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Dear Interested Party,

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Grand Junction Field Office is initiating an environmental assessment (EA) for the Whitewater Master Development Plan submitted by Aspen Operating, LLC for proposed oil and gas exploration and development east of Whitewater, Colorado. The EA is intended to disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the Master Development Plan. A 30-day public scoping period is being initiated to allow people the opportunity to identify issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EA.

The proposed activity is a three-year program of natural gas development on public lands in southern Mesa County. The proposal consists of constructing, drilling, completing, and operating 174 new wells from 14 new and ten previously reclaimed surface locations. Ancillary facilities connected to the project include approximately 3 miles of new road, and 28 miles of natural gas gathering lines along roads.

Public comments may be submitted by mail to the BLM Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506, or by e-mail to [GJFO\\_webmail@blm.gov](mailto:GJFO_webmail@blm.gov). To best facilitate BLM's review and use of the comments during the EA process, comments must be received by July 7, 2008.

Project documents can be reviewed on BLM's Grand Junction Field Office web site at [www.blm.gov](http://www.blm.gov) (select Grand Junction on the interactive map), or at the BLM office located at 2815 H Road in Grand Junction. For more information, contact David Lehmann at (970) 244-3021, or Julia Christiansen at (970) 244-3093.

Sincerely,

  
Grand Junction Field Manager

Enclosure: project map