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Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) has completed the preliminary environmental analysis for the August 2012 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease. The BLM has scheduled a 30-day public comment period to provide the public an opportunity to review the draft Environmental Assessment (EA), document number DOI-BLM-CO-S050-2012-0009 EA, as well as the draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The 22 parcels comprise approximately 30,000 acres of which about 29,100 acres are primarily located on BLM managed lands near Crawford, Hotchkiss, Paonia and Somerset and the Paonia Reservoir State Park.

The draft EA analyzes the impacts from leasing the parcels. If the parcels are leased, further site-specific environmental analysis would occur upon receipt of an Application for Permit to Drill (APD).

Final BLM review after consideration of public comments will occur prior to signing the FONSI and making a decision on approval of the Proposed Action or the alternative.

The draft EA and FONSI will be available for review at the Montrose Public Lands Center, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO. They are also available on-line at the links listed below.

Comments concerning this proposal must be received no later than Friday, April 6th, 2012.

Comments should be submitted via the internet, using the following link:
<http://on.doi.gov/UFOAugustLeaseSale>. If you have trouble submitting your comments via the webpage, please call 970-240-5436 for assistance. This number is for website help only, not a number to call to give your comments.

If computer access is unavailable, or you do not have Internet Explorer, comments may be sent by mail to: BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, ATTN: Oil and Gas Lease EA, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, Colorado 81401. Comments sent via the mail must arrive by April 6, 2012.

These two methods are the only means to submit comments.

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

Sincerely,



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