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BLM extends public comment period in wilderness process



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The United States Bureau of Land Management has added an additional month to the federal agency's formal scoping period for the wilderness study area planning project in Utah.

Due to the action, the BLM will accept public comments submitted on or before June 21 as part of the agency's scoping process.

Local residents should direct written comments to the Utah State BLM Office, WSA Planning Project, PO Box 45155, Salt Lake City, UT 84145. Residents may access the office on the Internet at <http://www.ut/blm.gov/wilderness>.

Wilderness related questions have created mounting concerns in Carbon and Emery counties. The BLM inventory has prompted officials, residents, recreationists and stock producers to hit the local deserts to verify roads, trails and mining activity.

Carbon-Emery residents hope to sway the decision makers determin-

ing what pieces of land fit wilderness description.

For example, Lila Canyon coal mine developers recently discovered that the facility's proposed portal has been included in the WSA inventory.

In addition, inventory delineations overlap part of the areas Lila Canyon developers have obtained federal coal leases under and/or have applied for rights of ways for roads, utilities and surface coal mining facilities.

If the boundaries stay where published, a mining operation projected to produce 4.4 million tons of coal annually and employ 130 workers will be in jeopardy of never getting off the ground.

What has aggravated the Lila Canyon mining project organizers is the difference between what was recommended to be excluded by field teams and what was included in the proposed WSA by officials who made the final decision.

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Hazardous U.S. 6 cries for attention

By JACKIE ANDERSON
Staff reporter

In a recent meeting of the ex-

patience and a lack of consideration for driving conditions are leading contributors to the problem, pointed out Kelley

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The field teams worked around the portal property and access to the mine. But the map presented to the public moved the lines to include the Lila Canyon portal and coal reserves into the proposed WSA.

Developers have subleased six federal coal tracts located in the inventory area. In addition, Lila Canyon officials have an active mine reclamation plan in place.

Intermountain Power Agency has existing federal coal leases underlying two inventory units. Mining activities have been ongoing since the early 1940s.

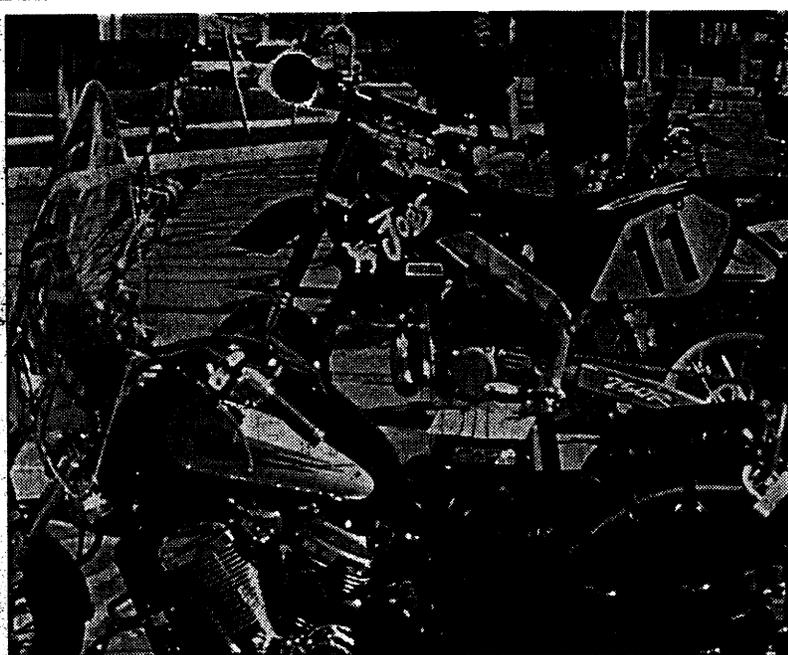
Maps are available at the BLM office in Price for Carbon and Emery County residents to review. The maps specify what roads and trails have been identified for inclusion or remain unchanged.

Investigating:

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charges individual license fees to fund programs for sportsmen. By making a collective agreement, I fail to see how those funds would be distributed. If distribution was not a concern, then how would an agency charge the same amount for a U.S. licence as some states do for an individual one? There may very well be a lot of people who have lost their money, but it is clearly a fraud," stresses Milburn.

"These licenses are not legitimate and will not be recognized by any division office. They are purely the product of a scam," concludes Crawford.



ABATE sponsored motorcycle show att

The 1999 Carbon County motorcycle show, sponsored by ABATE, draws large crowds Saturday. American Bikers Aiming Toward Education is a national politically motivated organization which lobbies Congress for freedom of choice with safety issues. But local member Gene Kessler emphasizes that the motorcycle show does not support the group's political agenda. The fund raising event's purpose is to

promote a positive community, offer a fun county, commended to the Child events included sic by the band well as bikes ent out the state.

Hazardous Highway 6 crying

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balance drivers decided to time the difference between a run from Price to Spanish Fork with the lights and siren going, traveling 95 miles per hour, verses traveling with the flow of traffic. The difference? Seven minutes.

"Is your life worth seven minutes?" asked the EMT.

A crash that Kelley cannot forget involved speed as a major contributing factor.

In March 1998, a 29-year-old driver and her two sons, ages 5 and 8, were traveling westbound on U.S. 6 in Price Canyon. They were met head-on by a semi that failed to negotiate a curve. Vehicle speeds

were estimated between 60-70 mph. The mother had a guardrail on her right and a semi coming head-on in her lane. She had nowhere to go but into the oncoming lane. The truck's front wheel impacted the car at the center of the hood, forcing it to the ground. The truck continued onto the vehicle until the first set of dual tires hit the front of the car. Covered by the semi, the car was forced back down the road in the opposite direction for approximately 200 feet. Against all odds, the 8-year-old boy survived the crash. His mother and 5-year-old brother did not.

"Every crash we investigate is horrible; fatalities, especially those involving children, even more so. It is a matter of coping and survival on the job to block them out, but this one stays with me" commented Kelly.

Family members of the mother and child contacted the highway patrol with a request. Would it be possible for them to retrieve the child's Tickle-Me-Elmo doll from the wreckage?

Searching through the violent

Schedules:

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approval of city officials.

A third degree felony, count seven claims that the former city recorder unlawfully raised her personal salary by \$1,354.78 during 1994.

A third degree felony, count eight contends that Baird gave