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OPTIONAL REPLY DUE: May 5, 2014

Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management's Tres Rios Field Office is accepting comments on a proposal received from the Hardrock100, Inc. to conduct a 100 mile footrace through the San Juan Mountains in an area encompassing the Alpine Triangle between Silverton, Ouray, Telluride and Lake City (a map of the course is attached). This annual event has been run 20 times in the past years with up to 140 participants. The proposal requests a maximum of 160 participants for the year 2014, incrementally increasing to a maximum of 225 participants in the year 2018. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a property owner within the project area or you may have an interest in the associated activities.

Subsequent to this scoping period, the BLM is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze the proposed action and alternatives:

What: Hardrock 100 Mile Endurance Run.

Where: The event is a 100 mile run through the San Juan Mountains, conducted in alternating clockwise/counterclockwise directions, utilizing existing designated trails and roads, as well as game trails, historic unused mining access routes, sheepherder trails, and other historically used linear features. For 2014 the event is run in a clockwise direction. A map is attached of the course. There would be 12 aid stations on public lands along the course to supply food, drink and medical support for the participants.

Disturbance: Small reflective markers would be located along the course (usually at greater than 1/8 mile intervals) week before the race to keep runners on course. These are removed within three days of the conclusion of the event (which ends on Sunday following the 4th of July weekend at 6:00 am). The aid stations would be set up on areas legally accessible by vehicles, or, if vehicles are not allowed, the supplies are brought in by backpack (a description of aid stations, including the hours the aid stations will be operational and the means of and limitation on access is attached).

When: The event takes place beginning on the Friday following the 4th of July weekend. In 2014 the event commences on July 11, 2014. Aid station set up begins early on Friday, July 11th and the course is swept, cleared and cleaned by Sunday at 10 am. Course markings would be removed by Wednesday, July 16, 2014.

This letter also requests your comments, if any, on the potential effects to historic properties. This request is made to satisfy consultation requirements with local governments pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The purpose of the action is to provide the Hardrock 100 Inc., the opportunity to provide an event on existing trails across public land managed by the BLM. The need for the action is established by the BLM's responsibility under FLPMA to respond to a request for a Special Recreation Permit for the Hardrock 100 Inc. access to existing trails across public land.

Decision to be made: The BLM will decide whether or not to grant the special recreation permit, and if so, under what terms and conditions.

Comments regarding the project should be submitted via email or hard copy by May 5, 2014 to

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If you have questions regarding this proposal please contact Jeffrey Christenson (see above).

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Connie Clementson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Connie Clementson
Field Manager

Enclosure – map