

Gateway South Quarterly Update

QUARTERLY UPDATE

Since Newsletter 1 was published in March 2011, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hosted 12 scoping open-house meetings for members of the public to learn about the project and provide comments. The meetings were held in Baggs, Rock Springs, and Rawlins in Wyoming; Craig, Rangely, and Grand Junction in Colorado; and Roosevelt, Fort Duchesne, Nephi, Price, Mt. Pleasant, and Green River in Utah. In total, 230 people attended the meetings, which occurred between May 10, 2011, and June 2, 2011, 55 individuals or organizations submitted comments.

During the 90-day public scoping period that began on April 1 and ended June 30, 2011, 124 individuals or organizations submitted a total of 160 letters, comment forms and comments via email or the project website. The BLM is preparing a draft report to document the scoping process and the comments received. Issues identified from these comments will help direct the approach and depth of environmental studies and analysis needed to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to refine the alternative routes to be considered in the EIS. When finished in September 2011, the scoping report will be available for review on BLM's project website. Newsletter 2, to be published later this year, will provide a summary of the scoping meetings and comments received. The newsletter will be distributed to all persons listed on the project mailing list.

Also in the upcoming months, the BLM will be coordinating with the participating agencies and begin the detailed environmental studies for preparation of the EIS.

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