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AUGER NAMES TANKS, OPENS VISITOR CENTER

(Lamar, Colorado, October 17, 2007) The Pierre Auger Cosmic Ray Observatory will hold ceremonies to dedicate its two initial demonstration tanks and open its interim Visitor Center on Saturday, October 27th. The first will be held at the Bent County Fairgrounds in Las Animas, at 11:00 A.M. next to the tank. There will be a short talk describing the observatory, the unveiling of the tank name which was chosen from Bent County elementary student submissions, and a small reception. At 4 P.M. that day, there will be a similar ceremony in Lamar at Lamar Community College. During this ceremony, there will be a more in-depth presentation about the observatory, and the interim Visitor Center at the LCC Library will open. "The main purpose for the interim visitor center is to help local residents learn more about the project," explained Brad Thompson, LCC Auger education outreach coordinator. "We will be asking a great many landowners from Baca, Bent, Kiowa and Prowers counties to participate in the Observatory, and we want to help them understand what the proposed project is all about and what will be placed in Southeast Colorado, as well as address any questions or concerns they may have." The events will give area residents an opportunity to learn more about the Observatory, meet some of the physicists involved in the project, and appreciate the potential benefits and opportunities of having the Auger Observatory in Southeast Colorado.

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