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World Premier of "Mining on the Swell"

The world premier of the video "Mining on the Swell," based on interviews of Emery County residents about mining history in the San Rafael Swell will be the focus of the monthly Emery County Historical Society meeting in Castle Dale on Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Museum of the San Rafael Swell, 96 North 100 East. The public is invited to attend and a reception will follow the presentation.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program (AMRP) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Price Field Office cooperatively produced the video as part of the historical documentation and compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act for the upcoming San Rafael Abandoned Mine Reclamation Project. "We hope that the Abandoned Mine Program's work will make the history of mining in the San Rafael Swell during the cold war uranium boom era more available to Emery County citizens and visitors to the Swell," said Tony Gallegos, AMRP Project Manager. "This little film does a great job of capturing the flavor of what it was like to be mining uranium in the Swell sixty and seventy years ago. We'll be showing the video and I will give a short talk about the reclamation project that is scheduled to start early next year," continued Gallegos. The video is based on oral history interviews conducted in 2011 by a BYU historian who recorded the experiences of six people involved with mining in the San Rafael Swell.

The six interviewees, Ted Ekker, Jack Erwin, Mervin Miles, Mark H. Williams, Barbara Ekker, and John Anderson, will attend and be able to answer questions during the reception that will follow the program. For more information call Jan Morse at the Utah AMRP 801-538-5327 or Chris Conrad at the Price BLM Field Office 435-636-3667.

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