

# NEPA AND YOU!

Prepared by Oregon Natural Desert Association | [onda.org](http://onda.org)

## WHAT IS NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is the federal law that requires federal agencies to plan carefully for conservation and management of our public lands and natural resources and involve the public in every step of the process. It provides you the opportunity to submit research and data, personal observation and other relevant information to agencies to ensure that planning considers all potential impacts of proposed management actions on the environment.

NEPA is essential to proper management and conservation of public lands, waters and wildlife. While the law doesn't dictate what is or isn't allowed in managing these resources, it does require federal agencies to consider a breadth of management alternatives before settling on a final decision—and involve the public in every phase of the decision-making.

## PHASES OF NEPA

