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Iron Point 3D Seismic Project Comments Requested

Paonia, Colorado, October 11, 2018 – The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests is accepting public comment on the Iron Point 3D Seismic Project.

Gunnison Energy LLC (GELLC) has proposed conducting a 3-D seismic survey on approximately 28,000 acres of public lands north of Paonia in Delta and Gunnison Counties to determine if there is oil and gas development potential, identify locations for exploratory drilling and locate subsurface features that could impede development of existing oil and gas leases. The proposed project will be conducted in two phases. The first phase includes resource (cultural, slope determinations, etc.) surveying to determine placement of seismic survey points. The second phase is a recording phase and will include the placement of source and receiver lines, heliportable shot hole drilling, data acquisition and cleanup.

The proposed 3-D seismic program includes the use of vibroseis buggies on existing roads, where appropriate, and shot holes (buggy drilled and heliportable), as appropriate, as the energy source. Activities in Colorado Roadless Areas will occur by crews walking-in or helicopter long-line delivery of supplies only.

There will be no removal of vegetation or road construction/reconstruction for any of the project area. Project activities will also avoid streams and big game winter range. The project is estimated to begin mid- to late October 2018 and last approximately 40-60 days for the entire project area.

Please submit comments by **October 26, 2018**.

Please mail comments to: District Ranger, Levi Broyles, P.O. Box 1030, Paonia, CO 81428 or submit online from the link below.

Additional information and maps are available online at:
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54846>

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The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre & Gunnison National Forests manage approximately 3 million acres of land in Southwest Colorado within Delta, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, Saguache, San Juan and San Miguel counties.

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