

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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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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