

PUBLIC NOTICE
Preparation of an Environmental Assessment
James Ranch 3-D Seismic Exploration

Dawson Geophysical Company (Dawson) has filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to conduct a 3-D vibroseis geophysical survey for the purpose of gathering subsurface geologic data for oil and gas exploration and engineering, proprietary to BOPCO, L.P. Geophysical exploration is a methodology that is used to define, through geologic subsurface mapping, oil and gas reservoirs. It is possible that the data for this project may be collected in Phases.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) will be required under the National Environmental Policy Act and Council for Environmental Quality regulations in order to assess the potential effects of the proposed geophysical exploration operation upon environmental resources in the project area.

The project area is located on federal (DOI and DOE), state, and private lands approximately 14 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico described as follows:

New Mexico Principal Meridian:

Federal Lands (DOI)

- T. 22S., R. 29E.: Section 13 (S½), Section 24 (All), Section 25 (SAE NW¼NW¼)
- T. 22S., R. 30E.: Section 07 (S½), Sections 10 (All save and except SW¼NW¼ and NW¼SW¼), Sections 11 through 15 (All), Sections 18 through 29 (All), Section 30 (All save and except SW¼NE¼), Section 31 (All), and Sections 33 through 35 (All)
- T. 22S., R. 31E.: Section 07 (All), Section 08 (W½)
- T. 23S., R. 30E.: Section 01 (All), Sections 03 through 05 (All), Section 06 (All save and except NE¼SE¼), Section 10 (E½), Sections 11 through 13 (All), Section 14 (N½SE¼), and Sections 24 (N½)
- T. 23S., R. 31E.: Section 04 (W½), Sections 05 (All), Section 06 (N½ and NE¼SE¼), Section 07 (All save and except NE¼NE¼), Sections 08 (All), Section 09 (W½), Sections 17 through 18 (All), Section 19 (N½), Section 20 (N½), and section 21 (NW¼)

Federal Lands (DOE)

- T. 22S., R. 31E.: Section 18 (All), Section 29 (SW¼), Section 30 (S½), Sections 31 and 32 (All)

Through the scoping process for the Environmental Assessment, the Bureau of Land Management will identify and address any impacts to critical environmental resources including, but not limited to cultural resources, wildlife, cave and karst resources, soils, noxious and undesirable weeds, visual resource management, off highway vehicle management, and recreation.

The BLM Carlsbad Field Office must receive comments concerning the proposed geophysical exploration project in writing by the close of business on January 12, 2010.

Please address questions concerning the proposal or the Environmental Assessment, comments on the scope of the Environmental Assessment, and requests to receive a copy of the Environmental Assessment to:

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