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## News Release

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### Public Meeting on Proposed Mineral Exploration

CREEDE - The public is invited to a meeting concerning an environmental analysis on a proposed mineral exploration project on the Rio Grande National Forest near Creede, Colorado. The meeting will be held at the Creede Community Center on October 28, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The meeting will start with a short presentation followed by an open house.

The proposed exploration, known as the San Juan Silver Project, is located in the mountains on either side of upper West Willow Creek, north of Creede. The goal of the proposed work is to obtain information about potential mineral resources on existing mineral claims located on lands within the Rio Grande National Forest.

The exploration program is forecasted to continue for five years during which time Rio Grande Silver expects to establish approximately 50 drill pads, or about 10 drill pads per year of exploration. Each drill pad would be approximately 0.2 acre and would be accessed by existing or temporary roads. The entire exploration program would disturb less than 50 acres. Rio Grande Silver plans to reclaim pads and temporary roads as the project progresses, so the maximum amount of disturbance not reclaimed at any one time would be about 27 acres. All drill pads and temporary access roads would be reclaimed by the conclusion of the project.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn more about the San Juan Silver Project and identify issues to be addressed in the environmental analysis. Public comments will be most useful if received by November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

For more information, visit the Rio Grande National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/riogrande/projects> or contact Dave Dyer at the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center at 719-852-6215.

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