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BLM Releases “Brokers Best Barite” Planning Document for Public Review

SPOKANE, WA -- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District has prepared an environmental assessment that describes the effects of approving a plan of operations for mining of barite ore. The previously mined 18-acre site is located on Flagstaff Mountain, which is about three miles southwest of the town of Northport, Washington, in Stevens County.

A copy of the “Brokers Best Barite” Environmental Assessment is available from the BLM Spokane District Office by calling (509) 536-1200, or on the internet at:

www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans/spokane.php

BLM is seeking comments on the Environmental Assessment until March 23, 2009. Comments may be emailed to Thomas_sweeney@blm.gov or sent to the BLM Spokane District, ATTN: Thomas Sweeney, 1103 N. Fancher Road., Spokane Valley, WA 99212.

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The BLM manages more land – 256 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

