

PUBLIC NOTICE
Preparation of an Environmental Assessment
Buckwheat 3-D Yates Extension 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. 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. It should be noted that this is an extension to the Buckwheat 3D Seismic project that is being done by Dawson Geophysical for Cimarex Energy Company of Colorado.

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 public, state, and private lands approximately 23miles south of Carlsbad, New Mexico described as follows:

New Mexico Principal Meridian:

T. 25S., R. 25E.: Section 12 (E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 13 (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$)

T. 25S., R. 26E.: Section 4 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 5 (S $\frac{1}{2}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 6 (SE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 7 (S $\frac{1}{2}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 8 (W $\frac{1}{2}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$),

T. 24S., R. 26E.: Section 31 (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) and Section 33 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$)

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 Friday October 09, 2009.

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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