

Colstrip Town Meeting

October 14th, 2009

SWOT Analysis

Strengths

Economy

- Low Taxes
- General Commercial By-products
 - o Natural Resource Development
- Bank / Credit Union
- High Paying Jobs
- Low unemployment rate
- Location
- Public Works Employees
- Got Socks Cooperative Store
- Grocery Store
- Public Inter-Local Agreement

Quality of Life

- Proactive Public Sector
- S.H.A.C.
- C.P.R.D.
- Churches vs Bars Ratio
- School Support
- Youth Activities
- Progressive Senior Community
- Compassionate People
- Clean Community / Pride
- Educated Community
- Free C.P.R.D. memberships
- Award Winning Town
 - (C.P.R.D - School - Police)
- Library
- Patriotic Community
- Hiking/Bike Trails
- Golf - Folf Courses
- 1 Park per 100 People
- Before / After School Programs
- Supportive Voters and Turnout

Health

- Medical Facility
- Active / Healthy Community

Infrastructure

- Good Infrastructure / Maintenance
- New City Hall
- Lighting District

Natural Resources

- Plenty of Natural Resources Development
- Outdoor / Water Recreation
 - o (Hunt / Fish)

Services

- Fire Department Rating
 - (Lower Insurance Cost)
- Airport

Weaknesses

Economy

- R.V. Park
- Fine Dining
- Shopping / Retail
- Business Development / Center
- Low Unemployment
- Labor Availability
- Lawsuit Mentality
 - o Property values
- No Land / Sub-Divide
- Aging Workforce
- Non Diversified Economy
- Distance to Markets
- Per Capita Income no grants
- Per Capita Income / Service Employment
- Lack of Office Space
- Lack of Commercial Space
- Bottom/Fly Ash Community Opportunities
- National and State Attitude / Coal
- State Environment Laws vs National
- Cap and Trade Legislation
- "Shift Work"
- Billings

Quality of Life

- Child Care
- Public Participation

Services

- Pharmacy

Infrastructure

- Traffic Lights
- Housing
 - o New
 - o Available
 - o Affordable
 - o Lots
 - o Senior Living
 - o Rentals
 - o Apathetic Land Owners (Major)
 - o Absentee Land Owners (Major)
- No Recycling - Landfill

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Opportunities:

Economy

- Coal Development
- Otter Creek Project
- Replacement Workers
 - o Retirees
- Business Development Land
- Skilled work force
- Housing
 - o Single Family
 - o Affordable
 - o Rentals
 - o Senior
- Paste Plant
- SEMDC
- Bottom Ash
- Geo Thermal

Quality of Life

- Child Care
- RV Parks

Infrastructure

- Land Fill / Methane
- Airport Road Paved
- Recycling Program Equipment

Services

- Lawsuits
- Telecommunication
- City Administrative Supervisor

Health

- Medical
- Ambulance Equipment / Training
- Pharmacy

Threats:

Economy

- Lawsuits
 - o Image
 - o Major Employers
 - o R.E. Values
 - o Re-Sell Options
- Cap-n-Trade Legislation
- Major Land Owners
 - o No Sale Attitude
- Coal / Environment Attitudes
- Close to Billings
- No 2010 Overhaul
- Extreme Environmental Groups

Projects:

- City Street Renovations
- Water Plant – City
- Lagoon – City
- Animal Shelter
- Senior Housing
- Senior Center
- Child Care
- Tele-Pharmacy
- Ambulance Equipment
- Airport Road Paving
- Law Enforcement Facility
- Recycling Programs
- Geo - Thermal
- RV Park
- Wading Pool
- Parks (Acreage Lots)
- Little League Play Fields (CPRD)
- New Fire Truck