

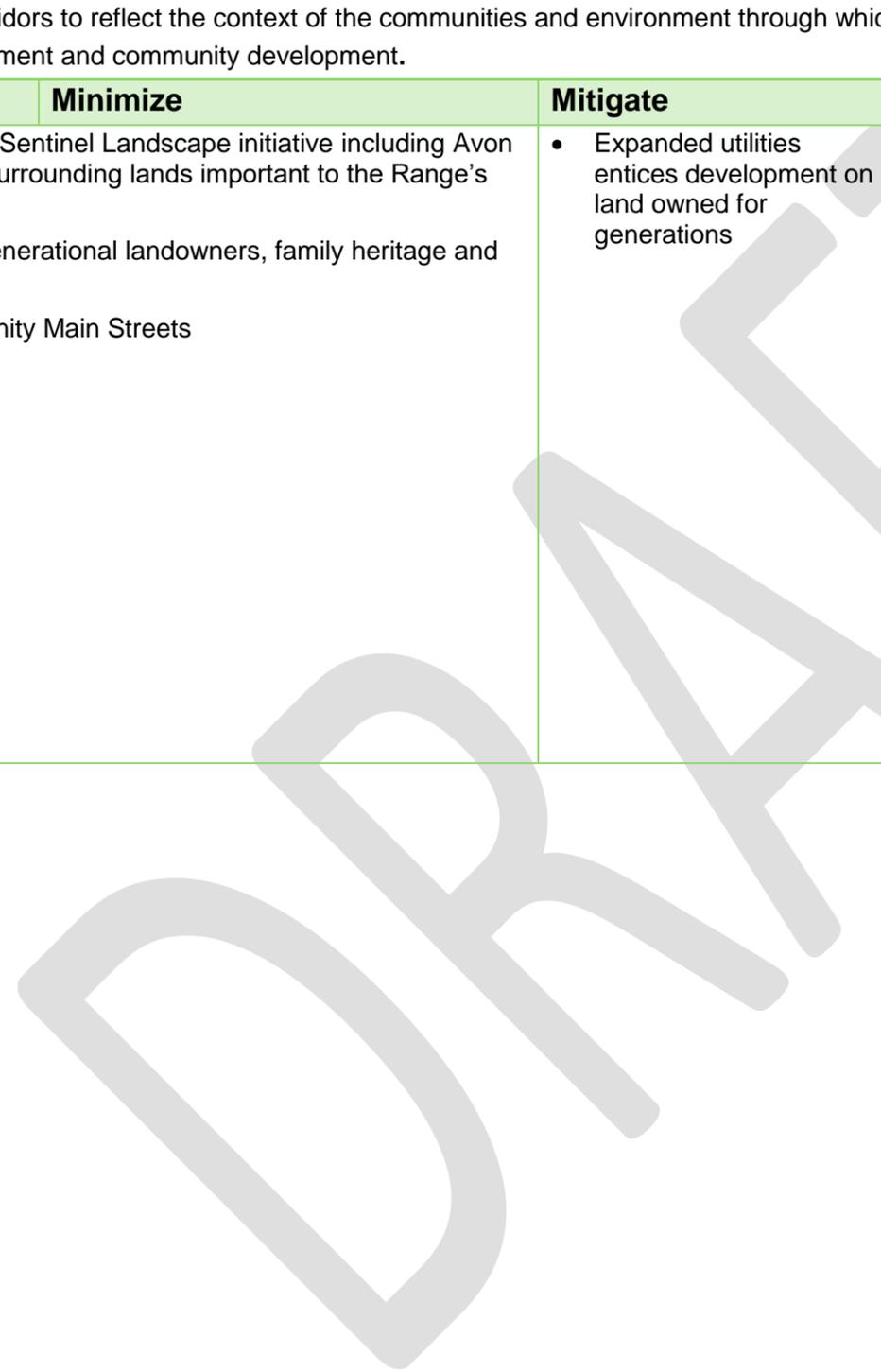
Task Force Meeting #4: Draft Guiding Principles Worksheet

Natural Guiding Principles	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid, to the extent feasible, and enhance, to extent practical, existing lands currently managed for conservation purposes; where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts on these lands. 2. Avoid, to the extent feasible, and enhance, to extent practical, lands proposed for management for conservation purposes; where avoidance is not feasible, minimize and mitigate impacts to these lands. 3. Minimize and mitigate impacts to endangered, threatened, rare, or endemic species and their habitats, as well as to rare or endemic plant communities. Enhance these area to extent practical. 4. Avoid, to the extent possible, and enhance, to extent practical, degradation of fresh water sources and aquifer recharge areas; where avoidance is not possible, minimize and mitigate impacts on these resources. 5. Maintain, and where possible, restore and enhance water quality and water shed integrity. 6. Minimize direct impacts to wetlands; where mitigation is needed, pursue regional or landscape-scale approaches. 7. Avoid or minimize fragmentation of, or other negative impacts to, regionally significant or large contiguous agricultural lands and other rural lands with environmental significance, working with landowners to understand their future plans. 8. Maintain and, where possible, restore and enhance the integrity and connectivity of regionally significant environmental lands, with emphasis on enhancing connectivity for wildlife, water, and other resources. 9. Enhance, to extent practical, existing roads to improve natural resource conditions. 			
	Avoid	Minimize	Mitigate	Enhance
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation lands under federal, state (including Florida Preservation 2000 Act lands and Florida Forever program acquired lands), local, and private sector ownership, including mitigation banks, and conservation easements • Land needed for proper management of conservation lands, e.g., smoke sheds for controlled burns • Existing scientific data collection sites • Florida Forever proposed acquisitions and priority easements in acquisition process • Lands identified as priorities through the Everglades restoration program • Lands identified as priorities through statewide or regional landscape scale conservation initiatives, including the Florida Ecological Greenways Network and Critical Lands and Waters Identification Process priority 1 and 2 designations • Lands identified as optimal boundaries of existing conservation lands • Mitigation land from previous projects • Priorities may include Outstanding Florida Waters and other water resources of statewide significance including the Peace River watershed, the Everglades, Lake Okeechobee, and the Caloosahatchee Estuaries • Farmland preservation areas identified in local government comprehensive plans or other productive agricultural, forestry, and mining lands • Fragmentation of agricultural lands should be minimized • Florida Rural and Family Lands Protection Program’s agricultural lands • Agricultural lands with conservation easements and/or providing environmental services • Areas designated as dark sky parks by the International Dark-Sky Association • Address habitat for endemic plant and wildlife 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underrepresented natural communities, watersheds containing rare and imperiled fish, and rare species habitat conservation priorities identified through statewide initiatives • Specific resources in the corridor, such as panther focus areas and sand skink and caracara consultation areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Basin Management Action Plans for impaired water bodies • Use landscape-scale approaches for water resource management to protect and enhance sheet flows in watersheds and other sensitive areas • Enhance water quality • Improve sheet water flow and major flow ways • Provide wildlife crossings – details for panthers to be discussed by Task Force • Conservation lands under federal, state (including Florida Preservation 2000 Act lands and Florida Forever program acquired lands), local, and private sector ownership, including mitigation banks, and conservation easements • Lands identified as priorities through statewide or regional landscape scale conservation initiatives, including the Florida Ecological Greenways Network and Critical Lands and Waters Identification Process priority 1 and 2 designations, and the Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape initiative • Land needed for proper management of conservation lands, e.g., smoke sheds for controlled burns • Consult with landowners about areas to avoid or areas of opportunity • Enhance/reverse historical environmental impacts • Enhance existing rural land stewardship programs (costs of private maintenance)

Cultural Guiding Principles	10. Avoid lands owned by Native American tribal nations; consult with tribal nations to identify opportunities for enhanced connectivity that would provide mutual benefit.			
	11. Avoid cemeteries and historic markers.			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use state historic resources inventory for cemeteries/historical markers 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with tribes/landowners; do not assume a road is or is not wanted

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Social Guiding Principles	12. Avoid military sites and lands important to maintain the site’s military mission. 13. Maintain and enhance transportation connectivity to, from, and between working farms, forests, and mines; recreational areas, trails, and other eco-tourism attractions; rural employment centers; and other economically valuable rural lands. 14. Enhance transportation corridors to reflect the context of the communities and environment through which the corridors pass to the fullest extent possible. 15. Enhance economic development and community development.			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avon Park Air Force Range Sentinel Landscape initiative including Avon Park Air Force Range and surrounding lands important to the Range’s military mission • Remain sensitive to multi-generational landowners, family heritage and rural community culture • Remain sensitive to community Main Streets 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expanded utilities entices development on land owned for generations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide multi-modal transportation infrastructure and associated services (existing, upgrades or new) • Provide traveler services, such as fuel, food and lodging, through access to existing cities and towns. • Improve mobility and access to goods, services, education, and healthcare through limited access transportation • Promote employment opportunities in targeted industries • Build economic diversity and future competitiveness of Florida’s economy • Address travel distances and housing affordability • Support new development in preferred locations • Connectivity between health of natural system and economy (i.e. tourism, agriculture) • Incorporate regional training to market corridor’s area • Investigate opportunities to share resources (i.e. potable water) • Prioritize opportunities to upgrade existing infrastructure to meet economic objectives and needs • Enhance regional economy for small, fiscally constrained counties • Create development plans to guide/limit development, especially for proposed interchanges



Physical Guiding Principles	16. Minimize implementation of new transportation facilities by following, where feasible, existing transportation rights of way, utility corridors or easements, and other existing human-disturbed corridors through conservation, agricultural, and other natural lands. 17. Enhance transportation connectivity by emphasizing linkages to the existing regional roadway network. 18. Enhance the development and operation of transportation corridors by using state-of-the-art and energy-efficient infrastructure, vehicles, materials, technologies, and methodologies. 19. Enhance emergency evacuation and response. 20. Enhance areas where utilities and broadband can be combined with transportation through nondiscriminatory, competitively neutral access to FDOT rights of way for utility and service providers or joint deployment of infrastructure. 21. Enhance infrastructure and transportation planning processes to support co-benefits of implementation. 22. To extent feasible, minimize impacts of transportation lighting on nearby agricultural, environmental and conservation lands.			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize the use of existing transportation or human-developed corridors • Prioritize connections to the existing roadway network to process access to existing communities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use downward facing lighting and be sensitive to nearby natural communities and military lands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address regional and statewide emergency evacuation needs while minimizing impacts on local mobility and access to services, amenities, and employment • Provide north-south and east-west connectivity, with north-south flow for evacuations • Hendry is an inland area with hurricane evacuation zones options are needed • There is no way to effectively evacuate on existing roads. Need to consider realistic ways to travel, particularly with increased population • Enhance the use of and prepare for new technologies • Enhance access to broadband to extent feasible • Incorporate electric vehicle charging opportunities • Provide competitively neutral, non-discriminatory access to rights-of-way for service providers

