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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the *Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center Draft Environmental Impact Statement* (DEIS). The DEIS was prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

This DEIS analyzes and discloses the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to the human environment associated with authorizing the Silverton Outdoor Learning and Recreation Center's (SOLRC) use of about 1,300 acres of BLM administered lands in the rugged San Juan Mountains to provide a unique program of mountain recreation and education.

Public involvement is an integral part of the DEIS process, and we invite your comments on this DEIS. To receive full consideration, comments must be received by September 18, 2003. Comments should be directed to Richard Speegle, Recreation Program Leader, at the address above or at richard_speegle@blm.gov. Mr. Speegle can be reached at (970) 375-3310 for further information regarding the EIS or the comment process.

We appreciate your interest and participation in the management of your public lands.

Sincerely,

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