

SCOPING STATEMENT
Elk Creek 3-D Geophysical Project

Kodiak Oil & Gas Corporation
and
Bureau of Land Management, Worland Field Office

Description of Project

Kodiak Oil & Gas Corporation has filed a Notice of Intent with the Worland Field Office to conduct a 3-D geophysical exploration project in a 15.8-square-mile area in Big Horn County, Wyoming. (See map.)

The project would use vibroseis methodology. Twenty Three (23) receiver lines would be aligned in a southwest/northeast direction across the project area, spaced 1320 feet apart. Along these lines, receiver points would be every 220 feet. Thirteen (13) source lines would be aligned in generally West/East direction across the project area, spaced 1760 feet apart. Along source lines, source points would be stationed every 220 feet, where possible. Recording operations would begin upon approval and are expected to take approximately 20-30 days to complete.

The project area comprises 100% public lands.

Relationship to Existing Plans and Documents

The document which directs management of federal lands within the project area is the Grass Creek Resource Management Plan (GCRMP) and Record of Decision approved in 1998.

The GCRMP states that, "All parts of the planning area that are open to consideration of oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development are open to consideration for geophysical exploration subject to appropriate mitigation...".

National Environmental Policy Act

The BLM conducts environmental assessments in compliance with NEPA and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality. Environmental analyses serve several purposes: they provide information about potential environmental consequences of a project; identify means to minimize or avoid environmental harm resulting from a project; and provide authorities information to make an informed decision regarding the project.

Public scoping is an element of the NEPA process. Scoping activities are initiated early in the process to:

- identify reasonable alternatives to be evaluated in the analysis;
- identify environmental issues of concern related to the proposed project; and
- determine the depth of analysis for issues addressed in the environmental assessment.

This scoping statement has been prepared to enable governmental agencies, the general public, and other interested parties to participate in the analysis. Public input is important in establishing the scope of analysis for any NEPA document, and the BLM encourages public participation.

Timing Requirements

Comments are due by September 13, 2007 and should be submitted to:
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(Please include "Elk Creek Scoping Comments" in the Subject line.)

Project documents and information can be found at:

<http://www.blm.gov/wv/st/en/info/NEPA/wfodocs/elkcreek3d.html>

Bill Hill, Field Manager

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