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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 DeBeque Southwest Master Development Plan (DSMDP) for oil and gas exploration and development. The Proposed Action for the DSMPD, prepared by Black Hills Plateau Production, LLC (BHP), describes development of up to 104 horizontal oil and gas wells distributed among 13 new well pads located generally west-southwest of the town of De Beque, Mesa County, Colorado. Each pad would encompass approximately 7 acres of initial disturbance and approximately 3 acres of long-term working surface. The proponent currently operates 10 oil and gas wells in the project area, some drilled as early as 1982 by predecessor operators; all existing wells were drilled as vertical wells.

Construction and operation of the DSMDP would allow for production of up to 988 billion cubic feet (bcf) of natural gas over the life of the project, estimated at 20 years. Proposed and existing well pads are shown on the attached Map. Legal descriptions for the project are as follows (all are Sixth Principal Meridian):

- Winter Flats Unit Portion – All or part of Sections 34-36, T8S, R100W; Sections 7 and 18, T9S, R98W; Sections 2-18, and 23-24, T9S, R99W; and Sections 1-5, 8-15, and 22-23, T9S, R100W
- Whittaker Flats Unit Portion – All or part of Sections 3- 4, 9-11, and 13-36, T9S, R98W; Sections 13 and 36, T9S, R99W; and Sections 5-6, T10S, R98W
- Wagon Track Non-Unitized Portion – All or part of Sections 35-36, T8S, R98W; Section 1, T9S, R98W

Although the DSMPD 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 DSMDP 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.

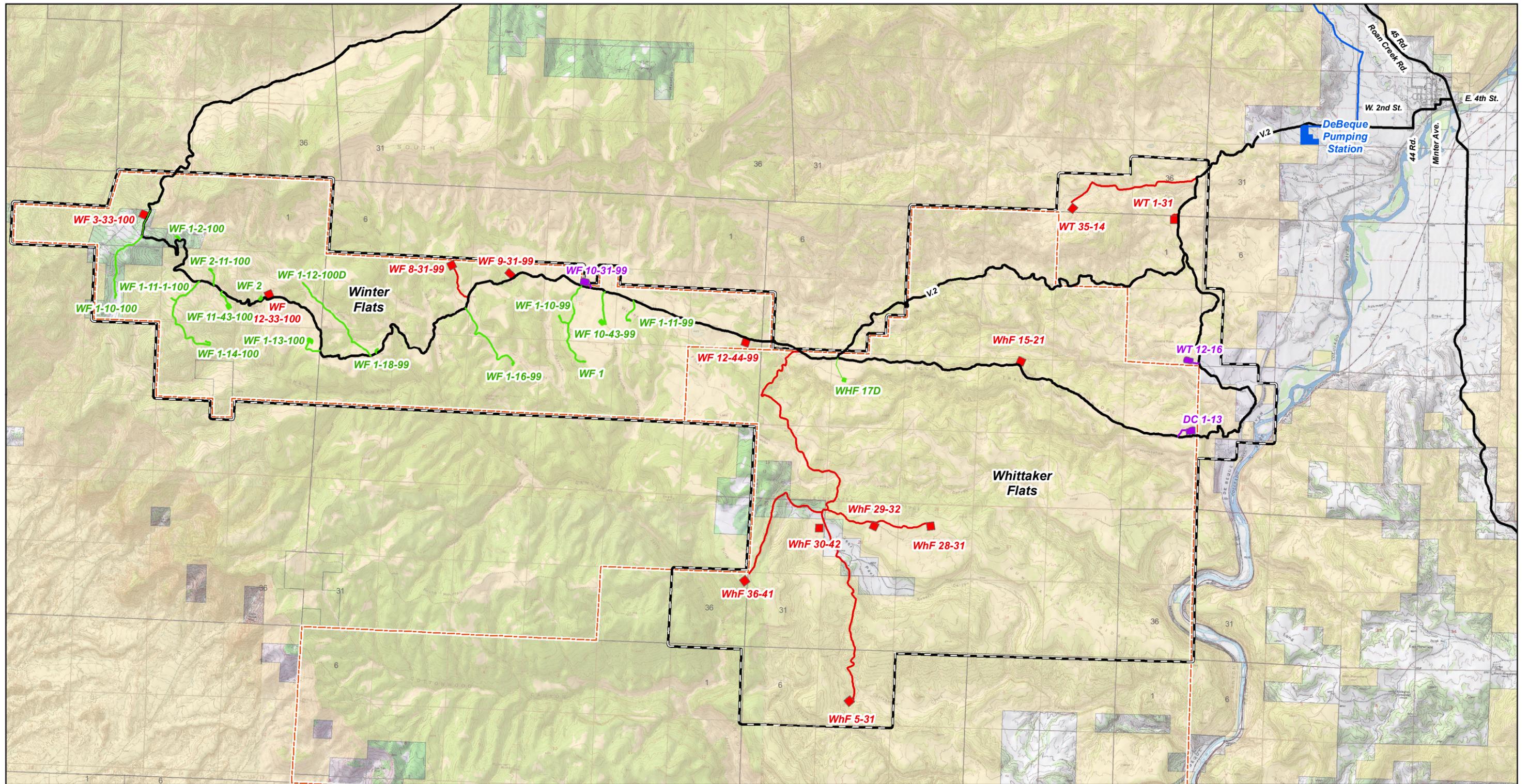
The BLM is preparing the EA to disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the development plan and a No Action alternative. As a starting point in the assessment, the BLM is soliciting input on the issues that would be considered in the preparation of the HDMDP. At this time,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

***Comments will be most helpful if received by July 6, 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](mailto: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](https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/lup/lup_register.do). Thank you for your interest and participation in this process.

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Enclosure: Project Map



**Legend**

Unit Boundary	Existing Well Pad	Approved Well Pad Not Constructed
Project Area Boundary	Existing Road/Gathering Line	Approved Road/Gathering Line
Existing Facilities	Existing Pipeline	Well Pad
		Proposed Road /Gathering Line



Project: Black Hills Plateau Production, LLC

Title: DeBeque Southwest Master Development Plan for Oil and Gas Exploration and Development

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