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

Canyon Largo Unit 25-6-1 #2H
Canyon Largo Unit 25-6-6 #2H

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-F010-2014-0267-EA
ATS # F010-14-263 & ATS # F010-14-411

I. Decision

I have decided to select the **proposed actions** for implementation as described in the **Canyon Largo Unit 25-6-1 #2H and Canyon Largo Unit 25-6-6 #2H**. Based on my review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and project record, I have concluded that the **proposed actions** were analyzed in sufficient detail to allow me to make an informed decision. I have selected these alternatives because the proposed **project would allow Huntington Energy, LLC access to their proposed drilling sites on BLM managed lands in order to horizontally drill for oil and gas within their valid existing lease without topographical issues and minimal cultural issues that have been mitigated.**

II. Conformance and Compliance

The proposed action is in conformance with the 2003 BLM-FFO Resource Management Plan (RMP). Pursuant to 40 CFR 1508.28 and 1502.21, this site-specific Environmental Assessment (EA) tiers into and incorporates by reference the information and analysis contained in the BLM-FFO Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) (BLM 2003a). The RMP was approved by the September 29, 2003 Record of Decision (ROD) (BLM 2003b), and updated in December 2003.

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. (BLM 2003b, 2-2 – 2-3)

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

I have reviewed the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed activities documented in the EA for the **Canyon Largo Unit 25-6-1 #2H and Canyon Largo Unit 25-6-6 #2H**. 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 two twinned well pads, two access roads, and two subsurface well-tie pipelines to allow Huntington Energy, LLC reasonable access to BLM managed lands to develop their existing minerals 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.

IV. Other Alternatives Considered

No other alternatives were identified that would create less disturbance and still achieve the purpose and need of the proposed action.

V. 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, and updated in December 2003 (BLM 2003b). Specifically, this action is in conformance with the following objectives: 1. 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; and, 2. To the extent possible, new Rights-of-Way (ROWs) will be located within or parallel to existing ROWs or ROW corridors to minimize resource impacts. 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., Ste. A, 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 for each location (BLM report Number 2014 (IV) 037 F and BLM report Number 2014 (IV) 038 F). BLM report Number 2014 (IV) 037 F cultural resource survey found six isolated site occurrences and no historic properties affected; therefore, operator can proceed with action. BLM report Number 2014 (III) 038 F cultural resource survey found that no effects to historic properties were found; however, stipulations such as site protection and employee education, archaeological monitoring and site protection barriers are needed. On either location, if any previously unidentified historic or prehistoric cultural resources are discovered during construction or project operations, work in the vicinity of the discovery will be suspended and the discovery will promptly be reported to the BLM Field Manager. 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.

VI. 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.

VII. Administrative Review and Appeal

Under Chapter 3 of 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
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12/18/14
Date