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BLM to Initiate EIS for Sheep Mountain Uranium Project

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lander Field Office is beginning public scoping to identify potential issues to be analyzed in an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed uranium project in Fremont County. The BLM published a notice of intent to prepare the EIS in the Federal Register on Aug. 23, 2011, which opened a 45-day scoping period.

The BLM will prepare an EIS to analyze the project proposed by Titan Uranium USA, Inc. (Titan). Project information and documents will be posted at: www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/lfo/sheepmtn.html.

To provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and project information, the BLM will host a series of public meetings.

Date and Time	Location
Tuesday, September 13, 2011 5-7 p.m.	Fremont County Library Lander Branch 200 Amoretti Street Lander, WY 82520
Wednesday, September 14, 2011 5-7 p.m.	Fremont County Library Riverton Branch 1330 West Park Avenue Riverton, WY 82501
Thursday, September 15, 2011 5-7 p.m.	Jeffrey City Fire Hall 140 Coyoto Drive Jeffrey City, WY 82310

Titan proposes to conduct conventional uranium exploration and development in the Crooks Gap Mining District, approximately eight miles south of Jeffrey City and 62 miles southeast of Riverton. The Sheep Mountain project area includes 2,313 acres of federal surface (including

2,836 of federal mineral), 768 acres of state and 544 acres of private lands. This is in an area of historic uranium mining development dating back to the 1950s.

Over the anticipated 15-20 year life of the project, the conventional mining and heap leach recovery operation would disturb a total of approximately 666 acres, of which more than 60 percent have been previously disturbed by historic mining.

Public input is valuable early in the process and will enable the BLM to develop a well-informed EIS. Comments should be received by Oct. 6, 2011. Written comments may be emailed to: Sheep_Mountain_Uranium_EIS_WY@BLM.gov or mailed to: BLM Lander Field Office, Attn: Kristin Yannone, 1335 Main Street, Lander, WY, 82520.

For more information, please contact BLM Project Leader Kristin Yannone at 307-332-8400.

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