UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Farmington District
Farmington Field Office
6251 N College Blvd., Ste. A
Farmington, NM 87402

DECISION RECORD
for the
Huerfanito Unit #99 N
NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-F010-2013-193

I. Decision

I have decided to select Alternative B for implementation as described in the March 8, 2013 Burlington Resources Huerfanito Unit #99 N Environmental Assessment. Based on my review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and project record, I have concluded that Alternative B was analyzed in sufficient detail to allow me to make an informed decision. I have selected this alternative because the proposed treatments will provide Burlington Resources Oil & Gas access to their proposed drilling site in order to drill for oil and gas within their valid existing lease.

II. Finding of No Significant Impact

I have reviewed the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed activities documented in the EA for the Huerfanito Unit #99 N. I have also reviewed the project record for this analysis. The effects of the proposed action and alternative are disclosed in the Alternatives and Environmental Consequences sections of the EA. I have determined that construction of a well pad and pipeline tie to allow Burlington Resources reasonable access to the mineral lease in order to develop the existing lease as described in the EA will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, I have determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary.

III. Other Alternatives Considered

No other alternatives were identified during pre and post onsite analysis that would create fewer disturbances and still achieve the purpose need of the proposed action.

IV. Rationale for the Decision

The proposed action is in conformance with the 2003 BLM-FFO Resource Management Plan (RMP). Pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.28 and 1502.21, this site-specific Environmental Assessment (EA) tiers into and incorporates by reference the information and analysis contained in the BLM-FFO Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) (BLM 2003a). The RMP was approved by the September 29, 2003 Record of Decision (ROD) (BLM 2003b). Cultural resource surveys were completed (BLM report Number 2013 (II) 024 F. Cultural resources were identified within the project area. Monitoring and site protection barriers will be required during the construction drilling and completion phase of this project. The project area is not within any Sensitive species/Threaten and Endangered habitat.

V. Public Involvement

The Notice of Staking and/or Application for Permit to Drill was made available for the public to review at the Farmington Field Office. No comments were received

VI. Administrative Review and Appeal

Under BLM regulations, this decision record is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this decision record must include information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b) (State Director Review), including all supporting documentation. Such a request must be filed in writing with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508, no later than 20 business days after this Decision Record is received or considered to have been received.

Any party who is adversely affected by the State Director's decision may appeal that decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, as provided in 43 CFR 3165.4.

/s/Maureen Joe_____ 4/22/13_
Maureen Joe Date
Assistant Field Manager
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