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NUVEMCO MINING PLAN OF OPERATIONS

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking input regarding a proposal by Nuvemco, LLC to explore for uranium in Section 12, Township 46 North, Range 18 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian on Davis Mesa in Montrose County, approximately 13 miles west of Naturita, Colorado.

Nuvemco, LLC has submitted a mining plan of operations to the BLM. The mining plan proposes to continue authorized underground mining exploration and development, and drilling up to 358 exploration holes in the vicinity of its Last Chance Mine. The proposed exploration drilling would be on five mining claims. The exploration drilling would penetrate to depths less than 400 feet deep and cumulatively disturb less than five acres within a total area of about 22 acres. The current permitted mining activity affects less than five acres. The drilling will be done with a truck mounted air-rotary drill rig. Surface disturbance will be minimal as an existing network of roads and trails will be used. No new road building is proposed.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM is seeking any comments you may have related to this project. Your comments will assist in identifying issues that should be addressed as part of the analysis being prepared for this project. If you are interested in participating in the environmental analysis process, or have specific concerns, issues, or alternatives you would like addressed, please provide written comments to:

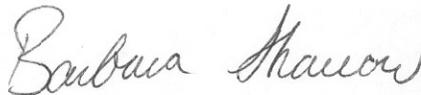
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Written comments may be submitted by mail, email, or fax. Comments concerning this proposal should be submitted no later than March 2, 2009.

Parties expressing interest during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.400. Appeal and stay procedures are outlined in Form CO-1840. Only those who submit timely comments will be accepted as appellants of the final decision. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider. Also, for appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify their identity upon request.

Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, email address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Sharrow".

Barbara Sharrow
Field Manager
BLM, Uncompahgre Field Office

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