

OPTIONAL PLAN CONFORMANCE/NEPA COMPLIANCE RECORD  
CX-NM-510-2007-0173  
Vintage Drilling LLC  
Serial No.: NM-60188

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Assignment from John S. Goodrich to Vintage Drilling LLC.

On February 05, 1985 pursuant to Title V of the Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, BLM issued right-of-way NMNM-60188, authorizing John S. Goodrich to construct operate, maintain and terminate an access road across public lands. The purpose of which is to provide legal access to an existing well pad.

On July 17, 2007 the BLM received a request for assignment from John S. Goodrich to assign the right-of-way to Vintage Drilling LLC., the assignment has been appropriately endorsed and the right-of-way is in good standing BLM recommends approval of the conveyance.

Vintage Drilling LLC. has agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of the original grant.

**Location of Proposed Action:** T. 13 S., R. 31 E., Chaves County, New Mexico  
Section 21: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Description of Proposed Action: Vintage Drilling LLC. is requesting to assign one (1) Rights-of-Way addressed above. Because the right-of-way is an assignment, no blading or disturbance of the surface will be done. The road right-of-way is for an access road, 20 feet in width and 1,980 feet(0.91 acres).

**PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.**

The proposed action is consistent with the approved Roswell Resource Area Management Plan and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance.

The proposed action is consistent with State and local government programs, plans, zoning, and applicable regulations. The land is suitable for the proposed use and would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

PART II: NEPA REVIEW

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, E-9 “Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or right-of-ways where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations,” and does not meet any of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2.

Prepared by:

/s/Tate Salas	7/24/07
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### III. DECISION.

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved Roswell Management Plan and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to approve the right-of-way assignment as described, subject to the terms and conditions of the original right-of-way grant, with an option to renew, pursuant to Title V of the Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2880; rental payments as determined by 43 CFR 2803.1-2; and the attached Current Standard Stipulations for Access Roads in the Roswell Field Office, BLM.

Compliance and Monitoring: The construction phase of this proposed action and subsequent operational phases will be monitored as per regulation.

/s/John S Simitz

7/24/07

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