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## **BLM to Hold Geothermal Community Information Meeting in Buena Vista**

Canon City, Colo.—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources will hold a joint public information meeting on Thursday, January 14, 2010, 7:30-10 p.m., concerning a planned BLM lease sale in February of a Federal geothermal lease parcel in Chaffee County near Buena Vista. This meeting is for informational purposes only and will not be an opportunity for the submission of public comments for the record.

The meeting will be held at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main St., Buena Vista, Colorado, 81211,

"This meeting will be an opportunity for the Colorado BLM and the state to share information and answer questions from the local community on geothermal leasing," said Lynn Rust, BLM Colorado Deputy State Director for Minerals and Lands.

The format of the meeting will include presentations by the BLM and the state, followed by informal discussion and information sessions between Federal and state officials and the public.

The BLM announced the pending geothermal lease sale last month as a part of its regularly scheduled quarterly oil and gas lease sale. This will be the first federal geothermal lease sale in Colorado.

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A number of other Western states, including California and Nevada, have had active BLM geothermal leasing for several years. Developers who operate on those leases capture geothermal renewable energy for a wide variety of uses, from heating residential and commercial buildings to operating power plants that supply electricity to local utility companies.

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