

Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Southern Ute Mancos Shale Development, La Plata County, CO

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In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, as well as the U.S. Department of the Interior regulations and handbook implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe), each acting as a joint lead agency, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, acting as a Cooperating Agency, intend to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Programmatic EIS will consider the effects of exploration and development of the Mancos Shale Formation, as well as other oil and gas resources held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Tribe within an approximately 108,000-acre planning area on existing leases located within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

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