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PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL GATHER COMMENT ON PLAN TO STREAMLINE HOW NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT IS APPLIED IN ABANDONED MINE RECLAMATION

Public comment is being sought on development of an agreement that will improve the process used to ensure the closing of dangerous abandoned mines complies with the National Historic Preservation Act. Meetings are scheduled at three locations statewide.

Meetings will be held Monday, October 15, 2007, at the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, October 17, 2007, in the Iron County Visitor Center, 581 North Main, Cedar City, Utah, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at the Moab Information Center, Center and Main Street, Moab, Utah, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Public questions and comments will also be taken in writing and by e-mail. Contact Jerriann Ernstsen, Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114-5801, or jerriannernstsen@utah.gov.

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