

PUBLIC NOTICE
Preparation of an Environmental Assessment
Highland Park 3-D Seismic Exploration

Pan American GeoExchange, Inc. 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. 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 and/or tiers.

An Environmental Assessment 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, state, and private lands approximately 12 miles southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico described as follows:

New Mexico Principal Meridian:

T. 22S., R. 27E.: Section 13, 23, 24;

T. 22S., R. 28E.: Section 15, 17 through 20, 22, 26 through 31, 33 through 35;

T. 22S., R. 29E.: Section 31, 33 through 35;

T. 22S., R. 30E.: Section 31;

T. 23S., R. 27E.: Section 34, 35;

T. 23S., R. 28E.: Section 01, 03 through 05, 09 through 12;

T. 23S., R. 29E.: Section 01, 03 through 08, 10 through 15, 20, 22, 23, 26 through 29, 33 through 35;

T. 23S., R.30E.: Section 05 through 08, 17 through 20, 29 through 31;

T. 24S., R. 27E.: Section 24, 25;

T. 24S., R. 28E.: Section 01, 12, 17 through 19, 24, 25, 29, 30;

T. 24S., R. 29E.: Section 01, 03 through 15, 18 through 30, 32 through 35;

T. 24S., R. 30E.: Section 30, 31;

T. 25S., R. 28E.: Section 01, 02;

T. 25S., R. 29E.: Section 03 through 05.

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 May 01, 2015.

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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