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Have an Opinion about Energy Development in Mesa County?

Come get involved in the Energy Master Plan!

Mesa County is developing an Energy Master Plan that aims to preserve the quality of life in our local communities while preparing for responsible energy development. This month, citizens have another opportunity to share their thoughts on the subject.

The Energy Master Plan is intended to put equal emphasis on energy production, the local economy and our environment. The plan will include a comprehensive analysis of what types of energy development will likely occur in our area, as well as what effects it will have on our residents. Mesa County officials believe this effort is the first of its kind in the nation.

Residents can share their ideas about how Mesa County can mitigate the impacts—and take advantage of the benefits—of energy development in northwestern Colorado. Come to one of these public meetings:

Tuesday, January 13 • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Fruita —8/9 School (1835 J Road)
Wednesday, January 14th • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Collbran —Plateau Valley School (56600 Highway 330)
Thursday, January 15th • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Palisade —Community Center (120 W. 8 th Street)
Tuesday, January 20th • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Gateway —Community Center (42700 Highway 141)
Wednesday, January 21st • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	DeBeque School (730 Minter Avenue)
Thursday, January 22nd • 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.—AND— • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	Grand Junction —Old County Courthouse (544 Rood Avenue)

The elements of the plan include:

- Identifying the different types of energy resources in Mesa County
- Mapping where these resources are located
- Identifying potential impacts to our communities
- Preparing policies and mitigation measures to address these impacts

Addressing the impacts of energy development through policies, best management practices, and regulations adopted by the Board of County Commissioners will provide clear guidelines, requirements and expectations to the energy industry prior to application for development.

Citizens can play an important role in this process by getting involved!

- Come to one of the meetings listed above
- Visit our website: www.mesacounty.us and click on “Energy Master Plan”
- Call 244-1650
- Email MCLrange@mesacounty.us

“Mesa County—Creating a community of opportunities for all residents with a focus on the future.”