so much we kept the spec house.
- Affordability of lots and location of lot with a great view and great neighbors
- Great neighbors – know everyone and a great mix of people
- Our neighbors are only there a couple of weekends a year – so they are great neighbors!
- Great central location in the valley and walking distance to forest
- Grew up in eastern Wyoming but came here to visit as a kid and wondered why I was living in eastern Wyoming – Wyoming is in my blood.
- Activities available
- Social activities
- Activity based community that I want to support
- Beautiful here – not a bad lot on the ranch

- Affordable and a little cabin that needed some love is what brought us
- Can play golf any time!
- Ditto
- My wife likes golf so the community makes it easy for me to keep her happy!
- Safe – don't have to lock the doors
- Ditto
- Financial posture of Town and Association – four years ago, we had nothing and the Association was in debt. We are at a crossroads and need to decide where to go
- One of the major benefits of this area, we share low taxes of others in Wyoming and we don't have to put up with the impact of trains, oil and gas, etc.
- I bleed Brown and Gold
- SVR as an entity and Association puts on great things for the Valley, i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration
- Top 5 priorities from last assessment were action plans and you can see the changes – i.e. town hall – human capital that went into creating Town has been amazing
- Ditto
- Town has leveraged growth
- Town has led the way in 5<sup>th</sup> cent sales tax proposals
- Town has voting leverage
- Ability to focus priorities has been an asset
- Town Government – Council and Mayor
- Population backing – people in community have supported change
- Pride of ownership of property – beautiful place to drive into
- People are involved and pay attention – active in what goes on
- SVR brings a lot to Lincoln County
- Tremendous amount of background people bring – people have come all over the world to live here, so the human capital is amazing
- Many volunteers and people get behind their community
- Recreational opportunities – golf, swimming, etc.
- Lots to offer
- Never lack for volunteers
- Where valley floor meets the forest is beautiful
- A lot going for it
- Town has success stories they can leverage (i.e. main street, water, blm acreage) – they are all projects in infancy, but represent success
- Tangible success stories
- You have a draw to get people here and then they are going to want to buy
- Potential for growth is great
- Strength of Lincoln county – industry in the south benefits the entire county

- Beautiful area good home prices, but the problems outweigh the strength and we will be selling and moving soon
- Incredible pool of talent in this community that volunteer their time – diversity of knowledge they are willing to contribute to the community
- Wyoming has lots of natural resources and low property tax so our overall tax burden is low compared to other states
- Community are in good financial posture – best we have been in a long time
- Re-assessment of SVR for the community and passed the 1% tax increase
- Our community is above and beyond with giving people – they share, they do what they say they are going to do, people are accepting – strong asset for our community
- Since last assessment, SVR has completed a master plan exercise; followed up by development and commercial codes – those are good milestones – challenge is to keep it relevant. Use milestone to build and grow on.  
SVR atheistically a strong candidate for retirees.
- Challenge, but potential strength: cooperation and capability we can put together between Town and Association is a great strength. We have thoughtful, experienced people.
- Town has made great strides in a short time and the Association is following with their master planning – potential strength of working together should be noted.
- With towns taking over roads and water it is going to take time, Association doing some things – the value of what you get when you buy a lot is great – the value for your dollar is great.
- The people
- Outdoor activities
- Diversity of background of people
- Good schools
- Fishing
- Outdoor recreation
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Your voice is heard in the valley – people care and try to make it better
- Recreation
- Scenic beauty
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Community success stories
- Personal caring for each other
- Scenic setting
- Ditto
- Ditto

- Ditto
- Vision
- Summer climate
- Deep snow
- Golfing
- Entrepreneurship
- Medical facility in the area
- Library system in our area
- Ditto
- Ditto
- Economical place to live
- Sense of community
- People
- 4 seasons are well defined
- People move here for values of the community
- This place is too good to be true
- Good projects
- Community values
- Love it
- Simplot opportunity
- Golf courses and the natural beauty of the Ranch
- Home ownership and a ranch wide DCC&Rs standard will be a marked improvement for the associations operation. Enforcement still remains a problem.
- Organized golf
- Good recreation – Not a subdivision
- Wildlife
- Weather
- Location, location, location
- Beautiful, friendly affordable
- Town making some nice improvements, buildings, etc.
- The major strength of the town has been to aggressively seek federal and state grants for much needed infrastructure improvements.
- Town is going in the right direction
- Location – living in the mountain, proximity to all mountain sports
- The town is still young and still has time to make important changes that will greatly benefit the entire community. The people who live here want to see things done that will benefit all community residents – not a club.
- Excellent water quality; scenic views; friendly people; excellent city government, uncrowned lots
- Location

- Feeling of community
- Golf courses
- Events
- Social activities
- People are friendly
- Natural beauty
- Good base of homes
- Attractive area which will grow as the economy gets better
- Golf courses are a real asset
- Fairly quiet and peaceful (except for dogs)
- Wildlife come to visit
- Space between houses, large lots and lots of trees
- Rural feeling even though we are part of a town
- Small, quiet community
- Open space beautiful views, rural area, no traffic congestion
- A few people with foresight of this recreational and young family, building this town
- Beauty
- Water
- Golf, swim, tennis opportunities
- The people
- Beautiful golf courses and area
- Quiet, peaceful; water is inexpensive; improvements are made; listen to town people
- Effective town council
- Access to state and federal money
- Improved water system
- Town leadership
- Water
- Recreation – Association
- Golf, pools, playground, tennis
- Many full-time residents
- A strong town council
- None anymore
- Outstanding beauty and scenery in the area
- The recreational facilities at SVR are real benefits to living there
- It has been difficult in the past to raise the funds to make the necessary improvements that we need to keep the facilities functional – now with the roads and utilities maintained by the Town, the SVRA can do the necessary maintenance on the amenities.
- With the incorporating of SVR, they now have the opportunity to receive some government grants to assist with the water and road improvements.

- Golf courses clean air, best water anywhere, the natural surrounding beauty of the valley, the recreational opportunities (hiking, biking, ATV riding, snowmobiling, and winter sports), and the closeness to Jackson Hole, Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.
- Town leadership
- Diverse population of all ages with variety of talents, skills, abilities who desire a community that provides services for all of its residents at a reasonable cost.
- Community
- Some members are willing to work toward change needed as we've seen rapid growth