

**RESOLUTION
OF
THE BOARD OF OURAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Concerning: Oil and Mineral Leasing Concerns and Extension Request

Whereas, the Board of Ouray County Commissioners ("Board") has received numerous concerns from Ouray County citizens regarding potential oil and mineral leasing activities that may occur within Ouray County; and

Whereas, the Board in their official capacity to ensure the health, safety and welfare of Ouray County Citizens feels it is critical to bring these concerns to your attention as follows:

- The Citizens and the Board have experienced difficulties in obtaining information concerning oil and mineral leasing due to the BLM website being down,
- The Citizens and the Board are concerned with the absence of notification to local government entities,
- The Citizens and the Board are concerned about the absence of advertisement for public awareness of oil and mineral leasing activities within the County,
- The Citizens and the Board are concerned about the effects oil and mineral leasing may have on wildlife habitat and plant species as each parcel to be auctioned is in sensitive and important habitat for wildlife and plants,
- The Citizens and the Board are concerned about the impact oil and mineral leasing may have on the drainage of watersheds and impoundment that provide irrigation water and domestic water supplies to Ouray County Citizens.

Whereas, as a result of these concerns, the Board, on behalf of the Citizens of Ouray County is respectfully asking for a **sixty (60) day extension** from May 12, 2005 to address the above mentioned concerns prior to any parcels being auctioned within Ouray County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County, Colorado that Resolution #2005-025 is hereby adopted to reflect the concerns of the Citizen and Board as specified in the paragraphs above.

Approved and adopted this 9th day of May, 2005.
Ratification scheduled for May 23, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
OURAY COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Don Batchelder, Chairman

Michelle Nauer,
County Clerk and Recorder

Tom Hollenbeck, Vice-Chairman

By: _____
Linda Munson-Haley,
Clerk of the Board

Heidi Albritton, Commissioner Member