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Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO) has completed the environmental analysis for the August 2011 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale (Parcels 5910 and 5911). 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-S050-2011-0003 EA, as well as the draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

The 40-acre Parcel 5910 is in Gunnison County, and is all split estate, having private surface with federal mineral estate. The 802-acre Parcel 5911 is in Montrose County, all of which is BLM surface and federal mineral estate.

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.

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.

The draft EA and FONSI will be available for review at the Montrose Public Lands Center, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, CO. It is also available on-line at:
http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/ufo.html (select DOI-BLM-CO-S050-2011-0003 EA).

The public may submit written comments through March 11, 2011, by: 1) mail to the BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, ATTN: Oil and Gas Lease Sale, 2465 S. Townsend Ave., Montrose, Colorado 81401; 2) by fax to (970) 240-5367; or 3) by e-mail to co_ufo_leasing@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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