

**Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**Farmington Field Office
1235 La Plata Highway
Farmington, New Mexico 87401**

Project: July 21, 2010 Competitive Oil
and Gas Lease Sale

EA Log Number: F010-2010-215

Location: Various Locations: McKinley, and San Juan Counties

Finding of No Significant Impact

Impact identification and analysis of approving the project proposal and/or alternative(s) has been completed. Environmental analysis has been conducted based on available inventory and monitoring data files. An environmental assessment has been prepared and revised as necessary. The proposed action conforms with and is within the scope of the land use decisions described in the Farmington Resource Management Plan with Record of Decision, approved December 2003 and analyzed in the Farmington Proposed Resource Management Plan (PRMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), March 2003. Implementation of required stipulations and/or mitigating measures, will maintain impacts within those levels analyzed in the PRMP/FEIS. Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

Decision Record

Decision:

It is my decision to recommend that the New Mexico State Office of the Bureau of Land Management offer for competitive sale eleven (11) of the sixteen (16) parcels of federal minerals originally listed in the Draft Sale Parcel List with the addition of further stipulations and lease notices to certain parcels. See Appendix 1, Table 1.

NM-201007-184
NM-201007-186 through 187
NM-201007-197 through 204

Rationale:

The parcels described in Appendix 1, Exhibit 1 of the EA were reviewed by an interdisciplinary group of specialists at the Farmington Field Office. The purpose of the review was to determine if the Sixteen (16) parcels were in areas open to oil and gas leasing, if leasing was in conformance with the existing land use plans; if new information had been developed which might affect leasing suitability, to ensure that appropriate lease stipulations were attached to each lease parcels, and to verify that appropriate consultations had been conducted.

BLM inventory and monitoring data files and the professional opinion of BLM endangered species specialists is that no federally listed threatened, endangered, or proposed species would be adversely affected by sale of the eleven (11) lease parcels. Affects of oil and gas leasing and development on Threatened and Endangered species were analyzed in the Section 7 consultation conducted for the PRMP/FEIS. No new information has been uncovered, which would change that analysis. Additional review and analysis would occur when site specific proposals for development are received.

