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OPTIONAL REPLY DUE: June 11, 2014

Dear Interested Parties:

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office (TRFO) is accepting comments on a proposal to allow Kinder Morgan CO₂ Company, LLC, to develop the federally-owned minerals held by lease in Montezuma County. You are receiving this letter because you have been identified as a property owner within the project area or you may have an interest in the associated activities.

The BLM is preparing an Environmental Assessment to analyze the proposed action and alternatives to that action:

What: Kinder Morgan submitted an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) with the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) for the private surface/private mineral YG-2 well on February 10, 2012. The well was approved by the COGCC on March 30, 2012. The YG-2 well was drilled in October and November 2012, and has been a producing well since that time.

An access road was constructed to the well location prior to drilling, and a pipeline was constructed to the well after drilling and completion. The access road and pipeline are located on private land. A lateral into private minerals was drilled with the original well in late fall 2012.

The proposed action would drill a lateral from the existing YG-2 CO₂ production well into federal minerals. The lateral would develop federal minerals managed by the BLM – TRFO.

Where: The project is located on private lands in Section 14, Township 37 North, Range 18 West, in Montezuma County (see Figure 1). The project is located within the Kinder Morgan - McElmo Dome lease unit. The entire project would be located on private land, adjacent to Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

Disturbance: No new surface disturbance would be required for the proposed lateral drilling activities. CO₂ production (if any), from the new lateral, would be transported in the pipeline associated with the existing well. Access to the project would be along Kinder Morgan's existing truck route to the area, and the established access to the YG-2 well. Noise and activity levels on the existing well pad would increase during the drilling operations.

When: The lateral drilling activities are proposed for summer 2014. Drilling activities would take approximately 6 weeks to complete.

The purpose of the project is to develop federal minerals associated with Kinder Morgan's existing lease.

Comment regarding the project should be submitted via email or hard copy by June 11, 2014 to:

BLM Tres Rios Field Office
Attn: Tracy Perfors
29211 Highway 184,
Dolores, CO 81323
or tperfors@blm.gov

This letter also requests your comments, if any, on the potential effects to historic properties. This request is made to satisfy consultation requirements with local governments pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this proposal, please contact Tracy Perfors, BLM Natural Resource Specialist, at (970) 882-6856.

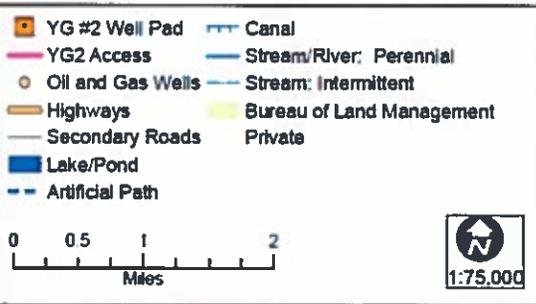
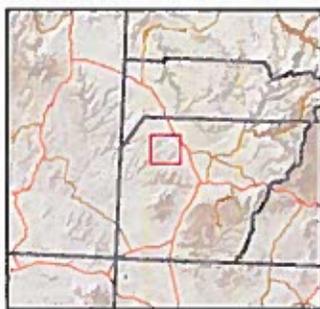
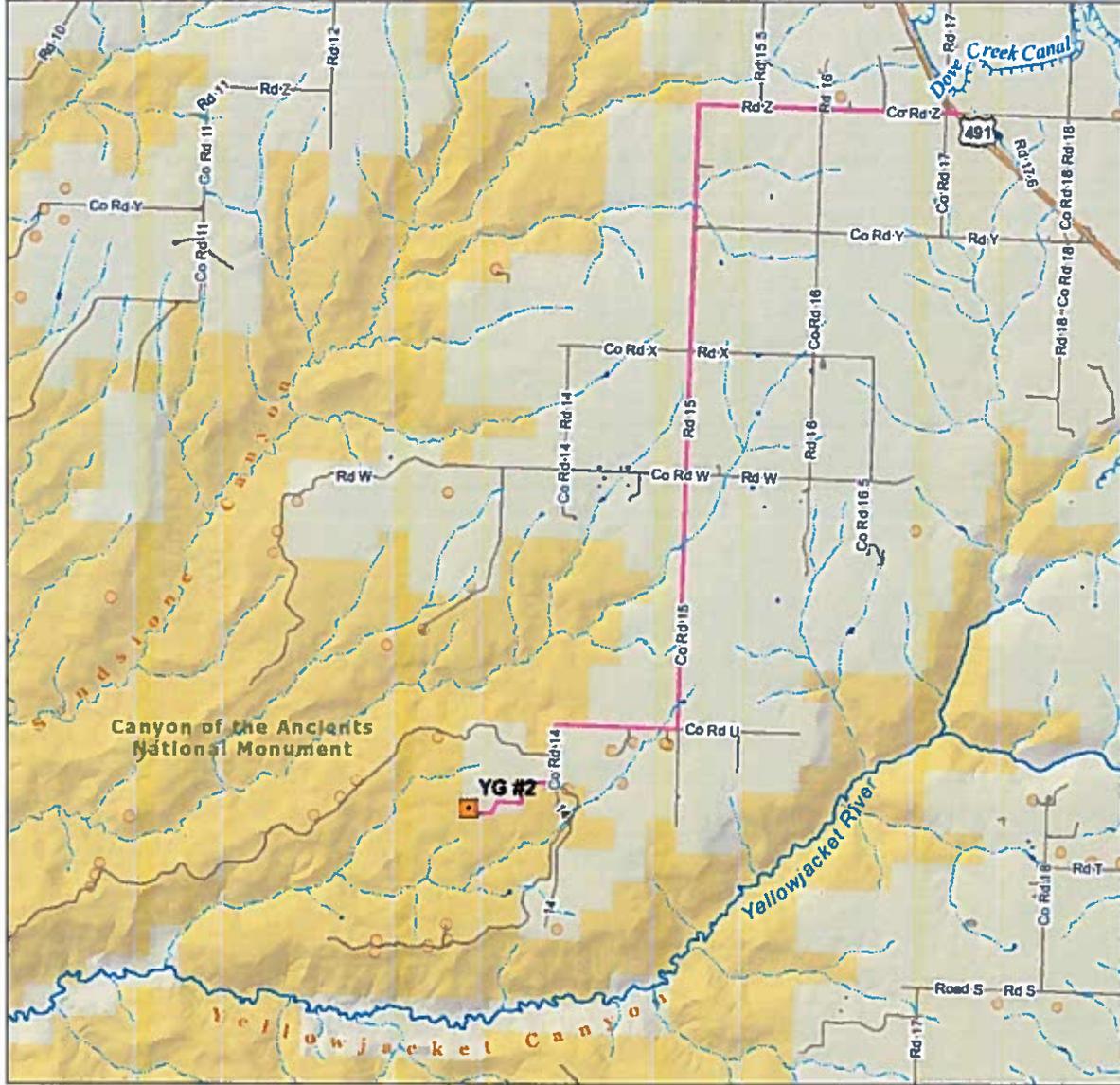
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marietta Eaton".

Marietta Eaton

Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager



YG #2 WELL PAD
Access Map
MONTEZUMA COUNTY,
COLORADO

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Coordinate System: NAD 1983 StatePlane Colorado South FIPS 0503 Feet

Figure 1. YG2 Location and Access route.