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McInnis Canyons Advisory Council Seeks Public Input on Proposed Fees, Permit System for Colorado River

Grand Junction, Colo. — The McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council is holding a meeting July 16 in Grand Junction to gather public input about potential fee and permit options for recreating on the Colorado River in the McInnis Canyons NCA.

This is the first step for the 10-member citizen advisory council as it considers recommendations to the Bureau of Land Management about a possible fee and permit system for the river in the NCA.

Information on how people are using this stretch of river, what they value about those experiences, what they are seeing as they use the river, and any other information they would like the Advisory Council to know will be especially helpful. The Advisory Council will use this information to provide recommendations to BLM on options for future management of the corridor.

BLM is seeing an increase in resource damage, user conflicts, and trash and waste build-up as public-use increases in the NCA. BLM will be analyzing the possibility of developing a permit and fee system to help manage the river for recreational use, a process that will take six to 12 months. Any revenue generated would be used to manage the NCA.

The meeting begins at 4 p.m. with general Advisory Council business. The listening session will begin at 5 p.m. The entire meeting is open to the public.

Additional information about the fee and permit analysis will be posted on the BLM website by July 1 at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/mcnca.html>.

WHAT: McInnis Canyons NCA Advisory Council Listening Session
WHEN: Thursday, July 16, 5 p.m.
WHERE: Two Rivers Convention Center, Whitewater Room
159 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO

** Note – the location has been moved from the usual Advisory Council meeting room to provide for adequate space.

For additional information, please contact Katie Stevens, McInnis Canyons NCA Manager, (970) 244-3049. The McInnis Canyons NCA was designated by Congress in 2000 to protect and conserve its outstanding geologic, paleontologic, cultural, and recreation resources.

