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BLM seeks public comment on natural gas pipeline proposal south of Rifle

SILT, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management is seeking public comments on a natural gas pipeline proposal south of Rifle, Colo.

Bargath LLC is proposing to construct the Kokopelli Phase II Pipeline, which would gather natural gas from east of lower Divide Creek and move it to processing facilities in Parachute, Colo.

The pipeline would be a buried 16-inch pipeline that would cross 22.3 miles from the Dry Hollow Compressor south of Silt to the Rulison Compressor near Anvil Points. Approximately 7.6 miles would be installed on BLM-managed lands, 0.9 miles on US Forest Service-managed lands, and 13.8 miles on private property. The pipeline would be bored under the Colorado River to avoid impacts to the riverbed, aquatic wildlife and the adjacent riparian ecosystem.

Additionally, Williams Production RMT Company LLC is proposing to install two 6-inch water lines along a 4.1 mile section of the proposed Kokopelli trench and an additional 0.6 miles of private land outside the trench. The water lines would provide water delivery and collection capabilities to gas fields in this area and reduce water truck traffic.

As BLM begins the environmental assessment of this proposal, it wants to hear any concerns or issues from the public about the proposal. Comments will be most helpful if received by Jan. 20, 2012. The proposal and map are available on-line:

http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/crvfo/GSFO_MasterPlansOfDevelopment.html. Written comments and questions should be directed to Colorado River Valley Field Office at 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652. Electronic comments may be submitted to BLM_CO_SI_CRVFO_Webmail@blm.gov.

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