

A Profound Misunderstanding:

Current Practice v. Best Practice in CEA in the US

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US CEA Practice

- Evolving since 1970
- Applies only to government projects
- No established SEA framework
- No national oversight agency
- No sector guidelines
- Little guidance for “everyday” assessments
- Lack of appropriate data sets



Misunderstandings

1. The meaning of "cumulative effects"
2. This is the only one of "these" projects...
3. *My* project has no significant impacts...
4. No explicit criteria or thresholds
5. CEA often an add-on, not integrated
6. Data don't exist at the appropriate scale



Approaches to Solutions

SUSTAINING NATURE AND COMMUNITY IN THE PIKES PEAK REGION



*A Sourcebook for Analyzing
Regional Cumulative Effects*



Colorado Department of Transportation

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Final Report



AREAWIDE COORDINATED CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ANALYSIS – PHASE I

Brian Muller, Lynn Johnson, John Wyckoff, and Fred Nuszdorfer

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Proposal

First, begin to fill the data gaps

Next, IAIA members can take the lead:

- Coordinate collection of examples (this conference)
 - Methodologies
 - Success stories
- Develop Sector Guidelines
- Develop Best Practices
- Create an international Wiki for practitioners



Comments? More ideas?

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