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# Industrial areas get nod

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Town and county planners unanimously support efforts to expand areas that allow for light industrial businesses.

During their weekly review of the Jackson/Teton County Comprehensive Plan on Thursday, planning commissioners requested that town and county staff come up with a list of options that would be appropriate for light industrial areas.

"We have to leave some room for that part of our community," Teton County Planning Commissioner Paul Duncker said.

Current regulations allow a concentration of light industrial uses at the South Park Service Center and along Gregory

Lane, county planner Alex Norton said.

The draft of the plan already includes provisions to protect light industrial areas but does not include additional locations for those types of businesses.

"Due to limited opportunities to expand or add additional light industrial areas, the town will protect these existing areas against encroachment of retail uses," the plan states, referring to the cluster of businesses along Gregory Lane.

The plan awards the same protection to the current cluster of light-industrial businesses in the South Park Service Center, in southern South Park near Melody Ranch.

"Keeping these businesses located in Jackson Hole is an important part of maintaining a diverse and balanced economy

and community," the plan states.

Planning commissioners also voted Thursday to identify Hog Island as an appropriate place for home businesses and light industrial uses, which several planning commissioners said was not clear in the current draft.

"This is an area where people can go to have home businesses," Town Planning Commissioner Lisa daCosta said. "That should be clear."

Jackson Planning Commissioner Paul Nash raised concerns about what kind of visual impact additional light industrial businesses would have on one of the main entrances to town.

Nash's comments prompted commissioners to include a provision that requires

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"sensitivity to the gateway treatment" from light industrial businesses in the Hog Island area.

Planning commissioners also took several votes on how to address limits

on the total size of homes. They voted to make no changes to size limits for homes in the valley.

The two commissions are scheduled to continue their review of the plan at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the county commissioners' chambers, 200 S. Willow St.