

9-4 MINING, GRAZING & RECREATION (MG&R-1) ZONE

9-4-1 Declaration of Legislative Intent

The MG&R-1 Mining, Grazing and Recreation Zone generally covers the dry mountain and desert areas of the County. Because of the limitations imposed by climate, topography, soil capability, inadequate water supply, and the presence of economically significant mineral deposits, this area has historically been utilized as a place for the grazing of livestock on the open range and as the location of numerous mining and mineral exploration sites. The peculiar characteristics and conditions present in this area make the land most appropriately suited for a continuation of these uses. However, because of the relatively fragile balance of nature in the area, all permitted activities must be carried out in a manner consistent with the limitations of the environment. It is hereby declared that the specific purpose and intent of the Legislative Body in establishing the M&G-1 Mining and Grazing Zone are:

- (a) To take advantage of and to more fully implement the basic purposes for planning and zoning as set forth in Section 17-27 of the Utah State Code.
- (b) To promote the conservation of water, land, mineral, and other resources.
- (c) To prevent the degradation of the natural and social environment.
- (d) To foster agriculture, mining, and industry within the state.
- (e) To provide a location for certain types of agricultural, industrial, and other uses which, because of certain characteristics of operation such as odor, noise, etc., are not compatible with urban development.

In order to accomplish the above stated purposes, those uses which are reasonably necessary to the use of the land for agricultural, mining, and certain types of industrial operations shall be encouraged, provided that adequate guarantees for the protection of the area have been incorporated. Conversely, residential, commercial, and similar urban type uses which are inconsistent with the continued use of the area for the above stated purposes are not permitted in this zone.

The specific regulations necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes as outlined above are herein after set forth. (*Res. 11-12-79*)