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ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION WORK SCHEDULED IN CARBON COUNTY

Salt Lake City – The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Abandoned Mine Reclamation (AMR) Program is preparing for two coal reclamation projects in Carbon County.

Program staff is seeking public input to identify areas of concern or issues to consider during the planning phases of the projects. The public may submit comments until Friday, February 16 to chrisrohrer@utah.gov or request a public meeting.

The Hiawatha project is located in the vicinity of the town of Hiawatha southwest of Price. Phase one, scheduled for this summer, will close approximately 15 portals. Phase two, expected to begin fall 2018 or spring 2019, will reclaim coal refuse piles.

The Hiawatha mine complex is a permitted mine operation, but is currently idle. The reclamation project will address abandoned features within the permit area, with sensitivity given to the historic values. AMR is coordinating the proposed work with the operator and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Coal Program.

The Clear Creek refuse project is located just north of the small community of Clear Creek and approximately five miles south of Scofield. The project will remove and bury coal refuse that has been eroded by surface runoff creating deep gullies and washing into the creek. Stable drainage channels will be established and the area revegetated to prevent further erosion and improve water quality. Work is expected to begin in 2019.

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