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Dear Interested Reader:

The U.S. Forest Service, Cibola National Forest and Grasslands, and the Mount Taylor Ranger District invite you to an open house to learn about the proposed Roca Honda Mine Project. The open houses will be held in the following locations:

Tuesday, December 14, 6-9 p.m. – Grants, NM, Cibola County Convention Center, 515 West High Street.

Thursday, December 16, 6-9 p.m. – Gallup, NM, Rotunda (1st floor), McKinley County Courthouse, 207 West Hill Street.

Roca Honda Resources, LLC submitted a Plan of Operations for mining uranium at the Roca Honda mining claims to the USDA Forest Service. Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Forest Service announces its intention to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed project and conduct scoping meetings as open houses.

At the open houses, the Forest Service, Roca Honda, and State agencies will provide information about the action, which consists of development, operation, and mine reclamation for the Roca Honda mining claims located on National Forest System land within the Mount Taylor Ranger District about 22 miles northeast of the town of Grants (for more detail about the proposed action, please see the enclosed project description). Participants will have an opportunity to talk with resource and planning specialists, and are encouraged to provide comments on the scope of the EIS and on alternatives, share issues and concerns, and ask questions. The Forest Service will consider these comments in determining the scope of the EIS, including alternatives to the proposed action.

The scoping period will occur from the date the Notice of Intent was published in the *Federal Register* (November 24, 2010) to January 14, 2011. All public comments should be postmarked on or before January 14, 2011. For further information, and to send written comments, please contact Diane Tafoya, 505-346-3809, Cibola National Forest, 2113 Osuna Road NE, Albuquerque, NM 87113. Comments may also be submitted electronically to comments-southwestern-cibola-mount-taylor@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

