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Staking for the proposed uranium mines in South Park near Hartsel took place from May 8 to May 10, according to an e-mail from Doran Moore, a member of Save Our South Park Water 08, a group opposing the possibility of uranium mines.

"Thousands of acres from Sheep Camp Ridge to north of Antelope Lane were claimed for mining," he said in the e-mail.

Park County Development Services Coordinator Tom Eisenman said Horizon Nevada Uranium has staked claims on a number of properties in South Park for proposed in-situ uranium mines.

But, he said, the project has hit a wall and can't continue without invoking the county's 1041 water permit process.

Staking the claim itself is not considered mining activity, but the next step in the project, drilling exploratory wells, would be, Eisenman said.

Bill Wilson, president of Golden-based Horizon Nevada Uranium Inc., said approximately 40 claims and location notices will be filed with Park County and the Bureau of Land Management.

"Several owners have approached us who are interested in leasing their surface related to our staked claims or their ownership of minerals. We are still working on any exploration plans for this year," Wilson said.

Horizon Nevada Uranium Inc is a subsidiary of New Horizon Uranium Corp., a company traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Moore also said a claim was staked on a runway registered with the Federal Aviation Administration and on property owned by Leon **Lux**.

Lux said about 28 stakes have been pounded into his 385 acres near Hartsel.

There are five landing strips on **Lux's** property that are recorded with the FAA which can be used as emergency runways, and there are six stakes pounded into one of his runways.

He said the stakes were two inches by two inches and about 3.5 feet tall and unflagged.

Lux said he walked the runway before taking off, but didn't notice the stakes until he got into his plane and prepared to take off.

He had to make drastic maneuvers to avoid hitting some of the stakes, he said, swerving his plane out into a bumpy field.

He said after dodging even more stakes, he was finally able to get airborne.

"It was exciting, to say the least."