



# Taos County **Comprehensive Plan**

## **DRAFT ALTERNATIVES MEETING**

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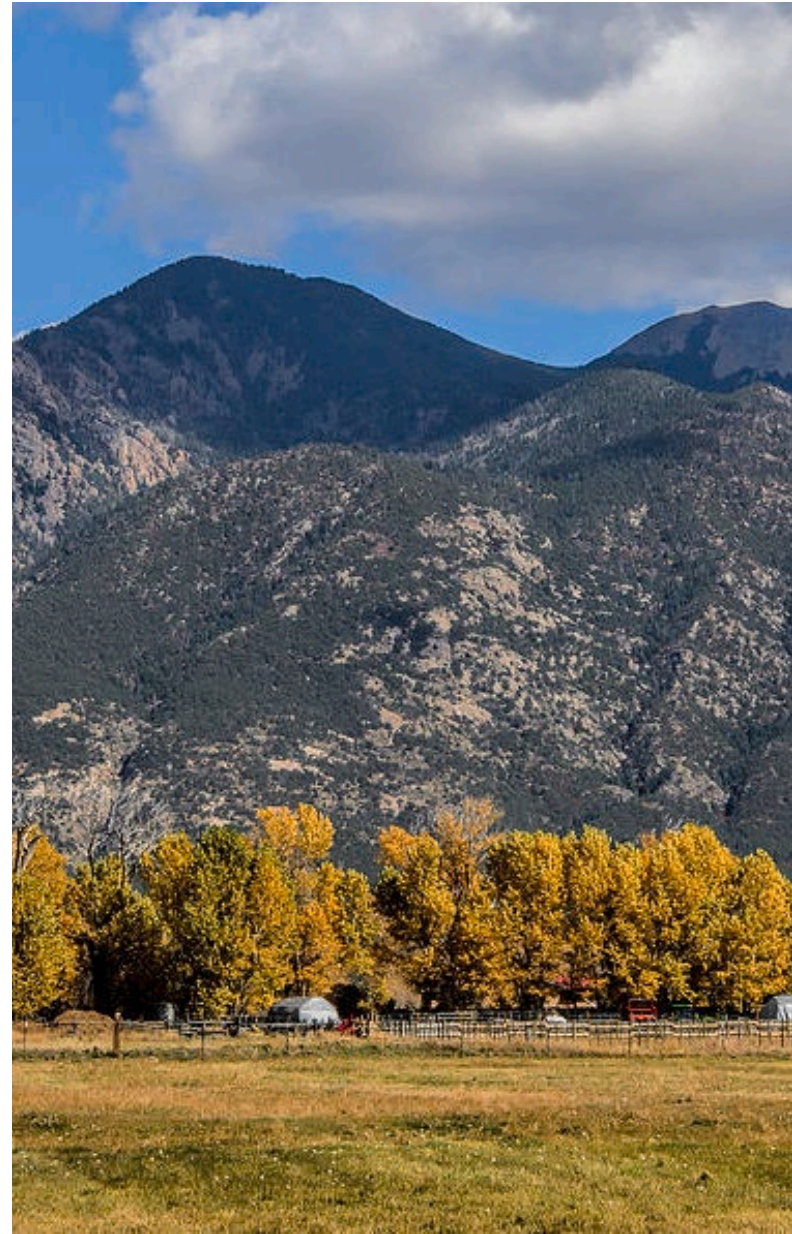
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# PLANNING PROCESS

- Kicked off the project in December
- Ongoing meetings with the Steering Committee
- Designed and administered the Community Survey - 1,146 participants!
- Interviews with key stakeholders
- Two visioning meetings in Taos on April 11th
- Two visioning meetings in Questa and Peñasco on April 30th and May 2nd
- Completed the research and existing conditions phase
- Draft goals and objectives and draft alternative land use scenarios



# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS







## Goals & Objectives: Land Use

- Providing a balanced mix of land uses to accommodate housing and business/employment
- Protecting and preserving traditional agriculture and acequia systems
- Improving the visual appearance



## Goals & Objectives: Housing

- Increasing the housing supply to include diversity of housing types, unit sizes, and prices
- Promoting new housing development with a variety of housing development types
- Supporting rehabilitation of existing dilapidated, vacant, and/or abandoned housing units



## Goals & Objectives: Economic Development

- Pursuing a diversified, resilient, and equitable economy
- Supporting economic initiatives to expand existing businesses, attracting new well-paying jobs and business opportunities, and facilitating small business development





## Goals & Objectives: Economic Development

- Developing a responsible, stewardship-based tourism economy
- Creating a well-trained workforce to meet the needs of existing and future employers





## Goals & Objectives: Transportation

- Maintaining safe roadway conditions
- Establishing a safe and efficient pedestrian and bike system
- Expanding transit services in unincorporated Taos County





## Goals & Objectives: Transportation

- Expanding air travel and general aviation at Taos Regional Airport
- Providing appropriate roadway access to existing and future development





## Goals & Objectives: Water Resources & Infrastructure

- Promoting sustainable and efficient management of water resources through conservation
- Maintaining a safe and sustainable water supply
- Protecting the groundwater supply from potential degradation





## Goals & Objectives: Water Resources & Infrastructure

- Expanding affordable access to broadband and quality internet services
- Expanding participation in reducing, reusing, and recycling initiatives





## Goals & Objectives: Community Services & Facilities

- Maintaining an adequate level of law enforcement services
- Improving fire protection and emergency services



## Goals & Objectives: Community Services & Facilities

- Increasing access to public facilities and programs
- Expanding access to healthcare and mental health services and clinical care








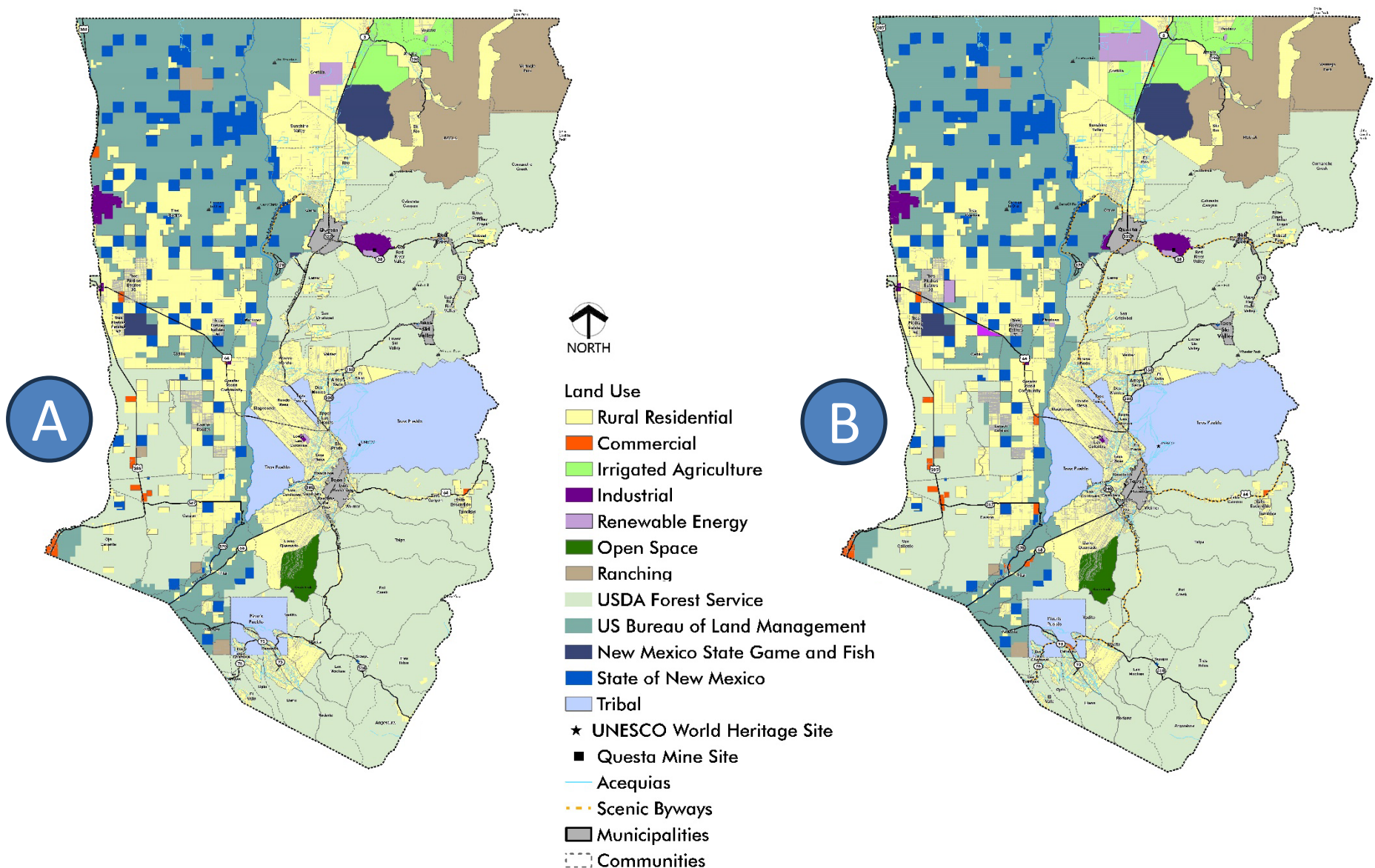
## Goals & Objectives: Hazard Mitigation

- Reducing vulnerability to natural and man-made hazard events
- Reducing vulnerability to wildfires
- Building resilience and preparedness in responding to pandemics and infectious diseases

# DRAFT GOALS & OBJECTIVES EXERCISE

- Review each goal and objective and indicate your support by using a sticky dot:
  -  Green dot - I like this, it's good to go
  -  Yellow dot - I like this, but it should be reworded
  -  Red dot - I don't like this
- Once you've completed this exercise, please go back to your seats — we aren't done yet!

# DRAFT ALTERNATIVE LAND USE SCENARIOS





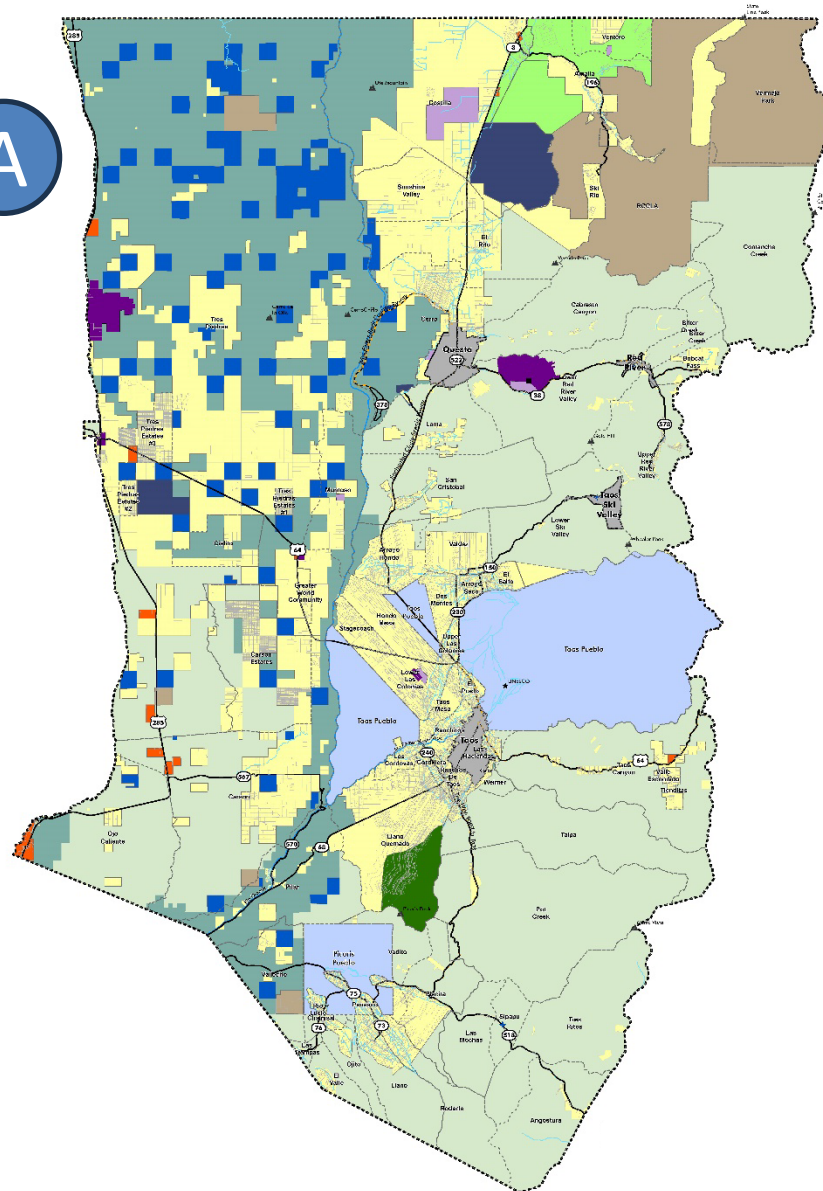
# DRAFT ALTERNATIVE LAND USE SCENARIO A



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## Land Use

- Rural Residential
- Commercial
- Irrigated Agriculture
- Industrial
- Renewable Energy
- Open Space
- Ranching
- USDA Forest Service
- US Bureau of Land Management
- New Mexico State Game and Fish
- State of New Mexico
- Tribal
- ★ UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Questa Mine Site
- Acequias
- Scenic Byways
- Municipalities
- Communities



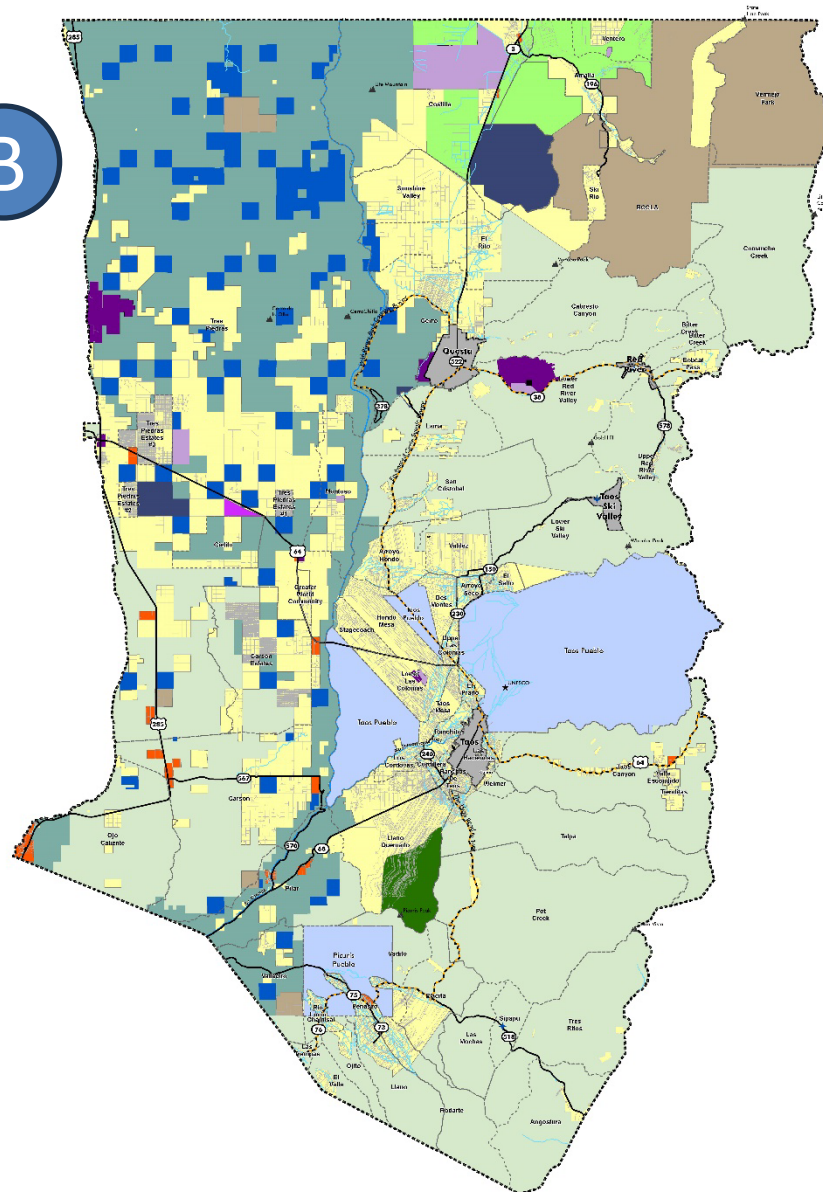
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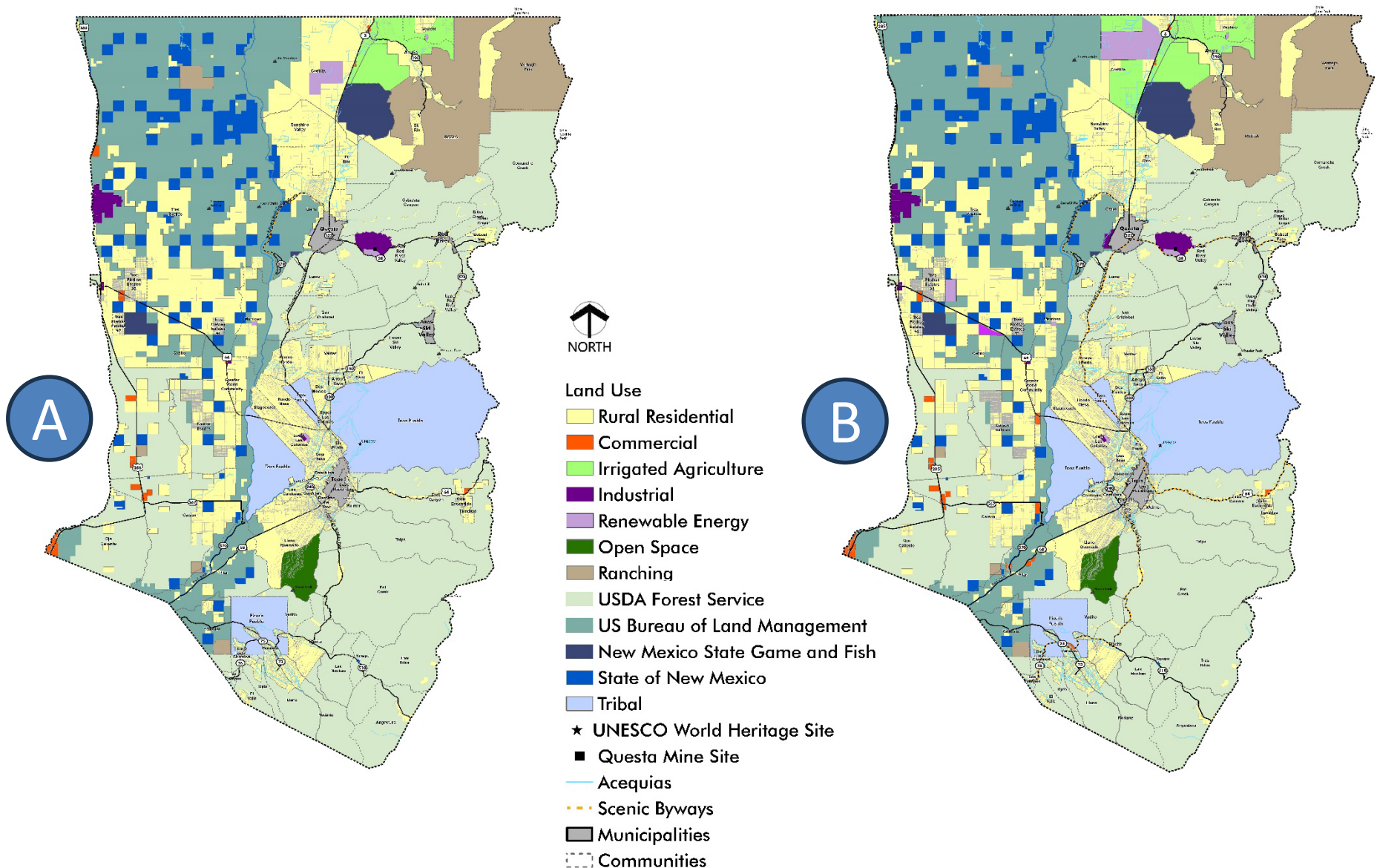
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# WHICH SCENARIO DO YOU LIKE & WHY?







## Next Steps:

- Write strategies that will implement the goals and objectives
- Complete Draft Comprehensive Plan
- Schedule third Community Meeting(s)
- Receive comments and make revisions
- Review and adoption by Taos County Commission

# STAY CONNECTED

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