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
Lybrook A01-2206
Lybrook H01-2206
Lybrook P24-2206
Lybrook Access Road No. 1
NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-F010-2013-0012

I. Decision

I have decided to select **Alternative B** for implementation as described in the **Lybrook A01-2206, Lybrook H01-2206, Lybrook P24-2206, & Lybrook Access Road No. 1**. 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 **project would allow Encana O&G (USA) access to their proposed drilling sites in order to horizontally 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 **Lybrook A01-2206, Lybrook H01-2206, Lybrook P24-2206, & Lybrook Access Road No. 1**. I have also reviewed the project record for this analysis. The effects of the proposed action and alternatives are disclosed in the Alternatives and Environmental Consequences sections of the EA. I have determined that **construction of three well pads, associated well-tie pipelines, and an access road network would allow Encana O&G (USA) reasonable access to the mineral lease in order to develop the existing leases** 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 But not Analyzed

The Lybrook A01-2206 well location was originally proposed to be located at 448 feet from the north line (FNL) and 496 feet from the south line (FSL) in Section 1, but was relocated due to cultural resource findings. Encana also proposed to utilize existing two-track road more extensively, however the proposed Lybrook Access Road No. 1 and access to each well location have been selected due to extensive cultural resource findings within the analysis area, specifically within Venado Canyon. The three proposed well locations, access road network, and well-tie pipeline routes were selected for the best drainage of subsurface resources while protecting surface resources to the maximum extent possible.

IV. Rationale for the Decision

Pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1508.28 and 1502.21, this site-specific environmental assessment (EA) tiers to and incorporates by reference the information and analysis contained in the Farmington Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement [(PRMP/FEIS) BLM 2003a]. This EA is in conformance with the management goals set forth in the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Farmington Field Office (FFO) of the BLM, which was approved by the Record of Decision (ROD) signed September 29, 2003 (BLM 2003b). Specifically, this action is in conformance with the following: It is the policy of the BLM to make mineral resources available for disposal and to encourage development of mineral resources to meet national, regional, and local needs, consistent with national objectives of an adequate supply of minerals at reasonable market prices. At the same time, the BLM strives to ensure that mineral development is carried out in a manner that minimizes environmental damage and provides for the rehabilitation of affected lands (2003b, 2-2). The PRMP/FEIS, RMP, and ROD are available for review at the BLM Farmington Field Office, 6251 College Blvd., Farmington, NM, or electronically at: http://www.nm.blm.gov/ffo/ffo_home.html.

I have determined that the activities described in the proposed action will not adversely affect or cause loss or destruction of scientific, cultural, or historical resources, including those listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(8)). **Cultural resource surveys were completed (BLM report Number 2012(III)048F, 2012(III)048.1F, 2012(IV)042F, 2012(IV)042.1F, 2012(III)059.1F, 2012(III)038F &2012(III)038.1F). Cultural resources were identified within the project areas. The cultural resources will be protected by site barrier fencing and monitoring. In some instances portions of the project have been rerouted to avoid cultural resources. The projects are not within an ACEC. Portions of the projects are located in a Traditional Cultural Property. The Navajo Nation HPD was consulted and no comments were received.**

The proposed activities are not likely to adversely affect any endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(9)). **The project area is not within any Sensitive species or Threaten and Endangered habitat.**

V. Public Involvement

The Notice of Staking was made available for the public to review at the Farmington Field Office. No comments were received. The project was posted on the Farmington Field Office NEPA log. No comments were received.

VI. Appeals

Under BLM regulations, this Decision Record (DR) is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this DR, with or without oral presentation, 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 DR 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_____ _06/06/2013_____

Maureen Joe Date

Assistant Field Manager