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Dear Reader,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has developed a Draft Supplemental Environmental Statement (Draft SEIS) for the Ruby Pipeline Project. This document has been developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Publication of the Notice of Availability of this Draft SEIS in the *Federal Register* initiates a 45-day public review and comment period that will end on **August 19, 2013**. BLM encourages you to provide your comments on the Draft SEIS.

The Draft SEIS may be viewed at the BLM Ruby website:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/info/nepa/ruby_pipeline_project.html. Hard copies are also available at the following BLM District and Field Offices during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays:

- BLM, Kemmerer Field Office, 312 Hwy 189 N, Kemmerer, Wyoming
- BLM, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah
- BLM, Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada
- BLM, Winnemucca District Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, Nevada
- BLM, Lakeview District Office, 1301 S. G St., Lakeview, Oregon
- BLM, Klamath Falls Resource Area Office, 2795 Anderson Ave., Ste. 25, Klamath Falls, Oregon
- BLM, Surprise Field Office, 602 Cressler St., Cedarville, California

Hard copies will also be available for public viewing at other locations, see the BLM Ruby Project website (address above) for a list of these locations. The BLM has a limited number of digital copies of the Draft SEIS on CD; you may request a CD of the Draft SEIS through the BLM Ruby email and mail addresses below. Please be sure your request includes the address you want the CD sent to.

How to Comment

All comments will be reviewed; however, only substantive will be addressed as part of the decision making process. Comments received during the comment period ending **August 19, 2013** will be reviewed and addressed; comments received after the comment period will be considered to the extent feasible. According to BLM's guidance (Handbook H-1790-1), substantive comments address one or more of the following:

- the accuracy of information in the EIS;

- the adequacy of, methodology for, or assumptions used for the environmental analysis;
- new information relevant to the analysis;
- reasonable alternatives additional to those analyzed in the EIS; and/or
- changes or revisions in one or more of the alternatives.

Comments may address the adequacy of specific analyses in the Draft SEIS (refer to CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1503.3). To be most helpful, comments on the Draft SEIS should be as specific as possible, mentioning particular pages, sections, or chapters. Written comments may be submitted in the following methods:

- BLM's ePlanning NEPA Register: <http://on.doi.gov/10QtaTb>
- Email: blmruby@blm.gov
- Mail: Ruby SEIS, C/o Bureau of Land Management Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price Utah 84501

Please note that personal identifying information (PII) submitted including names, phone numbers, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure. Before including PII in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your PII – may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Project Background

The Ruby Pipeline Project is a 678-mile long, 42-inch diameter interstate natural gas pipeline that crosses 368 miles of Federal land beginning near Opal, Wyoming, through northern Utah and northern Nevada, and terminates near Malin, Oregon.

As directed by the US Ninth District Court of Appeals (Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. U.S. Bureau of Land Mgmt., et al., Case No. 10-72356 [consolidated]), the BLM is preparing a SEIS for the Ruby Pipeline Project to provide a cumulative effects section that more thoroughly meets the requirements of NEPA. The SEIS specifically includes supplemental information about the original and present condition of the sagebrush steppe habitat and analyzes related cumulative impacts of the Ruby Pipeline Project based on the supplemental information. The SEIS will serve as the foundation for the BLM's decision on whether to reinstate the BLM right-of-way grant and, if so, to determine under what terms and conditions it would be granted. The BLM Nevada State Office has been designated as the lead BLM office for the Ruby project.

If you have any questions, contact Mark A. Mackiewicz, PMP, Senior National Project Manager at (435) 636-3616, Bureau of Land Management Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501.

Sincerely,



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