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SCOPING NOTICE

EnCana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc. Submits Application for Permit to Drill for a Natural Gas Well

The Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office (BLM), is seeking input regarding a proposal by EnCana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc (EnCana). EnCana has submitted an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for an exploratory natural gas well to the BLM. The proposed well would be located on Wray Mesa approximately 6.5 miles southwest of Paradox, Colorado in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 36 of Township 47 North, Range 20 West in Montrose County, Colorado. Access will utilize the existing San Juan County, UT, Road 163 (Wray Mesa Road), then Montrose County, CO, Road Z1 and Road AA1. EnCana would construct (new construction) about 1,845 feet of the access road from MCR AA1 to the proposed location. The well pad would be designed and sized to accommodate the potential of 1 – 2 additional wells. The well pad and new access road would result in approximately five acres of surface disturbance. The well would be directionally drilled to a depth of 10,500 feet. If approved, the project would begin in May 2009.

If productive, the well would be shut-in while EnCana evaluates options for any subsequent wells and/or installation of a natural gas pipeline. These activities would be planned as a separate action.

The BLM has determined that this proposed action must be evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to evaluate the potential impacts to human health and the environment. The BLM is seeking any comments you may have related to this project. Your comments will assist in identifying issues that should be addressed as part of the analysis being prepared for this project. If you are interested in participating in the environmental analysis process, or have specific concerns, issues, or alternatives you would like addressed, please provide written comments to:

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Written comments may be submitted by mail, email, or fax. Comments concerning this proposal should be submitted no later than December 1, 2008.

Parties expressing interest during this comment period will be eligible to appeal the decision pursuant to 43 CFR Part 4.400. Appeal and stay procedures are outlined in Form CO-1840. Only those who submit timely comments will be accepted as appellants of the final decision. Comments must be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and include supporting reasons for the Authorized Officer to consider. Also, for appeal eligibility, each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify their identity upon request. Please note that comments and information submitted regarding this project, including email addresses and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, email address, or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Sincerely,

/s/ Barbara Sharrow

Barbara Sharrow
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Map Attachment