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**BLM CONSIDERS APPLICATION FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND PIPELINE
IN SILVER STAR AREA**

DILLON (November 15, 2006) – The public will have an opportunity to comment on an application from Coronado Resources to the Bureau of Land Management for construction of a water pipeline and road improvements related to their mining operations in the Silver Star, MT area.

To provide the public with a better understanding of the proposal and planning process, the BLM is hosting an informational public meeting on Wednesday, November 29 at the community center in the old school house in Silver Star. The meeting starts at 7 pm. Besides BLM, representatives from Coronado Resources and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be on hand to answer questions. Written comments will be accepted on the proposals through December 14. The BLM contact for this proposal is Jeff Daugherty of the Dillon Field Office, (406) 683-8038. Contact Daugherty for more information or maps.

Coronado Resources proposes improvement of two existing roads and construction of a water pipeline on BLM lands to serve their mining operations located on private mining claims in the area of the Keystone and Victoria Mines about 1.5 miles west-northwest of Silver Star. In conjunction with Coronado's application, Vigilante Electric Cooperative has submitted an application to construct an overhead 7.2kV electric distribution line to provide power from a substation near Silver Star to the mining operation.

The proposed pipeline would be used to transport excess groundwater from dewatering wells on the applicant's mine property near the old Victoria Mine east across BLM lands to a groundwater dispersion system proposed to be constructed on private land. Montana DEQ is responsible for permitting of the groundwater dispersion system and mining activities on private land.

One of the roads slated for improvement would be used for transporting ore from the mine site east down to Highway 41 and on to a mill facility. The other road, sometimes called the "ridge road" would serve as the main access road for mine personnel.