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Bill Ritter
Governor
State of Colorado
136 State Capitol
Denver, CO 80203-1792

Dear Governor Ritter,

Thank you for your interest in and willingness to address the many aspects of oil and gas development in the area known as the Roan Plateau. While the BLM has already committed a great deal of time and manpower to the creation of the Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan, questions continue to be raised. For this reason I have requested that some of the 21 new staff members who have been assigned to the Glenwood Springs Energy Office be specifically tasked to work on Roan Plateau issues. I believe that the attention that staff who are specifically assigned to work on these issues may better equip the BLM office to address matters raised by local residents and local and state officials. My primary concern is that legitimate questions and concerns be addressed without causing further unnecessary delays to the completion of this plan.

I have also requested that the BLM state office work with you and with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources to explore other ways in which state and federal staff can coordinate their efforts to ensure the legislative intent of the Roan Plateau area is implemented smoothly. As a part of that coordination I would suggest that you and BLM State Director Sally Wisely examine the possibility of co-locating state and BLM staff. The benefits of co-locating staff include easier communication, better coordination and offering interested parties a "one-stop-shop" to address their issues/concerns.

Thank you for your continued attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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Sally Wisely
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
Department of Interior
2850 Youngfield Street
Lakewood, Colorado 80215

Dear Ms. Wisely,

I appreciate the work undertaken by the Bureau of Land Management over the last several years to address the many aspects of oil and gas development in the area known as the Roan Plateau. While the BLM has already committed a great deal of time and manpower to the creation of the Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan, questions continue to be raised. For this reason I would respectfully request that some of the 21 new staff members who have been assigned to the Glenwood Springs Energy Office be specifically tasked to work on Roan Plateau issues. I believe that the attention that staff who are specifically assigned to work on these issues may better equip the BLM office to address matters raised by local residents and local and state officials. My primary concern is that legitimate questions and concerns be addressed without causing further unnecessary delays to the completion of this plan.

I would also encourage you to work with Governor Ritter and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources to explore other ways in which state and federal staff can coordinate their efforts to ensure the legislative intent for the Roan Plateau area is implemented smoothly. As a part of that coordination I would suggest that you and Governor Ritter examine the possibility of co-locating state and BLM staff. The benefits of co-locating staff include easier communication, better coordination and offering interested parties a "one-stop-shop" to address their issues/concerns.

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