

## **CHAPTER 4: CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

### **4.1 INTRODUCTION**

As mandated by NEPA, the EIS process is a collaborative endeavor. This chapter summarizes the BLM's efforts to include the public and relevant agencies and organizations in formulating and completing this analysis. It also identifies the agency and consultant staff responsible for producing this EIS.

### **4.2 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

As detailed in Chapter 1 (section 1.8) several opportunities for participation by interested individuals, organizations, and agencies have been provided through the course of this EIS process. Two formal scoping comment periods were completed. The first was from August 9 through September 7, 2001, following initiation of the original EA process. Public meetings were held during this period in Durango (August 22) and Silverton (August 23). The BLM received 139 scoping responses comprising 408 specific comments.

When the decision was made to complete an EIS, the September 3, 2002, the NOI and associated public notices announced another scoping period, ending October 30, 2002. A public meeting was convened in Silverton on September 24, 2001. This scoping effort generated responses from 206 individuals, organizations, and agencies raising 630 specific comments.

Public notices of the meetings and scoping periods were published in the *Durango Herald* and *Silverton Standard* newspapers. A list of interested parties also received notice of the meetings and scoping periods by direct mail.

Following these scoping periods, responses were reviewed and specific comments were extracted, sorted, and summarized. This process was documented in a scoping report prepared for the project (TetraTech/Cirrus 2002). That report, coupled with internal, interdisciplinary review, established the scope of the EIS.

### **4.3 AGENCY CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

In the course of completing the analysis, the EIS team contacted a number of federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as several non-governmental organizations, to solicit input or information on the issues addressed. These included the following agencies and organizations.

#### **4.3.1 Federal Agencies**

- U.S.D.A. Forest Service
- U.S.D.I. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Geological Survey

#### **4.3.2 State Agencies**

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division
- Colorado Department of Transportation

- Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology
- Colorado Division of Water Rights
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Colorado State Historic Preservation Office

**4.3.3 Local Government Agencies**

- San Juan County Administration
- San Juan County Health Department
- San Juan County Sheriff Department
- Town of Silverton Administration

**4.3.4 Other Organizations**

- Animas River Stakeholders Group
- Colorado Avalanche Information Center
- Colorado Natural Heritage Program
- Gold King Mine
- Northern Ute Tribe
- Silverton Avalanche Forecast Office
- Silverton Snowmobile Club
- Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Sunnyside Mine
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

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