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BLM launches Over The River EIS Web site

Cañon City, Colo. – The BLM has launched its new Web site for the *Over The River*[™] Environmental Impact Statement (*OTR* EIS). The URL address for the Web site is <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo/planning/otr.html>.

Over The River[™] is a proposed work of art by artists Christo and Jeanne-Claude and *OTR* Corporation (collectively referred to as “applicant”). The proposal involves the installation of approximately 5.9 miles of fabric panels suspended above the Arkansas River in eight select areas along a 42-mile stretch of river between the towns of Salida and Cañon City, Colorado.

Through the initial land use application process, the BLM determined an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) would be required in order to proceed with the project proposal due to the project complexity, concerns regarding public safety, and the potential for significant impacts. The EIS will identify a reasonable range of alternatives (including the no action alternative), assess impacts, and provide opportunities for the public and other agencies to comment.

The BLM is the lead Federal agency with the final authority of determining whether, where, when, and under what terms and conditions, a BLM land use permit would be issued. The new Web site is designed to keep the public informed on the progress of the *OTR* EIS and how they can participate in this process.

The public may submit a request to be added to the *OTR* EIS mailing list via email at co_otr_comments@blm.gov or hard copy mail to BLM RGFO/*OTR* Comments, 3028 E. Main St., Cañon City, CO 81212.

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