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Finding of No Significant Impact

WPX Energy Production, LLC's Chaco 2308-04L Nos. 283H and 284H, Oil & Natural Gas Well

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-FO-*010-2014-0294*
(ATS-F010-14-239-242)

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 a new well pad, access road and 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 **of constructing a new well pad, Access road and 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 (BLM report Number 2014(IV) 023F). Cultural resources were identified within the project area.**

1. SITE PROTECTION AND EMPLOYEE EDUCATION:
All employees of the project, including the Project Sponsor and its contractors and sub-contractors will be informed that cultural sites are to be avoided by all personnel, personal vehicles and company equipment. They will also be notified that it is illegal to collect, damage, or disturb cultural resources, and that such activities are punishable by criminal and or administrative penalties under the provisions of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 470aa-mm) when on federal land and the New Mexico Cultural Properties Act NMSA 1978 when on state land.

2. ARCHAEOLOGICAL MONITORING IS REQUIRED:
A copy of these stipulations will be supplied to the archeological monitor at least two working days prior to the start of construction activities. No construction activities, including vegetation removal, may begin before the arrival of the archaeological monitor.

The monitor will:

- Ensure that the site protection barriers are located as indicated on the attached maps in the vicinity of LA177068.
- Observe all surface disturbing activities within 100' of LA177068.
- Submit a report of the monitoring activities within 30 days of completion of monitoring unless other arrangements are made with the BLM. These stipulations must be attached to the report.

3. SITE PROTECTION BARRIER:
- Temporary site protection barriers will be erected prior to construction. The barriers will consist of upright wooden survey lath spaced no more than 10 feet apart and marked with blue flagging or blue paint. The barriers will remain in place through reclamation and reseeding and shall be promptly removed after reclamation.
- The barriers will be placed as indicated on the attached maps.
- There will be no surface-disturbing activities or vehicle traffic past the barriers.

Note: If there are questions about these stipulations, contact Brian Deaton (BLM) at 505.564.7674 or bdeaton@blm.gov.

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.**

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	11/4/14
Environmental Protection Specialist	Date
/s/JM Flaniken (for)	11/5/14
Mark Kelly, Branch Chief, Environmental Protection	Date