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## **BLM Begins Public Comment Period for Uranium Project**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lander Field Office is seeking comments on a proposed uranium project in Fremont and Natrona counties.

Cameco Resources proposes to conduct in situ recovery (ISR) uranium exploration and development in the Gas Hills Unit, approximately 50 miles east of Riverton and 85 miles west of Casper. The project area includes 7,940 acres of federal surface (including 8,006 of federal mineral), 161 acres of state and 394 acres of private lands. This area has been a uranium district since the early 1950s.

Over the anticipated 25 year life of the project, surface disturbance will be limited to the construction of water wells, buried water pipelines, single-lane gravel access roads and small buildings for well-head manifold control equipment.

The BLM will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze Cameco's proposed project. Project information and documents can be viewed at: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/lfodocs/gashills.html>.

To provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and project information, the BLM will host public meetings on Oct. 26, 27 and 28 in Casper, Riverton and Lander, respectively. Meeting times and locations will be announced to the public at a later date.

Public input is valuable early in the process and will enable the BLM to develop a well-informed EIS. Comments should be received by Oct. 21, 2010. Written comments may be emailed to: [Gas\\_Hills\\_Uranium\\_EIS\\_WY@BLM.gov](mailto:Gas_Hills_Uranium_EIS_WY@BLM.gov) or mailed to: Bureau of Land Management, Lander Field Office, Attn: Kristin Yannone, Project Manager, P.O. Box 589, Lander, WY 82520.

For more information, please contact Kristin Yannone, BLM Project Leader, at 307-332-8448.

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