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NEPA Task Force  
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RE: Council on Environmental Quality  
National Environmental Policy Act/Request for Comments

Dear Task Force Members:

On behalf of the Steering Committee and members of the Sierra Nevada Access, Multiple-Use & Stewardship Coalition Inc. this letter is written. SAMS Coalition is a bipartisan environmental organization that promotes stewardship and balance in land use decisions. SAMS Coalition represents over 85 organizations. Our members include chambers of commerce, home rule committees, resource conservation districts, home owner associations, youth & church camps, search & rescue teams, historical societies, commercial entities and a widely diverse group of organizations representative of the demographics of the many diverse cultures of the public and their recreational choices. We are an all volunteer organization with no paid staff.

SAMS Coalition members are regularly engaged in public land use issues, and are very familiar with NEPA. We do not wish to have the NEPA process thrown out. However, we do support a revision of NEPA in order to foster improved coordination between government agencies and the public. We do not believe the alternative to NEPA of "Rulemaking" would serve the public well in a balanced approach for land use decisions.

Our response to the questions listed in Federal Register/Vol. 67, No. 131, Tuesday, July 9, 2002 is being prepared and will follow by facsimile.

Sincerely,



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Chairman