

Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office
Categorical Exclusion Checklist
NEPA # DOI-BLM-P010-2009-39-CX
Touchdown BJC Federal #2

Resources	Not Present on Site	No Impacts	May Be Impacts	Mitigation Included	BLM Reviewer	Date
Watershed			X	X	/s/ Michael McGee	1/26/09
Water Quality - Surface			X	X		
Water Quality - Ground			X	X		
Cultural	X				/s/Rebecca L. Hill 09-R-041A	26Jan2009
Rights-of-Way		X			/s/Sanderford	1/14/09
Invasive, Non-native Species			X	X	/s/ Joseph Navarro	1/23/09
Threatened or Endangered Species	X				/s/ D Baggao	12/3/08
Special Status Species	X					
Wastes, Hazardous or Solid	X				EPS/NRS /s/ Brian Novosak	01/09/2009
Public Health and Safety		X				

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A. Background

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Applicant: Yates Petroleum Corporation
105 S. 4th Street
Artesia, NM 88210

Lease No.: NM-106905

Action Type: APD

Well Name: Touchdown BJC Federal #2

Location of Proposed Action: 370' FNL and 660' FEL,
Unit A, Sec. 11, T12S-R26E
Chaves County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M.

Description of Proposed Action: The applicant proposes to drill a gas well to 6,600' using a 'closed loop' drilling system with no reserve pit on private surface accessing federal minerals. This will require a 420' x 420' pad and a 41' x 30' access road; both on private surface aggregating 4.05 acres of surface disturbance a subsurface pipeline may be installed later. No right-of-way is required.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: 1997 Roswell Resource Management Plan Amended by the 2008 Special Status Species RMPA

The proposed action conforms to 1997 Roswell RMP, as amended. The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Minerals Management, Fluid Minerals Goal: Provide for the leasing, exploration and development of oil and gas resources within the Roswell Resource Area.

C. Compliance with the NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

