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Dear Interested Party,

The Bureau of Land Management, Colorado River Valley Field Office is initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) of a pipeline project called Kokopelli Phase II Pipeline. Bargath LLC ("Bargath") proposes to construct 22.3 miles of a buried 16-inch diameter steel gas pipeline from the Dry Hollow Compressor south of Silt, Colorado to the Rulison Compressor near Anvil Points. Williams Production RMT Company LLC ("Williams") is proposing to install two 6-inch water lines along a 4.1 mile section of the proposed Kokopelli II trench between Spruce Creek Road and Beaver Creek Road southwest of Rifle, Colorado. The Kokopelli II pipeline would be bored under the Colorado River to avoid impacts to the riverbed, aquatic wildlife and the adjacent riparian ecosystem.

The proposed Kokopelli II pipeline would gather natural gas developed from Williams' Kokopelli Field in lower Divide Creek and move it to processing facilities in Parachute, Colorado. The proposed Williams water lines would provide water delivery and collection capabilities to Williams' gas fields in the area and reduce water truck traffic.

The pipelines would cross public lands administered by the BLM in Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 16 and 24, Township 7 South (T7S), Range 93 West (R93W) and Sections 1, 3, 4, 10, 11 and 12, T7S, R94W, Sixth Principal Meridian. The Kokopelli II gas pipeline would also cross lands administered by the White River National Forest in Section 21, T7S, R93W, Sixth P.M. Of the total 22.3 miles of proposed Kokopelli II gas pipeline, 7.6 miles would be installed on BLM-managed lands, 0.9 miles on USFS-managed lands and 13.8 miles across private property. The water pipeline connections outside the shared Kokopelli II pipeline trench would cross another 0.6 miles of private land.

The BLM will prepare an EA to disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed pipelines. As a starting point in the EA process, the BLM is seeking public comment on any concerns or issues you may have regarding the proposed development. Before including any personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information- may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

To facilitate BLM's review and use of comments during the EA process, comments must be received by January 20, 2012. Copies of Chapter 1 of the EA including the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative are available for review at the Colorado River Valley Field Office. Digital copies of the proposal and map are available at 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.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Figure 2 - Project Map



