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Finding of No Significant Impact

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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 for the **construction of two single well pads, two access roads, and two subsurface well-tie pipelines.**

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 **for the construction of two single well pads, two access roads, and two subsurface well-tie pipelines** 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 for each location (BLM report Number 2014 (I) 005 F and BLM report Number 2014 (I) 008 F). Cultural resources were identified near the project areas. BLM report Number 2014 (I) 005 F is**

possibly within the Sisnathyel Mesa traditional cultural property but is not within a cultural ACEC; therefore, the cultural site will be protected for the duration of the project through employee education and site barrier fences. BLM report Number 2014 (I) 008 F is not within a traditional cultural property or within a cultural ACEC; however, since cultural resources have been identified the cultural site will be protected for the duration of the project through employee education, onsite monitoring during construction, and site barrier fences.

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 Threaten and Endangered habitat, but is located within a Sensitive habitat for the Bract's cactus that is part of the new BLM interim guidance area. No Bract's cacti were found on either well pad or access road locations; therefore, no further guidance is needed.**

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/ Shari Ketcham	12/13/2013
Natural Resource Specialist	Date
/S/ Mark Kelly	12/13/2013
Mark Kelly, Branch Chief, Environmental Protection	Date