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BLM invites public comment on proposed pipeline and reservoir environmental assessment

ST. GEORGE, Utah –The public is invited to comment on a draft environmental assessment (EA) prepared by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) St. George Field Office, analyzing the potential environmental consequences associated with Washington County Water Conservancy District's (WCWCD) proposed Ash Creek Project and Toquer Reservoir Recreation Area (Project) in Washington County.

The comment period ends Dec. 2, 2019, with a public meeting scheduled for Nov. 18, from 6-8 p.m. at the Toquerville City Office, 212 N Toquerville Blvd., Toquerville, Utah.

The WCWCD filed an application with the BLM for a right-of-way (ROW) and a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act lease to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed Ash Creek Project and Toquer Reservoir Recreation Area. The draft EA includes an analysis of the proposal and alternatives.

Comments must be submitted on, or postmarked by, Dec. 2 to be considered. Additional information about the planning effort is located at <https://go.usa.gov/xpYQk>. Comments may be submitted by website: <https://go.usa.gov/xpYQk>; email: utsgmail@blm.gov; or mail the Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Ash Creek Project, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, UT 84790.

Please include your name and street address. Your entire comment – including your personally identifiable information – may be made publicly available at any time. You can request your personally identifiable information be withheld from public review, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

For further information concerning the public comment period or the draft EA, please contact Callie Goff, planning and environmental specialist at (435) 688-3268. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

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