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Refer to: 3809 (CO-150) COC-68907

March 29, 2013

SCOPING NOTICE

RIMROCK J-BIRD MINE PLAN OF OPERATIONS AMENDMENT

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking input regarding a mining proposal by Rimrock Exploration and Development, Inc. (Rimrock) to add exploration drilling and access to an existing, authorized uranium and vanadium mining operation. The location of this mining operation is in Sections 13, 14, 23, and 24, Township 47 North, Range 20 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, on Wray Mesa in western Montrose County, approximately 4.5 miles southwest of Paradox, Colorado.

Rimrock has submitted a mining plan of operations (POO) amendment to the BLM.

It is available for review at this web site:
http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Information/nepa/ufo.html .

The amendment proposes to add up to twenty (30 feet by 30 feet) exploration drill sites per year or up to a total of 200 drill holes, and up to 4,000 linear feet of drill access roads if necessary, over a 10 year lifespan to their existing and authorized POO. Rimrock would use existing and previously disturbed exploration drill access roads to the extent possible. The proposed amendment would add no more than an additional maximum total of 5 acres of new surface disturbance from both drill site areas and the drill access area to their existing 4 acres of surface disturbance. Concurrent reclamation would greatly reduce the amount of un-reclaimed surface disturbance from the drilling operation present in any period of time. The plan amendment does not identify specifically where drill sites or road improvement or construction will occur in the project area, but would allow for such use somewhere in the project area.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM is seeking any comments you may have related to this project. Your comments will assist in identifying issues that should be addressed as part of the analysis being prepared for this project. If you are interested in participating in the environmental analysis process, or have specific concerns, issues, or alternatives that you would like addressed, please provide written comments to:

J-Bird Mine EA Scoping Comments
Uncompahgre Field Office
2465 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, CO 81403
Email: blm_co_ufo_uranium@blm.gov
Fax: 970.240.5368

Written comments may be submitted by mail, email, or fax. Comments concerning this proposal should be submitted no later than May 1, 2013.

Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the BLM to consider. Also, for appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify their identity upon request.

Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, email address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sharrow

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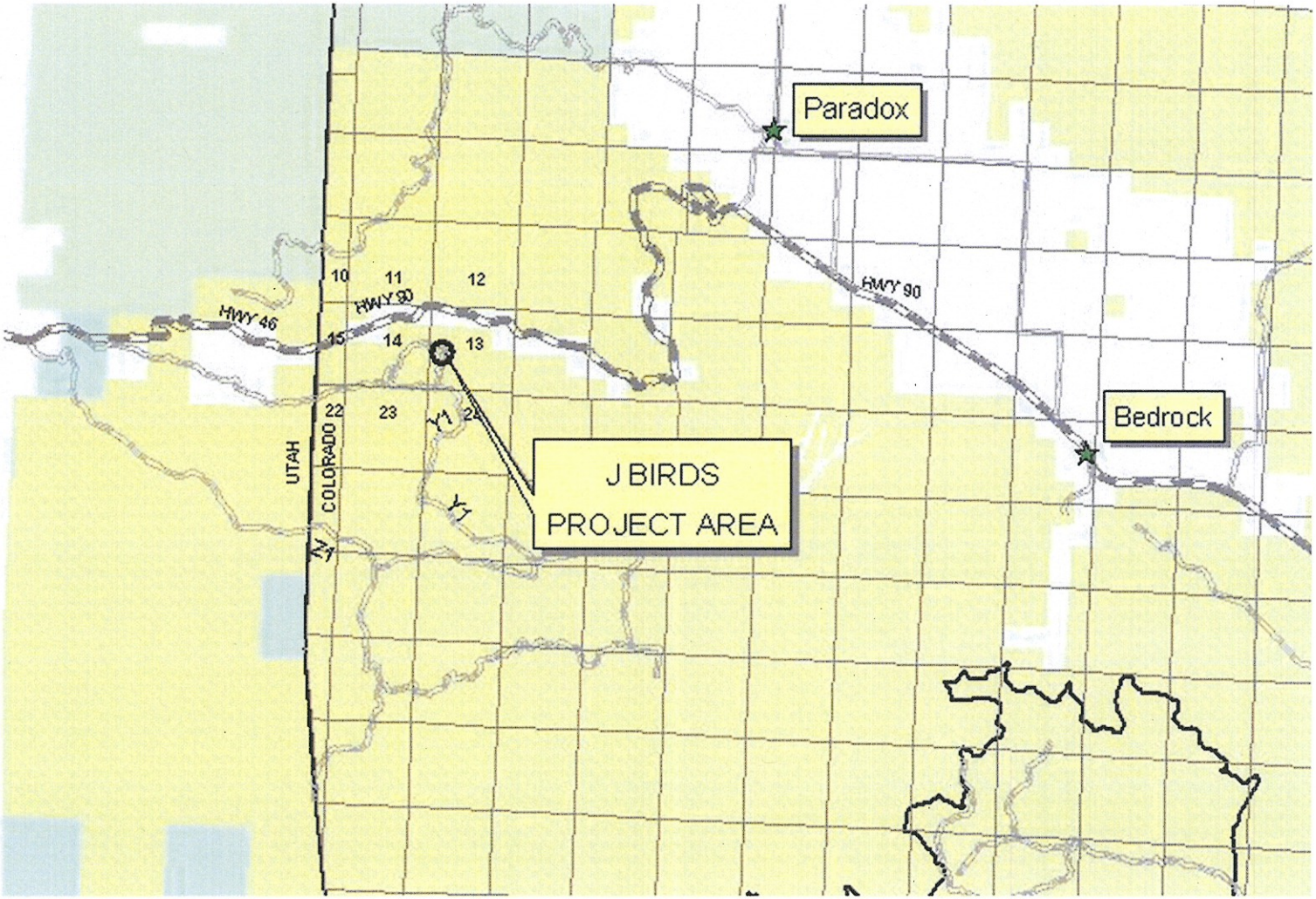
Manager, Uncompahgre Field Office

MAP ATTACHMENTS



J Birds Mine Project Area
T47N, R20W, Sec. 13: NW
Rimrock Exploration and Development Inc.
3809 Plan of Operations, COC-68970

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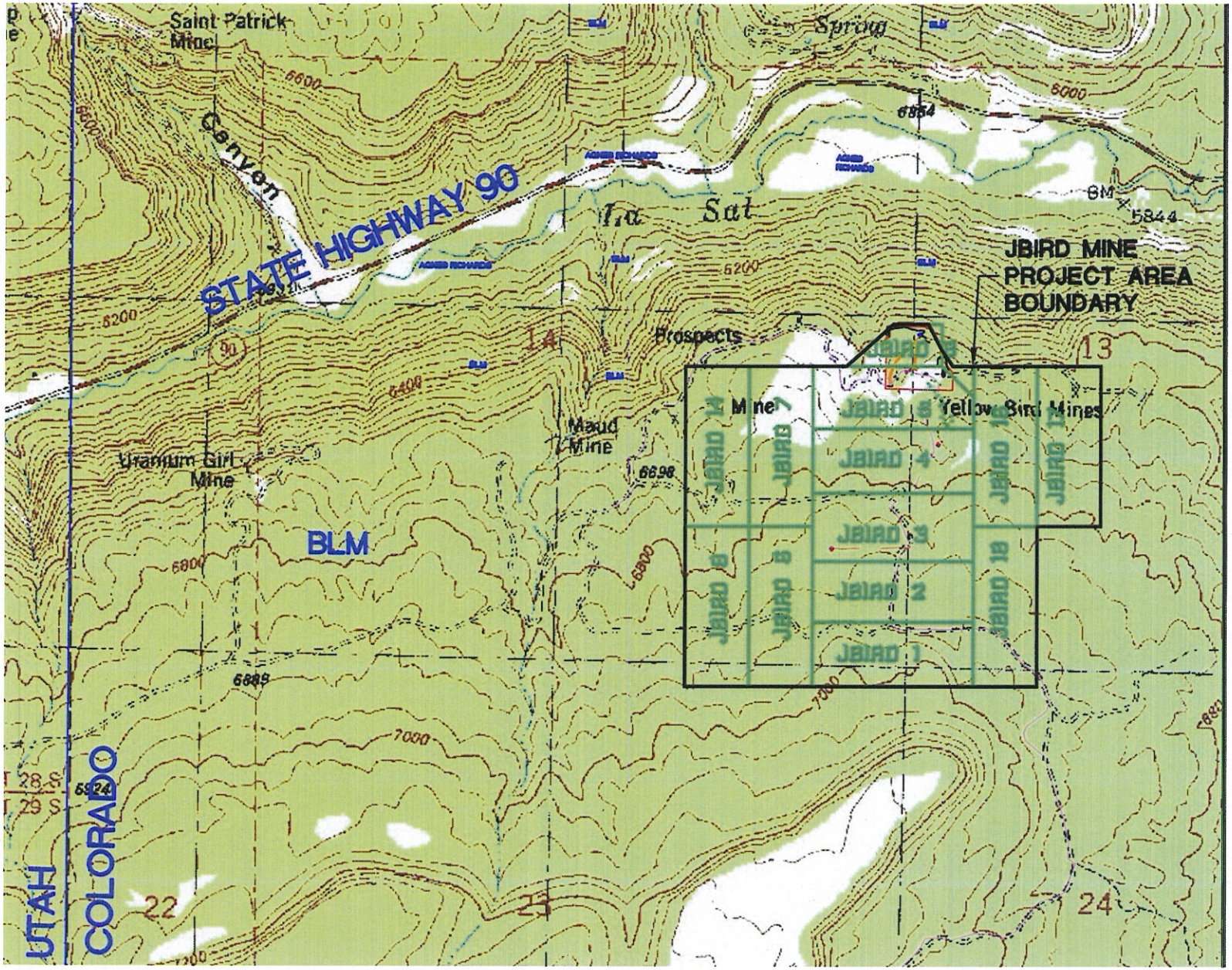

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