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PUBLIC MEETING WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON BLM LAND TENURE PROPOSAL IN SOUTH PARK

CANON CITY, Colo.---The Royal Gorge Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management will host a public meeting on February 27, 2008 to present the findings from the South Park Land Tenure Adjustment Environmental Assessment and start the 30-day public comment period. Representatives from BLM will be available to answer questions and accept public comments. The meeting will be held from 6-8pm. at the fair barn located at 880 Bogue St, Fairplay, Colorado, 80440. If you are unable to attend the meeting the document will be available under the "In the Spotlight" section of the Royal Gorge Field Office website at the following address:<http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo.html>, and we will accept comments through the rgfo_comments@blm.gov e-mail service.

The South Park Land Tenure Adjustment Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the impacts of four BLM public land ownership alternatives in Park County, Colorado. The EA describes current and proposed land tenure decisions specific to the long-term retention, exchange, and disposal of BLM parcels in the study area. The EA compares the land allocation alternatives in terms of resource values, public access, and management cost. Under all action alternatives the agency would increase the amount of BLM lands for retention, protect resource values on lands available for exchange, and maintain flexibility to dispose of small isolated parcels with limited public access.

The BLM collected comments on draft alternatives during a protracted public comment period from December 2006 to March 2007. BLM created an Alternative D in response to public comments. Alternative D proposes to retain more BLM managed public lands based on new information concerning wetlands, sensitive species, open space and cultural resources than were specified in the 1996 Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan.

If you have any questions or comments please contact Joe Vieira at (719) 269-8708

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