



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **BLM seeks public comment on Oil and Gas Exploration Project**

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management seeks public comment on a preliminary Environmental Assessment for an oil and gas exploration project in Mesa County.

A scoping period for the multi-well proposed project concluded Dec. 1, 2011 with a 30-day comment period. The BLM has since prepared a preliminary EA to identify the possible positive and negative impacts of the project on the environment.

The Fram Whitewater Master Development Plan is an exploratory project with plans for up to 108 wells on 12 new well pads. The project is planned for an area about 15 miles east and southeast of Grand Junction, east of Highway 50 and north of Kannah Creek Road. The project proposal spans a four-year program of mainly oil exploration under public and private leases. Construction and operation of the Whitewater MDP could allow for production of up to 8.7 million barrels of oil over the life of the project, estimated to be 20 years. Natural gas is typically co-produced with oil but is not anticipated in quantities that would be compressed and sold to markets. This proposal includes construction of new well pads and roads as well as support facilities such as oil, gas and water pipelines.

The EA is available online at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo.html>.

Please submit comments by email at [BLM\\_CO\\_GJ\\_Public\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_CO_GJ_Public_Comments@blm.gov) or by mail at 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506. Comments will be most effective if they are specific to the proposal or analysis and are received by July 31, 2013.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or any other personal identifying information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request the BLM to withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so.

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