

Project updates

Riley Ridge Project - Cimarex has completed both pipelines from their Riley Ridge plant and has installed the power poles to the plant. They are installing the power lines and plan to energize their substation at the plant this summer. They also have received authorization to install the meteorological stations and fiber optic cables that will run from the plant to the met stations and to lay pipelines from the 17-34 well location to the plant. The plant should be operational by the end of 2011. The completion of the sale of all Cimarex assets to Denbury is pending.

Electrification of the Anticline – Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) has proposed to build electric distribution lines to provide power to eight distinct locations on the south end of the Anticline, both north and south of Highway 351. The BLM PFO has developed an interdisciplinary team and is working with the third-party contractor to initiate the development of the Environmental Assessment. Public scoping for the project will begin as soon as RMP can perfect their application. Project stalled as RMP negotiates route over private land on New Fork River. The distribution lines will tie into the sub-station at Paradise.

NPL EIS – Proposal to drill 3500 wells south and west of the Jonah Field. Scoping report is on the web. Held mtgs with cooperators on July 20 and 21, 2011. BLM working with third party contractor to create the alternatives that will be considered in the EIS. Release of Draft EIS scheduled for Spring 2012.

LaBarge EIS – Proposal to drill 838 wells in the Big Piney – LaBarge area. Contractor is working on developing alternatives for the EIS. Draft EIS scheduled to be released in Fall of 2011.

Encana's multi-well pad proposal – Encana has proposed to conduct year-around drilling on the Northern portion of the Jonah Field. Encana has not fully developed this end of the field due to the wildlife timing restrictions limiting the time allowed for development. Their proposal is to drill multiple wells from 12 distinct locations with up to 14 wells from a single pad. This is a variance from their general past practice of drilling one well per pad but the proposed action would allow for completing the development of the Jonah Field sooner and would reduce surface disturbance. Encana completed their draft proposal on July 15th and will work with BLM to contract a third-party to write the EA. Scoping on the proposal will be conducted when a third-party contractor has been identified and the proposal is final.

Lander Trail Interpretive Plan – On 7/27/11 the Lander Trail Interpretive plan team met to finalize obligations set forth in the programmatic agreement. A timeline was developed for completing the interpretive plan and implementing it by the end of 2011.

Wildlife Habitat projects being planned for 2011 construction:

Wyoming Front Range Aspen Regeneration Project – This project will enhance wildlife habitat for elk and Muledeer. The area around Camp Creek was successfully burned with 8 out of 10 planned burned units receiving the treatment. The EA for efforts in the Miller Creek area are in the final stages pending an LWC inventory of the area. This treatment consists of cutting and piling conifers and burning the piles when conditions permit.

Muddy Creek Spike – The intention of this proposed action is to enhance Mule deer habitat in the South LaBarge area. The environmental assessment for this proposed project is in progress. If approved, proposed treatments would occur this fall.

Anticline Fertilization Project – Staff are reviewing the scoping comments and will be drafting the Environmental assessment.

Well spud report since 2/3/11

Annual Drilling Plans, Anticline – The Pinedale Field Office has approved the drilling plans for the Anticline Operators that describe their drilling plans for the period between Feb 2011 and Feb 2012. As of July 25, a total of 2,246 wells have been spud on the Anticline, 1,044 since the signing of the ROD and 221 thus far this calendar year.

2010 mitigation fund contributions

From September 2010 to July 2011, 221 wells have been spud in the PAPA for an income to the Mitigation Fund of \$1,657,000 so far this year.

Anticline monitoring overview

Monitoring for the 5 Matrix species continues on an annual basis at a cost of about \$1.1M per year. Final reports are put on the JIO/PAPO website after review by WGFD and BLM biologists. The JIO/PAPO, in cooperation with the WGFD and BLM biologists, are conducting a habitat assessment on the anticline and transitional ranges to identify areas best suited to habitat enhancement projects. They have started in the Soapholes and Ryegrass allotments.

The JIO/PAPO continues to work with the USGS in finalizing the PAPO database. A workshop will be scheduled in the near future to explain the system to operators and staff.

There is no JIO/PAPO Board of Directors meeting scheduled at this time but the next meeting probably will be in November

Reclamation monitoring for rollover continues in the Jonah. Reclamation monitoring in the PAPA is on-going.

Recent Additions to PAPO website

None since last meeting

Staffing update

- Selected Tim Zebulske for the Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist.
- Selected JIO/PAPO coordinator, Report date will be Sept 26
- Selected Planning and Environmental Coordinator Report date will be in October
- Have made a selection for a TERM NRS. The TERM NRS will start on August 15th.
- Have interviewed and plan to make selections soon for two NRSs
- Other vacant positions that we are still working to fill include; Petroleum Engineer, 2 Petroleum Engineering Technicians, one Petroleum Accounting Technician, one Rangeland Management Specialists, one Supervisory Rangeland Management Specialist, one Office Automation Clerk, and one Archeologist.

- Robert C Lopez was converted from a SCEP to a Rangeland Management Specialist on 7/17/11.

Calendar

Aug 6, Pinedale Anticline SEIS Record of Decision Workshop

Aug 8, Annual Planning Meeting for air water and socioeconomics

Aug 22 week, Riparian Proper Functioning Condition workshop – field data collection

Sept 12,13 Wyoming Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Pinedale

Sept 17 National Public Lands Day Observance event CCC Ponds

Nov 8 PAWG, Pinedale