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Notice of Proposed Floodplain and Wetland Action for the
Naturita, Colorado, Processing Site

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Floodplain and Wetland Action

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hereby provides notice as required by 10 CFR Section 1022 of its intent to discharge materials into a small wetland located in the base floodplain (100-year floodplain) of the San Miguel River near the Naturita, Colorado, Processing Site in Montrose County. Groundwater discharging into the wetland contains low level uranium mill-related contaminants. The DOE determined that potential human and/or wildlife contact with the contaminated groundwater should be reduced or eliminated.

Clean, commercially available rock and sand will be placed in portions of the wetland to raise the ground elevation and reduce or eliminate surface water. Subsurface wetland hydrology will be maintained. Heavy equipment will transport materials to a staging area in an adjacent upland. Small equipment (e.g., a small loader) will transport and place materials within the wetland using a single access point. Access to remaining portions of the wetland will occur over newly placed fill. Construction is planned in spring 2010 and will continue for approximately 1 week. Disturbed areas will be reclaimed with native species.

COMMENTS: Written comments are due at the address below no later than Friday,

February 26, 2010.

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REPLY TO: Grand Junction Office		

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ADDRESS: Written comments should be addressed to

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on DOE Floodplain environmental review requirements,
please contact

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