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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Lost Creek Uranium *In-situ* Recovery (ISR) Project in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, which documents anticipated environmental consequences of developing uranium resources in the approximately 4,250 acre project area. Planned facilities would include well pads for injection, production and monitoring, wellhead houses, a central processing facility, an access road network and pipeline system. The agency preferred alternative, the "Drying Yellowcake On-Site Alternative," is the same as the Proposed Action with the addition of a yellowcake drying-packing facility in the plant. Total new surface disturbance would be approximately 345 acres. Copies of the FEIS are available for review at the project website:

<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rfo/lostcreek.html>,  
or during normal business hours at the following Bureau of Land Management (BLM) offices:

- BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82003
- BLM High Desert District Office, 280 Highway 191 N., Rocks Springs, WY 82901
- BLM Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, WY 82301
- BLM Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, WY 82520

This FEIS is not a decision document. The publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) in the *Federal Register* for this FEIS initiates a 30-day waiting period. Following conclusion of that period, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared and signed to disclose the BLM's final decision and any project Conditions of Approval (COA). Availability of the ROD will be announced through the local media, the project mailing list, and posted on the project website.

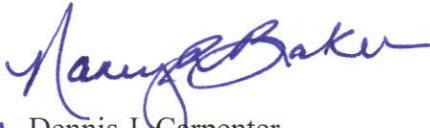
The FEIS was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA), and other regulations and statutes. The BLM prepared the FEIS in consultation with cooperating agencies, taking into account public comments received to date. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was published on April 27, 2012, to initiate the 45-day public comment period, which concluded on June 11, 2012. A public meeting was held in Rawlins, Wyoming during the DEIS comment period. A summary of the written comments received during the public review period for the DEIS and responses to the comments are provided in Appendix F.

The BLM will be accepting additional public comment on the FEIS within 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the NOA in the *Federal Register*. Comments can be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Lost Creek Uranium ISR Project, 1300 N. Third Street, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, WY 82301-2407; or email: [Lost\\_Crk\\_Mine\\_WY@blm.gov](mailto:Lost_Crk_Mine_WY@blm.gov). All substantive comments will be reviewed and responded to in the ROD.

Before including your address, phone 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.

For further information concerning, or to request a copy of the document, please contact John Russell, Project Manager, at [Lost\\_Crk\\_Mine\\_WY@blm.gov](mailto:Lost_Crk_Mine_WY@blm.gov), or telephone (307)-328-4252.

Sincerely,

  
for Dennis J. Carpenter  
Field Manager

Enclosures