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In reply refer to:
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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Additional Air Quality Assessment to Support the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Little Snake Field Office Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). The document was prepared by the BLM as a result of comments received on the Draft RMP/EIS from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This hypothetical air quality assessment provides additional information and analysis using the CALPUFF-lite modeling system. This is not a NEPA document, but a tool to inform the public and allow public comment on the data and conclusions.

On November 11, 2004, the BLM published a Notice of Intent (*Federal Register* 69:22 pp 67604–67606) to prepare an RMP/EIS for the Little Snake Field Office, located in northwest Colorado. The RMP will provide a framework to guide subsequent management decisions on approximately 1.3 million acres of BLM-administered public lands and 1.1 million acres of subsurface mineral estate. The BLM has worked with a broad range of interested parties to identify management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

However, as described in BLM's Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare Additional Air Quality Analysis Information for the Little Snake Field Office Draft RMP/EIS (published December 19, 2007, in the *Federal Register* 72:243 pg 71944), "During the public comment period, the [U.S.] Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], in consultation with BLM, identified areas where additional air quality information would improve the existing analysis in the Draft EIS. As a result, the BLM is preparing an additional air quality analysis. When the additional air quality analysis has been completed, the BLM will present the information for public review and comment. At that time, BLM will only accept comments from the public pertaining to the new air quality information."

This document represents the "Additional Air Quality Analysis Information" described in BLM's December 19, 2007, NOI and is based on an *Air Quality Impact Assessment Technical Support Document, Little Snake Resource Management Plan, Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado*, prepared for the BLM by Environ International Corporation (2008). Both documents are available online at: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lso/plans/rmp_revision.html or at the following BLM offices:

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Craig, Colorado 81625-1129

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You are encouraged to comment on the additional assessment material contained in this document. A 45-day comment period will begin the date the EPA publishes the filing of this document in the *Federal Register*. Please send your written comments to:

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Written comments must include your complete name and address. Comments may also be made via e-mail at colsrmp@blm.gov. Such comments must also contain your complete name, address, and phone number. This information is requested in the event we need clarification of messages that are not legible or we have questions about your comments. Incomplete comments, comments from unidentified sources, or comments not pertaining to this air quality assessment, will not be considered or included as part of the official comment record.

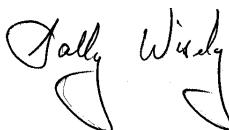
Comments, including the names and street addresses of respondents, will be made available for review by the public at the address listed above during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and will be published as part of the Final EIS. However, individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, street address, and/or telephone number from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals representing, or who are officials of, organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Comments that are substantive and in relation to the material contained in the Additional Air Quality Assessment will be responded to in the Final EIS if received within the 45 days after the Notice of Availability (NOA) is published in the *Federal Register*. Please submit your comments to the above e-mail address or to Additional Air Quality Impact Assessment, BLM, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, CO 81625. Comments that we receive on the Additional Air Quality Assessment will be fully evaluated and considered in the development of the Proposed RMP and Final EIS.

Please retain a copy of the Additional Air Quality Assessment for future reference, because the Final EIS may refer to this document. A copy of this Additional Air Quality Assessment has been sent to affected federal, state, and local government agencies and to those persons who indicated they wish to receive a copy of the RMP/EIS.

We appreciate your interest in management of the public lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Wisely". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Sally Wisely
State Director