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September 16, 2011

Dear Reader:

Attached for your review and comment is the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Colorado River Valley Resource Management Plan (RMP). The alternatives described in this document have been designed to resolve land management issues that were identified through the planning process, and to provide a basis for comparison of the impacts associated with each alternative. The analyses of the environmental consequences of implementing each of the alternatives are also included in the document.

Open house meetings on the Draft EIS will be held at a time and date to be determined. The purpose of the open house meetings is to give the public an opportunity to discuss and comment on the Draft EIS. Written comments will also be accepted at the open house meetings. Open house meetings and any other public involvement activities will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, or mailings.

We invite you to comment on the Draft EIS. A 90-day comment period will begin with the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the filing of this Draft EIS in the Federal Register. Please send your written comments to:

RMP Comments
Bureau of Land Management
Colorado River Valley Field Office
2300 River Frontage Road
Silt, CO 81652

Written comments must include your complete name and address. Comments may also be made via email at co_crvrmp@blm.gov or via the Colorado River Valley RMP website at <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/co/kfo-gsfo>. Such comments must also contain your complete name, address and phone number. This information is requested in the event that we need clarification of messages that are not legible or we have questions about your comments. Incomplete comments or comments from unidentified sources will not be considered or included as part of the official comment record.

Comments, including the names and street addresses of respondents, will be made available for review by the public at the Colorado River Valley Field Office (address listed above) during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and

will be published as part of the Final EIS. However, individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, street address, and/or telephone number from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals representing, or who are officials of, organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Comments that we receive on the Draft EIS will be fully evaluated and considered in the development of the proposed RMP and Final EIS. Through your participation in this effort, we can move forward together toward a common goal of improved management of public lands administered by the Colorado River Valley Field Office.

Please retain this copy of the Draft EIS for future reference, as the Final EIS may refer to the Draft EIS. A copy of this Draft EIS has been sent to affected federal, state and local government agencies and to those persons who indicated they wish to receive a copy of the Draft EIS. The Draft EIS can be viewed and downloaded from the Colorado River Valley RMP website at: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/land_use_planning/rmp/kfo-gsfo/crv.html. Copies of the Draft EIS are available for public inspection at the following BLM locations:

Bureau of Land Management
Colorado State Office
2850 Youngfield Street
Lakewood, CO 80215

Bureau of Land Management
Colorado River Valley Field Office
2300 River Frontage Road
Silt, CO 81652

Bureau of Land Management
Northwest Colorado District Office
2815 H Road
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Sincerely,



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State Director

1 Attachment:

1- Draft EIS