

## **5-7: M&G-1 MINING AND GRAZING ZONE**

### **A. DECLARATION OF LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

The M&G-1 Mining and Grazing 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: (1) as a place for the grazing of livestock on the open range, (2) as the location of numerous mining and mineral exploration sites, and (3) as the location of activities and industrial operations which, because of their nature of operation, are not appropriate near urban centers.

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 limitations of the arid environment in the area, all permitted activities must be carried out in a manner consistent with those limitations.

It is hereby declared that the specific purposes and intent of the County Commission in establishing the M&G-1 Mining and Grazing Zone are:

1. To take advantage of and more fully implement the basic purposes for planning and zoning as set forth in Section 17-27-102 Utah Code Annotated 1953 and to implement the plans provided for in Section 17-27-301 of said Code.
2. To promote the conservation of water, land, mineral, and other resources.
3. To secure economy in governmental expenditures.
4. To ensure the development of adequate public facilities to match private development.
5. To foster the agricultural, livestock, and mining industries within the county.
6. To provide a location for certain types of uses which, due to odor, noise, danger, etc., are not compatible with urban development.

The specific regulations necessary for the accomplishment of the purposes outlined above are hereinafter set forth.