

Re: FOR REVIEW: MEDIA QUERY – Denver Post, Wildcat Loadout – COB November 10

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Hi Angela, I think that it looks pretty good. I like how it simply suggests that we are in the information gathering stage still and that it will follow the NEPA process that will include a public scoping period when we get to that point.

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From: Hawkins, Angela E <ahawkins@blm.gov>**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 2:14 PM**To:** Porter, Lance C <l50porte@blm.gov>; Beagley, Kyle K <kbeagley@blm.gov>**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: MEDIA QUERY – Denver Post, Wildcat Loadout – COB November 10**Reporter:** Elise Schmelzer, Reporter**Outlet:** *Denver Post***Subject:** Wildcat Loadout- The loadout is located in the Price Field Office and the proposed project would allow for an increase in amount of product handled at the facility**Deadline:** COB November 10, 2023**Spokesperson & Position Held:** Angela Hawkins, Public Affairs Officer will respond to questions via email**Additional information/Driver for request:** Reporter Elise Schmelzer contacted the public room with questions regarding the proposed project for a story about concerns in Colorado and supplied this link: <https://neguse.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-neguse-sen-bennet-urge-blm-consider-risks-colorado-oil-loadout-facility>**Proposed response:** These response for questions 1 was taken from the Wildcat Loadout Holding Statement sent May 2023.**Question 1:** Has the BLM decided whether to conduct an environmental analysis or an environmental impact statement for this project?**Answer:** *The Bureau of Land Management is currently in the information gathering stage. The Bureau of Land**Management is committed to sustain the productivity of public lands by supporting multiple use. Through the NEPA**process, the BLM will review and consider the potential environmental and related social and economic effects.***Question 2:** What is the current status of BLM approval for this project?**Answer:** *There are several steps that must be completed before the BLM makes a decision on this project.***Question 3:** What are the next decisions to be made and when do you expect they will be made?**Answer:** *The BLM will follow the NEPA process. After considering whether an Environmental Assessment or an**Environmental Impact Statement will be created, the document will be written and then will be issued to the public for a*

public scoping period. For more information on the NEPA Process the public can visit: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-in-development/utah/nepa-101#:~:text=The%20NEPA%20process%20guides%20Federal,the%20BLM%20by%20other%20entities.>



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