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PUBLIC MEETING FOR ABANDONED MINE PROJECT IN THE FRISCO MINING DISTRICT

Salt Lake City, Utah -- The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program will hold an open house on Tuesday, April 20, 2013, in the Milford City Building, 26 South 600 West, Milford, Utah, to outline plans to close 224 mine openings in the San Francisco Mountains. The open house will run from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

The San Francisco Project is located about 14 miles west of Milford in Beaver County and includes the historic Frisco mining district. There are several historic structures in the mining area but none of the closure work will occur near them.

"The Frisco district is a magnet to history buffs and other visitors," said project manager Chris Rohrer. "Landowners have tried to control public access to their property with locked gates and signs, but it is a losing battle. We see the reclamation work as the best method to protect trespassers from possible injury. We recognize the historic value of the mines and aim to minimize the effect of the closures on them."

The town of Frisco was one of the classic Wild West towns in its heyday of the 1870s and 1880s. Among the historic structures in the area is the headframe and ore bin at the Old Kind David mine and several buildings at the famed Horn Silver mine. The Horn Silver mine operated continuously through booms and busts for 78 years, finally ceasing operations in 1952.

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