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Finding of No Significant Impact

WPX Energy Production, LLC's Chaco 2308-14E Nos. 151H & 152H Oil & Natural Gas Well

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-F010-2014-0065
(ATS-F010-14-16 ATS F010-14-31)

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

I have determined that the proposed action, as described in the EA will not have any significant impact, individually or cumulatively, on the quality of the human environment. Because there would not be any significant impact, an environmental impact statement is not required.

In making this determination, I considered the following factors:

1. The activities described in the proposed action do not include any significant beneficial or adverse impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(1)). The EA includes a description of the expected environmental consequences of **constructing at twinned new well pad, access road and pipeline.**

2. The activities included in the proposed action would not significantly affect public health or safety (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(2)).

3. The proposed activities would not significantly affect any unique characteristics (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(3)) of the geographic area such as prime and unique farmlands, caves, wild and scenic rivers, designated wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, or areas of critical concern.

4. The activities described in the proposed action do not involve effects on the human environment that are likely to be highly controversial (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(4)).

5. The activities described in the proposed action do not involve effects that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(5)).

6. My decision to implement these activities does not establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or represent a decision in principle about a future consideration (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(6)).

7. The effects **of constructing a twinned new well pad, access road and pipeline** would not be significant, individually or cumulatively, when considered with the effects of other actions (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)). The EA discloses that there are no other connected or cumulative actions that would cause significant cumulative impacts.

8. 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 2014 (I) 046 F). Cultural resources were not identified within the project area.**

9. 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. The projects are located within the newly discovered Potential Brack's Cactus and Aztec Gilia habitat. The proposed projects are in accordance with the Aztec Gilia/Brack's Cactus Interim Guidance.**

The project area is within Lybrook Fossil Area: There are approximately 25,703 acres within the boundary of the Lybrook Fossil Area, of which 18,268 acres are public land (BLM) and 19,840 acres contain Federal minerals. Farmington 2003 RMP management prescriptions: manage existing oil and gas leases under Controlled Surface Use constraint, Paleontological clearance required for surface-disturbing activities on current and new oil and gas leased acreage, and ROWs granted on a case-by-case basis with management constraints that protect paleontological values (page C-99 of the Farmington 2003 RMP).

The proposed project area is within Lybrook Fossil Specially Designated Area (SDA), which is managed to facilitate scientific study and protect paleontological resources (BLM 2003a, N-94). The BLM-FFO paleontologist, who attended the on-site meeting, determined that, with mitigation, no impacts to paleontological resources are anticipated as a result of the proposed project. Mitigation would include paleontological construction monitoring within portions of the proposed project area; these areas are to be determined by the BLM-FFO paleontologist

10. The proposed activities will not threaten any violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(10)).

APPROVED:

/s/Roger Herrera	2/20/14
Environmental Protection Specialist	Date
/s/JM Flaniken (for)	2/21/14
Mark Kelly, Branch Chief, Environmental Protection	Date