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Colorado River Valley Field Office
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May 10, 2018

Dear Interested Public,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Uncompahgre Field Office (UFO), in cooperation with the United States Forest Service (USFS) Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG), is accepting comments on a preliminary Environmental Assessment for a proposal by Gunnison Energy LLC (GELLC) to drill, complete, and operate up to 35 horizontal wells from four new well pads and one expansion of an existing well pad, including associated construction of access roads and gas gathering pipelines, in Gunnison and Delta Counties, Colorado. The project, known as the North Fork Mancos Master Development Plan (NFMMDP), would be located generally north of Somerset, Colorado, and west of State Highway 133. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) number for the project is DOI-BLM-CO-N040-2017-0050-EA.

Construction and development would be anticipated to extend over a period of approximately 3 years. Long-term operational life of the project would be approximately 30 years, during which time up to 700 billion cubic feet of natural gas would be expected to be produced, representing revenues of approximately \$2 billion at current prices. The State of Colorado receives 49 percent of royalty payments to the Federal government, which would represent payments to the State of approximately \$27 million over the project life. Workforce would range from 75 to 150 workers over the 3 years of construction, drilling, and completion activities, depending on whether one or two drilling rigs would be used.

The NFMMDP area encompasses 34,906 acres of public and private lands. This includes 25,790 acres of National Forest System lands administered by GMUG, Paonia Ranger District; 468 acres administered by the BLM; and 8,648 acres of private lands. Total Federal fluid mineral estate in the project area is 30,972 acres, including all of the Federal lands and 4,714 acres beneath some of the private lands. The project would result in up to 46.15 acres of initial surface disturbance, of which 17.33 acres would remain until final reclamation at the end of the project life.

To review the preliminary EA and associated documents online, go to the BLM site at <https://go.usa.gov/xQBaQ>. For comments to be considered, submissions must be received via mail to the BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office, 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652 Attn: NFMMDP, via email to comments-rocky-mountain-gmug@fs.fed.us with "North Fork Mancos" in the subject line, or online at <https://go.usa.gov/xQBaQ>. Comments must be received **by June 9, 2018** or within 30 days of publication of the legal notice in the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel*, the GMUG's newspaper of record, whichever is later. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Although the BLM and GMUG have combined the analysis and comment periods, the two agencies will have separate decision processes. In order to obtain standing to object to the GMUG's decision on this project, comments must have been received during scoping last year or during this comment period. This PEA is a Forest Service activity implementing a land management plan subject to the requirements of 36 CFR 218 A and B. The GMUG's Forest Supervisor, Scott Armentrout, will be the Authorized Officer for any approvals of surface use on the GMUG. The Authorized Officer for BLM's decision will be Greg Larson, Field Manager, Uncompahgre Field Office.

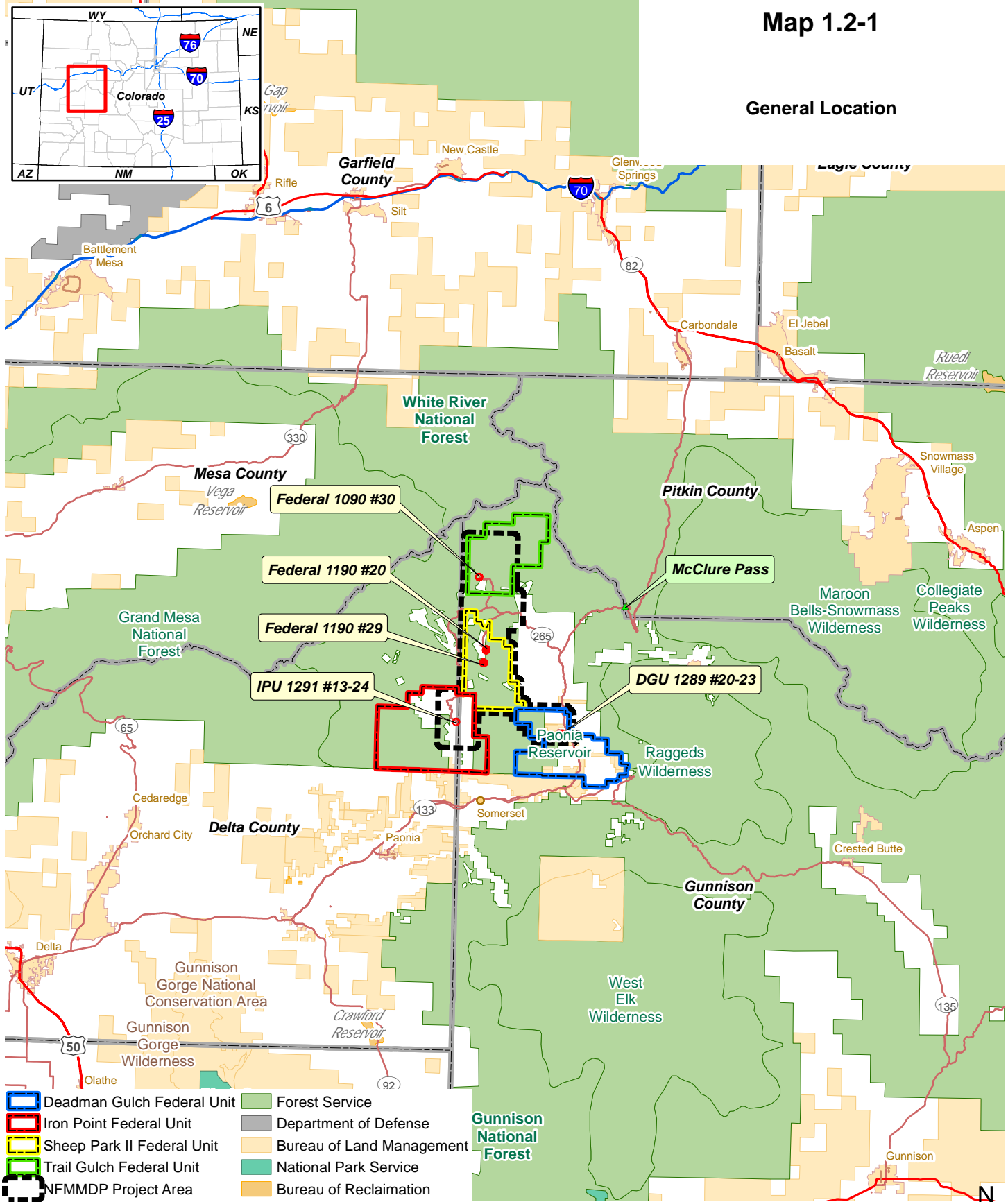
For further information or if you have difficulty reviewing documents or submitting comments, please contact Allen Crockett at acrocket@blm.gov or 970-876-9005 or Niccole Mortenson at nmortenson@fs.fed.us or 406-329-3163.

Enclosure: Project Map

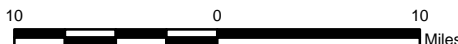
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Map 1.2-1

General Location



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| | Deadman Gulch Federal Unit | | Forest Service |
| | Iron Point Federal Unit | | Department of Defense |
| | Sheep Park II Federal Unit | | Bureau of Land Management |
| | Trail Gulch Federal Unit | | National Park Service |
| | NFMMDP Project Area | | Bureau of Reclamation |



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