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Dear Interested Public,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado River Valley Field Office is initiating an environmental assessment (EA) for the Homer Deep Master Development Plan (HDMDP) for oil and gas exploration and development. The Proposed Action for the HDMDP, prepared by Black Hills Plateau Production, LLC, describes development of 36 horizontal oil and gas wells distributed among four new and one existing well pad located generally northwest of the town of De Beque. Each pad would encompass approximately 7 acres. Construction and operation of the HDMDP would allow for additional production of up to 306 billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas over the life-of-the-project which is estimated to be 20 years. Black Hills currently operates five horizontal wells on three pads. These are indicated by green squares on the attached Map.

The Project Area consists of the Homer Deep Unit (HDU), which encompasses roughly 33,000 acres of Federal, private, and split-estate (private surface/Federal minerals) lands described as follows: Northwest of De Beque via Roan Creek Road (Mesa County 45 Road) to Mesa County Road 200, including all or portions of Sections 7-10 and 13-24, T8S R98W; Sections 11-15, and 24, T8S R99W, and Section 6, T8S R98W, Sixth Principal Meridian (see Map).

Although the HDMPD project area lies within the administrative boundaries of BLM's Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) and contains existing oil and gas well pads, wells, and other infrastructure approved by that field office, the HDMDP is being managed by BLM's Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) in Silt, Colorado. This change in BLM management of the project is part of a consolidation of the GJFO oil and gas program into the CRVFO, which became effective on October 1, 2014.

The BLM is preparing the EA to disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the development plan and a No Action alternative. As a starting point in the assessment, the BLM is soliciting input on the issues that would be considered in the preparation of the JGMDP. At this time, you are encouraged to provide any comments, concerns, or issues that you may have with regard to the proposed development plan.

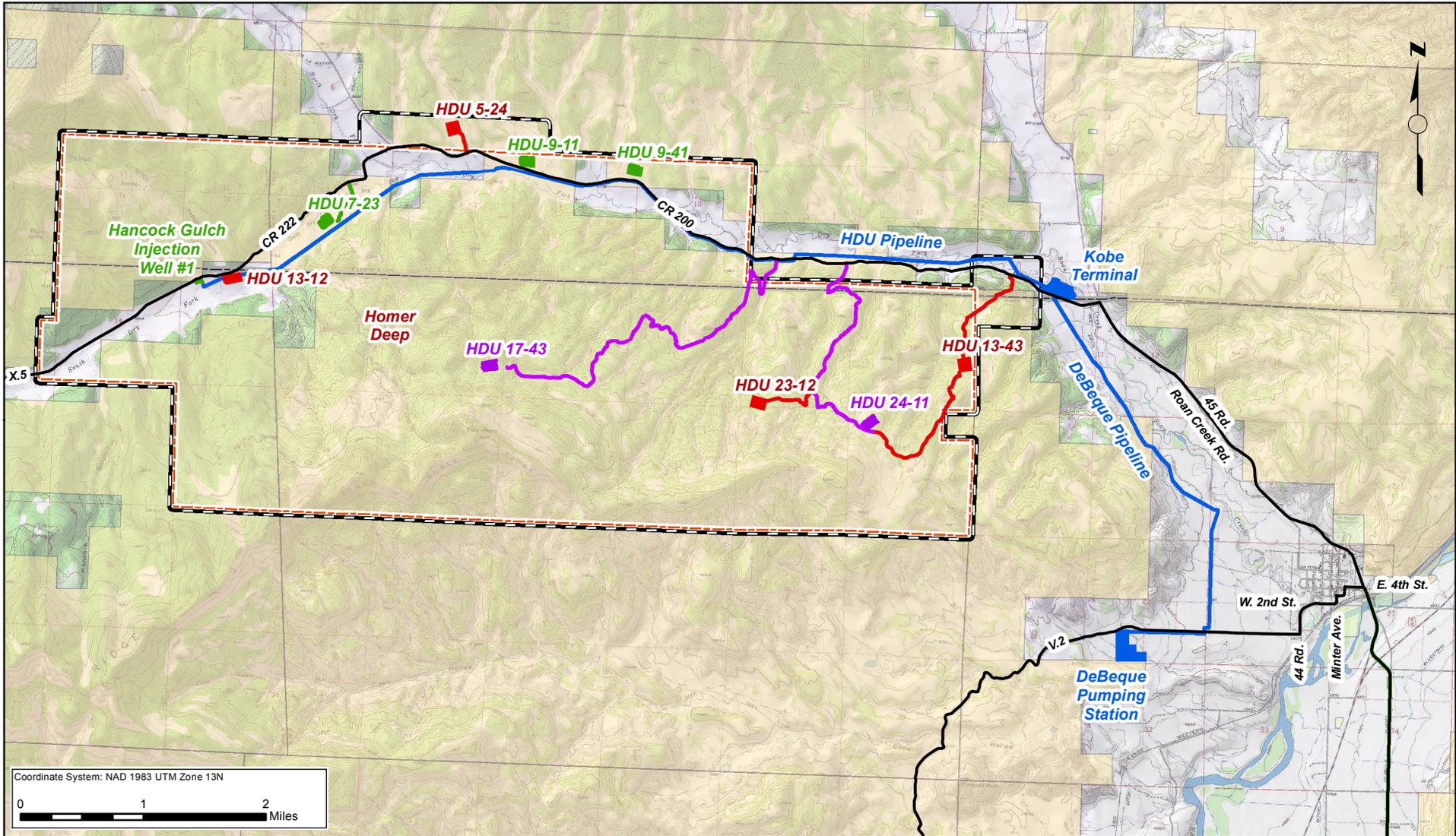
Comments will be most helpful if received by April 29, 2015. Written comments and questions should be directed to the Colorado River Valley Field Office at 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652, or submitted electronically to blm_co_si_mail@blm.gov.

Copies of the proposed action that further detail the proposed oil and gas development are available for review at the BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office and online at:
https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup_register.do.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure – Project Map



Coordinate System: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N

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- Legend**
- Unit Boundary
 - Project Area Boundary
 - Existing Well Pad
 - Existing Resource Road/Gathering Line
 - Existing Facilities
 - Existing Pipeline
 - Approved Well Pad – Not Constructed
 - Approved Resource Road/Gathering Line
 - Proposed Well Pad
 - Proposed Resource Road/Gathering Line

Project
Black Hills Plateau Production, LLC

Title
Homer Deep Master Development Plan

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