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Proposals sought for Rocky Flats environmental restoration projects

DENVER — The natural resource trustees for Rocky Flats will host a public meeting from 8:30 a.m. to Noon March 18 in the Zang Spur/Bal Swan Room of the Broomfield City and County Building to solicit proposals for natural resource damages projects related to Rocky Flats. A formal request for proposals is posted on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment website at <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/hm/rf>. Interested parties must submit sketch plans of proposals by May 13. Contracts are expected to be awarded early in 2011.

The trustee council will award up to \$3 million to winning projects designed to restore, enhance or replace similar natural resources injured from contaminant releases that occurred over nearly 50 years of nuclear weapons production at the former Rocky Flats Plant in Jefferson County. The projects will complement clean-up work performed under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as Superfund. The clean-up of chemical and radiological contamination was completed in October 2005. The majority of the site was later transferred to the U.S. Department of the Interior to be managed as a National Wildlife Refuge by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Who: The natural resource trustees represent the following state and federal agencies:

- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Colorado Attorney General's Office
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- U.S. Department of Energy
- U.S. Department of the Interior

What: A public meeting to solicit proposals for projects to restore natural resources in the vicinity of Rocky Flats.

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When: 8:30 a.m. – Noon
Thursday, March 18, 2010

Where: Zang Spur/Bal Swan Room (basement)
Broomfield City and County Building
1 DesCombes Drive
Broomfield, CO

Why: Superfund, the same federal law that required DOE to clean up the contamination at Rocky Flats, also requires the agency to pay the natural resource trustees for damages. Superfund's natural resource damage provisions address the fact that once a resource has been contaminated, the loss to the public continues until the resource is completely restored. Of the \$10 million originally allocated by DOE for natural resource restoration projects, nearly \$7 million has already be awarded to projects benefitting resources in the Rocky Flats area.