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BLM should really follow NEPA and consider local planning FIRST. You often overlook local planning which is opposite of what NEPA calls for.

BLM planning should automatically make local government a partner and consider local plans before imposing federal plans which often conflict with local planning. NEPA REQUIRES DOI to consult, cooperate and collaborate with local government to avoid economic impacts. Our local economic development plans which include preservation of ranching, mining and recreation often are overlooked by DOI planning.

All communities in rural western counties generally need more land to foster economic development, current disposal methods require so much money and advance planning and a bird in the hand has flown before the land is remotely available to create job growth.

Mines currently spend a minimum of 10 years (time is money) and 10 million dollars or more to do all of the paperwork no matter the size of their proposed project. Meaning the small mine which has a real impact on local economies, spends the same amount as a massive mine. Consequently the 56 small mines that could contribute to local economies in Mineral county do not start up because industrial minerals are not going to meet the economies of scale to bring these resources to market. Geothermal resources are similarly planned in such a way by DOI that only the big companies can afford to do the required expenditures of money to develop the resource.

Ranchers currently maintain water on public land benefitting wildlife and their own livestock, your planning often neglects to ask how your projects will impact these small businessmen.

Shelley Hartmann, Executive Director
"Well done is better than well said!" Benjamin Franklin