

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: OVERVIEW

The Community Collaborative Group has spent an enormous amount of time listening to detailed briefings from OSMP regarding the full range of environmental protection issues. These presentations have, in turn, backed up by even more detailed reports and studies. All of this is available from the CCG library website (see right hand link column).

As the CCG considers possible changes to the trail system and trail management policies, it will be drawing on this information. Our goal is to avoid actions that could have significant adverse environmental impacts wherever possible. Where adverse impacts are unavoidable we have been looking for ways of offsetting those impacts with environmental protection efforts in other areas.

Strong environmental representation on the CCG assures that these issues are being aggressively pursued. Similarly, recreation group representatives are assuring that important questions are being asked about whether the recreational cost of specific restrictions are justified by the environmental benefits. (See right and hand link column for links to CCG members including environmental and recreational representatives.)

More specific proposals will be made available for comment in the relatively near future. At this point we are soliciting general comments on the appropriate balance between environmental preservation and other objectives.

<http://west-tsa-neighborhood-comments.blogspot.com/2010/06/environmental-protection-overview.html>