

## **GMUG Planning Staff:**

The Motorcycle Trail Riding Association of Grand Junction along with the Trails Preservation Alliance of Colorado would like to point out to the Planning Team portions of NEPA that we see as vital to a successful plan.

In the Purpose of the Act Congress clearly states that the purpose of the act is to insure the continued high quality of the human environment.

### **Purpose**

#### **Sec. 2 [42 USC § 4321].**

The purposes of this Act are: To declare a national policy which will encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment; to promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man; to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the Nation; and to establish a Council on Environmental Quality.

Also in the Purpose of the Act the vital importance of the human environment is restated.

## **CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

### **Sec. 101 [42 USC § 4331].**

3. attain the widest range of beneficial uses of the environment without degradation, risk to health or safety, or other undesirable and unintended consequences;

5. achieve a balance between population and resource use which will permit high standards of living and a wide sharing of life's amenities;

In short: NEPA is about the human environment. Please make sure that proposed actions and the analysis of the present conditions emphasize the impacts to the human environment. All analyses of proposed actions must include the human impacts expected from the proposed action. These must include the social cultural and economic impacts to the regional population of people.

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