

**Decision on Action and Application for Categorical Exclusion
For Activities Associated with Oil and Gas Development
Section 390, Energy Policy Act of 2005**

Coleman Oil and Gas, Inc.
SW Reno Flats Reno 32-6
(CX07-3-048)
Bureau of Land Management
Buffalo Field Office

Description of the Proposed Action

The operator proposes to drill the well, as listed below, at a location adjacent to an existing producing gas well, using an already existing access road.

Lease #	Operator	Well Name	Well #	TWP	RGE	Sec.	Qtr/Qtr
WYW49854	Coleman Oil and Gas, Inc.	SW Reno Flats Reno	32-6	41 N	72 W	6	SWNE

After review of Coleman's proposal and after completing the onsite review on July 11 and 12, 2007, the proposed activity will disturb approximately 0.10 acres.

The total existing surface disturbance on the lease consists of 8.29 acres.

Plan Conformance

The proposed action is in conformance with the terms and the conditions of the Approved Resource Management Plan for the Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Field Office (BFO), April 2001 and the PRB FEIS, as required by 43 CFR 1610.5

Plan of Operations

The proposal is designed in conformance with all bureau standards and incorporates appropriate best management practices, required and designed mitigation measures determined to reduce the effects on the environment.

A surface use plan of operations describing all proposed surface-disturbing activities has been reviewed and is approved pursuant to Section 17 of the Mineral Leasing Act, as amended.

Compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005

The proposed activity has been determined to be statutorily categorically excluded from NEPA documentation in accordance with Section 390 of the National Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Category 3: Drilling an oil and gas well within a developed field for which an approved land use plan or any environmental document prepared pursuant to NEPA analyzed drilling as a reasonably foreseeable activity, so long as such plan or document was approved within five (5) years prior to the date of spudding the well.

This document has been reviewed and has been determined to consider potential environmental effects associated with the proposed activity at a site specific level.

The PRB FEIS was approved April 30, 2003 and identifies the proposed action of drilling the SW Reno Flats Reno 32-6 CBNG well as reasonably foreseeable.

Previous inventory:

A previously reviewed and accepted Class III cultural resource inventory (BFO # 61860025) covered the proposed project area: this inventory is supplemented by a recent block inventory currently undergoing review. No cultural resources are in the area of potential effect. On 7/25/2007, BLM Archaeologist BJ Earle electronically notified the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) following section V(A)(2) of the Wyoming State Protocol, of a finding of no effect for the proposed project (DBU_WY_2007_1712).

There are no eligible sites within the APE of the proposed project. Following the Wyoming State Protocol Section VI (A)(1) the Bureau of Land Management electronically notified the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) following section V(A)(2) of the Wyoming State Protocol that no historic properties exist within the APE and cultural clearance is recommended for this undertaking.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was not consulted. The proposed project will not affect listed species.

Decision and Rationale on Action

I have decided to implement the SW Reno Flats Reno 32-6 with the following Conditions of Approval (COAs):

- No site specific COAs.
- All standard COAs for construction, drilling etc. will apply.

The above COAs and/or terms and conditions provide justification for this decision and may not be segregated from project implementation without further NEPA review. In addition, I have reviewed the plan conformance statement and have determined that the proposed activity is in conformance with the applicable land use plan(s). Further, I have reviewed the proposal to ensure the appropriate exclusion category as described in Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 has been correctly applied. It is my determination that no further environmental analysis is required.

Chris E. Hanson
Field Manager

Date

Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

This decision is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this decision must include information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b) (State Director Review), including all supporting documentation. Such a request must be filed in writing with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, no later than 20 business days after this Decision Record is received or considered to have been received.

Any party who is adversely affected by the State Director's decision may appeal that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, as provided in 43 CFR 3165.4.

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