UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Farmington District
Farmington Field Office
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Farmington, NM 87402

DECISION RECORD

for the

Houck Com #2N & #2

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-F010-2013-005

I. Decision

I have decided to select **Alternative B** for implementation as described in the **Houck Com #2 N & #2**. 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 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 **Houck Com #2 N & #2**. 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 a well pad, access road 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. Public Involvement

The Environmental Assessment was posted on the Bureau of Land Management NEPA website for a period of 30 days to allow for public comment. No comments were received during this timeframe.

V. Appeals

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
Maureen Joe
Assistant Field Manager

10/11/12
Date