

Bald Hill Federal Fact Sheet

- El Paso Exploration & Production Company (El Paso) submitted an Application for a Permit to Drill (APD) in February 2010 for two wells, Bald Hill Federal 6-6-11-75 and Bald Hill Federal 5-29-10-75.
- The BLM began working on an environmental assessment (EA) and accepted public comments from March-April 2010.
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife proposed listing the mountain plover as a threatened and endangered species in July 2010, which required the BLM to conduct a biological assessment
- El Paso withdrew their APD for Bald Hill Federal 6-6-11-75 in December 2010 and may submit a new APD at a future date.
- The EA is focused solely on the Bald Hill Federal 5-29-10-75 APD.
- The BLM decided to hold an open house on April 6, 2011 in Fairplay to seek additional public input as it moves forward with the EA. To ensure issues and concerns are considered in the EA they must be received in writing by May 6, 2011.
- Comments may be submitted by: mail at BLM RGFO, Attn: Bald Hill Federal, 3028 E. Main St., Cañon City, CO 81212; email at rgfo_comments@blm.gov; or fax to 719-269-8599. If sending by email or fax, be sure to write Bald Hill Federal on the subject line.
- Lands are identified for leasing by the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan, which was developed through an extensive public participation process as mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act.
- The BLM Colorado State Office approved a Unit Agreement with El Paso on April 20, 2010 for the development and operation of the Bald Hill Unit COC74414X located in South Park.
- The proposed Bald Hill Federal 5-29-10-75 location is within the Bald Hill Unit
- The Bald Hill Unit consists of approximately 36,733 acres. Forty-nine percent of the acres are on federal lands and 40 percent of the acres are on state lands and 11 percent are on private lands.
- Unitization benefits everyone as it conserves surface resources by drilling only the wells necessary, minimizes impacts to the environment, provides for a centralization of facilities, and limits unit surface operations to a single operator.
- Centralization of facilities under a unitization reduces drilling and operating costs, provides for better natural gas reservoir management, and maximizes the ultimate natural gas recovery resulting in increased royalties.
- A single Unit Operator is more efficient to educate and regulate.
- El Paso is the designated Unit Operator.

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