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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment, please find the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Lost Creek In Situ Uranium Recovery (ISR) Project in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared the DEIS to address the effects of allowing Lost Creek ISR, LLC (the Applicant) to carry out their plan of operations (the Proposed Action), including: the construction of an ore recovery plant, an access road to the site, and a pipeline system for the flow of oxidizing leach solution to injection wells and return of fluids from recovery wells to the recovery plant site; to drill injection, recovery and monitoring wells; and to construct associated facilities such as parking lots, power lines, etc. In addition, the DEIS includes three other alternatives: the No Action Alternative, the Not Fencing the Pattern Areas Alternative, and the Drying Yellowcake On-Site Alternative.

The Lost Creek ISR Project Area is located approximately 40 miles northwest of Rawlins, Wyoming, in Sweetwater County. The project area boundary includes approximately 4250 acres. Only 345 acres would be subjected to actual surface disturbance, mostly related to the construction of the well pads used to extract the uranium in solution from the site.

The 45-day comment period begins with publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the *Federal Register*, which is expected to occur on April 27, 2012. The comment period is expected to end on June 11, 2012. Changes in these dates, a down-loadable copy of the DEIS, and other project information will be published on the project website at:

<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rfo/lostcreek.html>

The DEIS is also available for review during normal business hours at the following locations:

BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming
BLM High Desert District Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming
BLM Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming
Carbon County Library, 215 West Buffalo Street, Rawlins, Wyoming

You may submit written comments on the DEIS by hand delivery, U.S. Postal Service, facsimile, and e-mail. Only comments received during the 45-day period following publication of the NOA will be considered prior to a decision on the proposed action. Only parties who offer comment during this period will be granted the right to appeal the decision. Comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. In addition, it is helpful if comments refer to line numbers, pages, and/or chapters of the DEIS. Comments may address the adequacy of specific analyses in the DEIS, and the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the document (please refer to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations at 40 CFR 1503.3).

Written comments submitted by U.S. Postal Mail should be sent to the BLM, Lost Creek ISR Project, Attention Dennis J. Carpenter, Field Manager, 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, Wyoming, 82301. Hand delivery of written comments to the same address may occur between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. Facsimiles may be sent to (307) 328-4224, or e-mail Lost_Crk_Mine_WY@blm.gov. Envelopes and the subject line of e-mail and facsimiles should be identified as "Lost Creek ISR Project".

Individual commenters may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Before including your address, telephone 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 the BLM in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, the BLM cannot guarantee that the BLM will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. The BLM will not consider anonymous comments. Comments received will be considered part of the public record on this DEIS, and may be published in the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

If you have any questions, or for further information concerning the DEIS, please contact John Russell, Project Manager, at the address shown above, or telephone (307) 328-4252.

Sincerely,



Dennis J. Carpenter
Field Manager

Enclosures