



Review of Existing Studies in US24 West Corridor

<p>Study Name</p> <p>Sustaining Nature and Community in the Pikes Peak Region: A Sourcebook for Analyzing Regional Cumulative Effects</p>	<p>Study Author</p> <p>Wilson & Company with SAIC et al. Doug Eberhart (WCI), Robert Henke (SAIC)</p>
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<p>Study Area and Purpose of Study</p> <p>This study is also known as the Regional Cumulative Effects Analysis, or RCEA, for the Pikes Peak Region. It examines past, present and reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts and trends.</p> <p>The purpose of this report was to provide a framework for project-level assessment of cumulative effects for several Environmental Assessments: I-25, Woodmen, Powers Boulevard, and Drennan Road. The report also should be useful for other projects.</p>	
<p>Key Points of Study</p> <p>The RCEA’s panel of experts determined the key areas needing to be considered in a cumulative effects analysis for this region are: Landscape patterns, water quality and quantity, air quality, transportation, noise and visual resources.</p> <p>Wherever possible, project-level mitigation should be considered in the context of the larger environmental picture. Look for mitigation opportunities that offer synergy, thereby achieving better environmental results while possibly even saving money. Answer the question of whether or not it is important to protect a particular resource, and if it is, then find a way to make the resource sustainable for the long term.</p>	
<p>Relevance to US24 West project</p> <p>The RCEA generally takes into account all projects listed in the PPACG Destination 2025 Regional Transportation Plan, including improvements to “US Highway 24 (Midland Expressway), west of I-25 to Manitou Springs,” as is mentioned in the document on page 1-3.</p> <p>CDOT Region 2 desires that EAs for projects such as US24 use the RCEA in their cumulative effects analysis. It is especially important to acknowledge the “policy-level strategies” and “project-level strategies” that are found on pages 2-47 (Landscape Patterns), 2-66 (Water Quality and Quantity), 2-83 (Air Quality), 2-93 (Transportation), 2-102 (Noise) and 2-111 (Visual Resources). The US24 EA should answer the question: Do any of the suggested policies on these pages have applicability to US24 and if so how will they be incorporated into the project?</p> <p>Several potential solutions offered by US24 Stakeholders have direct correlation to the RCEA “Strategies”.</p>	
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