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PROPOSED MINE RECLAMATION PROJECT IN TOPACHE PEAK AREA

Milford –The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program is proposing to close hazardous mines in the Topache Peak area of the Star Mountain Range in Beaver County. The public is invited to attend an open house Thursday, April 28 from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Milford EMS building located at 850 North Main Street in Milford to learn about the project.

The Star Mountain Range is a popular destination for outdoor recreation. Old mining sites can be intriguing to unsuspecting explorers but can contain dangerous gases, unstable structures and explosives. The Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program (AMRP) works to protect the public from dangers of old mines by sealing off access to openings and cleaning up waste.

The project is funded through a grant from the federal Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining seeks public comments in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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