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Dear Interested Party:

The Huntington Valley Oil and Gas Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (EA) is available for public review until June 6, 2014. Based upon the number and type of comments BLM received on the Mary's River Oil and Gas Exploration Project EA, public review for Huntington Valley Oil and Gas Exploration Project EA was shortened to 15 days. This EA addresses many of the same issues and comments addressed in the Mary's River Oil and Gas Exploration Project EA.

For the Huntington Valley Oil and Gas Exploration Project, Noble Energy (Noble) proposes to conduct oil and gas exploration drilling in the Huntington Valley area, near Jiggs Nevada. The EA and Noble's Master Surface Use Plan are available at [www.blm.gov/rv5c](http://www.blm.gov/rv5c).

Noble proposes to drill and complete a maximum of 20 wells and well pads on public and private lands located within 7 miles of Jiggs Nevada. Noble has identified 39 potential well pad locations, of which no more than 20 would be constructed. The exploration project is expected to last two-years or more. Hydraulic fracturing would be used in the proposed project. Along with drill pad construction, new roads would be constructed as well as maintenance or upgrades to existing roads to allow for drill rig and support vehicle traffic.

The project area consists of 15 oil and gas leases and encompasses a total of 63,495 acres. Proposed surface disturbance in the project area includes a total of 425.8 acres including 287.8 acres of public land (0.45 percent of the total project area), 138 acres of private surface with Federal mineral rights (0.21 percent of the total project area). As described in the EA, only 20 of the 39 wells would be drilled and therefore, actual surface disturbance on both Public and private combined would be limited to approximately 311.8 acres (0.49 percent of the total project area).

The proposed operations will comply with all applicable Federal Onshore Oil & Gas regulations and do not include any Wild Horse Herd Management Area or herd areas.

If you have questions please email them to: [blm\\_nv\\_eldo\\_huntingtonvlyea@blm.gov](mailto:blm_nv_eldo_huntingtonvlyea@blm.gov). If you need more information please contact Tom Schmidt at (775) 753-0200.

Sincerely,  
/s/

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