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Fwd: Early Alert - Rally and protest walk on White Mesa Mill

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FYI - the facilities are adjacent to Bears Ears. KB

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EARLY ALERT

To: WO BLM/DOI Officials

From: BLM-UT State Office

Through: Division Chief, WO Public Affairs

Date: April 26, 2017

Subject: White Mesa Uranium Mill rally and protest walk

What: Scheduled rally and protest walk to show concern about the mill's impacts on the people, land, water, and air of southern Utah

Who: The Grand Canyon Trust (event organizer)

Where: White Mesa Community Center, White Mesa, Utah

When: Scheduled for 05/13/2017 at 11 a.m.

Background: On May 13, the Grand Canyon Trust has planned a public rally and protest walk across the Colorado Plateau, from the Ute Mountain Ute tribal community of White Mesa to the White Mesa uranium mill, to show concern about the mill's impacts on the people, land, water, and air of southern Utah.

The White Mesa Mill is located just three miles from the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe's White Mesa community. The mill processes uranium ore from mines across the Colorado Plateau as well as radioactive waste transported from toxic sites across North America.

The White Mesa Mill is not located on BLM managed lands; however, BLM has two pending Energy Fuels Resources' projects decisions, both of which intend to use White Mesa Mill for processing ore as part of their Mine Plan of Operations. The Environmental Assessment associated with the project contains analysis of the impacts associated with hauling to and processing at the mill.

Those pending projects are:

1) La Sal Uranium Mine Complex (BLM-Moab and Manti-La Sal NF joint project to improve vent shafts, tailings piles, and interim reclamation measures); and

2) Daneros Uranium Mine - proposed mine plan modification, proposing expansion from four to 40 acres over a period of up to 20 years.

Neither mine is currently operating due to economic conditions, although both have existing and approved mine plans of operation.

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