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AGENCY SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT

(Salt Lake City) – The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining’s Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program is seeking public comment on plans to close an abandoned coal mine in Emery County. The mine is located in the area of Ferron Canyon on U.S. Forest Service land in Biddlecome Hollow, which is about six miles west of the town of Ferron.

“The mine will be closed by backfilling the opening with nearby material using picks and shovels,” says Project Manager Tom Nicolaysen. “The project will provide permanent closure to hazardous coal mine workings,” he added.

Funding for the project comes from the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. Anyone having questions or comments concerning the project is invited to contact Tom Nicolaysen at (801) 538-5360 or tnicolaysen@utah.gov.

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