

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN HEARING
NOTES
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Public Testimony:

CARL HECKENDORF:

I am the President of the Inter-Mountain Horsemen's Association and a Veterinarian.

I recommend that you adopt Staff's suggestions regarding the Water Resources Chapter.

Please consider:

- Damage to wetlands, etc is an overgrazing problem, not just livestock.
- Grazing has a favorable effect on land.
- Multiplier effect with agricultural spending runs from 7-10; it is a tremendous economic base.
- Do not eliminate multiple uses on a property.
- Keep "Maintain the rural lifestyle" and "use Best Management Practices (BMP's)"
- Consider an advisory board of experts for creation of BMP's.

Question: Does urine have the same effect on water as a manure pile?

Answer: Urine is not as concentrated. Contamination of well water from urine would be little.

Question: Concern regarding overgrazing and wildlife vs. horses, how can this be controlled?

Answer: Can manage livestock, can't manage wild animals, key is BMP's.

Question: One citizen has a comment about dog feces – do horse owners get blamed for what is really dog contamination? Do their feces have the same pathogens?

Answer: Difficult question, coliform bacteria is found in every animal species. Giardia is specific to dogs. In horses, pathogens that are dangerous to humans, other than coliforms, have not been documented.

M.L. RICHARDSON:

Refine the permitted mines Map. Many mines are shown that are not really there anymore. Colorado Minerals shows mines until all reclamation is done, this means even noxious weeds must be mitigated. Talk with DRMS to distinguish mines depleted (or finishing reclamation) vs. permitted vs. active.

CHRISTOPHER LUNDY:

Water Overlay Map.

What is the transmission of Chronic Wasting Disease between species?

In Boulder, staff seems to be pushing leniency toward medical marijuana, how is this addressed in this plan?

John Wolforth, Planning Director responded that there will be a written statement regarding medical marijuana released soon.