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To: Field Office Managers, Colorado
From: Deputy State Director, Division of Energy, Lands and Minerals
Subject: Right-Of-Way GIS Needs Analysis Survey and On-Site Visit

In May 2002, The State Office initiated a GIS consulting contract with Great Plains Geographics (GPG) to identify Bureau of Land Management lands within each Resource Area that have been designated as open, avoidance, and exclusion areas for utility and right-of-way corridors. The goal of the project is to develop a single GIS dataset utilizing resource criteria identified in Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and incorporating data from resource GIS datasets and information from hard copy maps. The scope of the project includes Field Office user input to improve the utility of the proposed data design and to ensure that additional Field Office needs are incorporated.

Each Field Office will be receiving a personalized copy of the survey in the mail. The survey is broken into four parts: General Information, Right-Of-Way Applications, RMP Summaries, and Current Avoidance and Exclusion Area Criteria and Procedures.

Don Bode, GPG, will be contacting each Field Office after they receive the survey to schedule an on-site visit in September. Bill Kendall, Colorado State Office, will be accompanying Don on the on-site. The purpose of the visit will be to demonstrate how the data will function, review the survey and data for currency and accuracy, and answer any questions they may have.

Please contact Joe Stout at 303-239-3747 with any questions.

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