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HEARING SCHEDULED ON PROPOSED URANIUM MINING ON UTE RESERVATION

A public hearing to receive comments on the environmental impact of proposed uranium mining on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation in Montezuma County, Colorado, has been scheduled for April 30. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' agency conference room in Towaoc, Colorado.

Notice of the availability of a draft environmental impact statement, prepared by the Department of the Interior, was published in the Federal Register March 28. Notice of the hearing was published March 31.

The draft statement considers the human and physical environmental effects associated with a proposed exploration and mining plan submitted by Mobil Oil for the underground mining of possible uranium deposits beneath approximately 162,000 acres of land on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation.

Both oral and written statements will be received at the hearing. Oral comments will be limited to ten minutes. Written comments may also be submitted any time before May 14. They should be sent to the BIA Albuquerque Area Office, 5301 Central Ave., NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108.

Single copies of the Department's draft statement may also be obtained from the Area Office.

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