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(UT-070)

Memorandum

To: State Director, UT-924
Attention: Terry Catlin and Teresa Thompson

From: Roger Bankert, Field Manager 

Subject: Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale Parcel Recommendations

The Price Field Office has six parcels on the list for the June 2008 competitive oil and gas lease sale. All six parcels were reviewed for land use plan conformance and NEPA adequacy as documented through completion of a Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet attached to this Memorandum. Following is a summary of the determinations and recommendations:

Parcels Recommended For Sale

(* indicates that a portion of this parcel is deferred)

UT0508-001	UT0508-003	UT0508-005
UT0508-002*	UT0508-004	UT0508-006

Parcel Recommended for Deferral

(* indicates that a portion of this parcel is recommended for leasing)

UT0508-002*

Additional stipulations and lease notices have been added to the parcels, which were not included on the preliminary offer list submitted by USO in February 2008. The additional stipulations are specified in the Price River MFP, San Rafael RMP or Washington Office Instructional Memorandums. The revisions are included in highlighted text in Attachment 2 and provided here. The following stipulations and lease notices were added to the recommended parcels:

- Cultural Stipulation specified in WO IM 2005-003
- Endangered Species Act Section 7 consultation Stipulation specified in WO IM 2002-174
- Riparian Stipulation
- Crucial Elk Habitat Stipulation
- Crucial Antelope Winter Habitat Stipulation
- Crucial Elk Habitat Lease Notice
- Paleontology Resource Lease Notice
- Paleontology Survey Lease Notice
- Crucial Antelope Fawning Lease Notice
- Noxious Weeds Lease Notice
- Migratory Birds Lease Notice
- Price Field Office Lease Notice

The table in Attachment 3 identifies the parcel recommended for deferral from the June 2008 oil and gas lease sale.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Price Field Office

Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and Determination
of NEPA Adequacy

June 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

Worksheet
Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

U.S. Department of the Interior
Utah Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

The signed CONCLUSION at the end of this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal analysis process and does not constitute an appealable decision; however, it constitutes an administrative record to be provided as evidence in protest, appeals and legal procedures.

A. BLM Office: Price Field Office (UT-070)

Proposed Action Title: June, 2008 Competitive Oil and Gas Lease Sale

Location of Proposed Action: Parcels within Carbon and Emery County, Utah. Attachment 2 contains legal descriptions for each parcel.

Description of the Proposed Action: The Utah State Office proposes to offer 6 parcels of land in Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah administered by the Price Field Office for oil and gas leasing in a competitive lease sale to be held in June 2008. All 6 parcels were assessed for land use plan compliance and NEPA adequacy. Two (2) parcels are located in Carbon County, Utah and 4 parcels are located in Emery County, Utah. Attachment 2 lists all parcels including special lease stipulations and lease notices. These parcels include public lands or lands in which the mineral estate is administered by the BLM. If a parcel of land is not purchased at the lease sale by competitive bidding, it may still be leased within two years after the initial offering under a current review of NEPA adequacy. A lease may be held for ten years, after which the lease expires unless oil or gas is produced in paying quantities. A producing lease can be held indefinitely by economic production.

Planning decisions place certain lands in a no leasing category. Most lands are leased with minor stipulations attached to the lease from the appropriate land use plan for the area. Some lands are leased with limited areas of no surface occupancy within the lease boundaries. Some lands are leased with no stipulations other than those found on the standard lease contract form. A lease grants the right to drill for oil and gas, at some location on the lease.

A lessee must submit an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) (Form 3160-3) to the BLM for approval and must possess an approved APD prior to any surface disturbance in preparation for drilling. Any stipulations attached to the standard lease form must be complied with before an APD may be approved. Following BLM approval of an APD, a lessee may produce oil and gas from the well in a manner approved by BLM in the APD or in subsequent sundry notices. The operator must notify the appropriate authorized officer, 48 hours before starting any surface disturbing activity approved in the APD.

B. Conformance with the Land Use Plan (LUP) and Consistency with Related Subordinate Implementation Plans

- Price River Management Framework Plan, September 2, 1983
- Price River Management Framework Plan Supplement, August 13, 1984
- San Rafael Resource Management Plan, May 24, 1991
- Range Valley Habitat Management Plan, 1991

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Price River Management Framework Plan (MFP) Minerals M-1: Allow and encourage development of those Leasable minerals known to occur within the planning area in accordance with current laws and regulations so as to aid in filling the local and national energy requirements.

San Rafael Resource Management Plan (RMP) (page 11): To lease public lands for oil and gas...only so long as RMP goals are met; and to administer operational aspects of federal oil and gas leases where BLM does not manage the surface.

The Oil and Gas Category plats of the Price River MFP and the San Rafael RMP identify the stipulations to be attached to each lease or portion thereof.

C. Identify the applicable NEPA document(s) and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

- Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, August 15, 1975
- Price River Management Framework Plan Supplement, August 13, 1984
- EA Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Lease Categories, Price River Resource Area, December 23, 1988
- San Rafael Resource Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, May 24, 1991
- San Rafael Proposed Resource Management Plan, 1989 Vol. 1 and 2]
- Castlegate Coalbed Methane Project Carbon County Utah, October 1992
- Price Coalbed Methane Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, May 1997
- Ferron Natural Gas Project Final Environmental Impact Statement, July 6, 1999
- Mineral Potential Report, Price Field Office, RMP EIS, May 2002
- Price Field Office Resource Management Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), July 2004 (referred to in this document as the 2004 draft RMP EIS)
- Supplement to the Price Field Office Draft RMP/EIS for Non-WSA Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (released for public comment in September 2007)
- Price RMP ACEC Proposal Review Information 2003-2004
- West Tavaputs Plateau (WTP) Natural Gas Full Field Development Plan Draft EIS (released for public comment in February 2008)

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed?

Item 1: Yes for the following parcels:

(indicates that a portion of this parcel is deferred)*

UT0508-001

UT0508-003

UT0508-005

UT0508-002*

UT0508-004

UT0508-006

Item 1: Rationale for Yes: The Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, the 1988 Environmental Assessment (EA) Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Leasing Categories for Price River Resource Area and the 1984 Price River Management Framework Plan analyzed the leasing of parcels for development of mineral resources. The San Rafael Resource Management Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) proposed leasing for oil and gas development stating, "To lease public lands for oil and gas... only so long as RMP goals are met; and to administer operational aspects of federal oil and gas leases where BLM does not manage the surface."

Item 1: No for the following parcels:

None

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, resource values, and circumstances?

Item 2: Yes for the following parcels:

(indicates that a portion of this parcel is deferred)*

UT0508-001

UT0508-003

UT0508-005

UT0508-002*

UT0508-004

UT0508-006

Item 2: Rationale for Yes: The range of alternatives in the Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, 1984 Price River Resource Area Management Framework Plan Supplement, the EA Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Lease Categories, Price River Resource Area, December 23, 1988, and the San Rafael RMP EIS are appropriate. In the 1975 District Oil and gas EA, BLM evaluated leasing and one alternative, to not allow leasing. The Decision Record of the 1984 Price River Resource Area Management Framework Plan Supplement states that alternatives were considered throughout the document including no action, open to leasing, leasing with special stipulations, no surface occupancy and no leasing. The San Rafael EIS analyzed the impacts of oil and gas leasing on all the lands in the San Rafael Resource Area under seven alternatives which ranged from maximum oil and gas development to reduced production in favor of other resource values.

Item 2: No for the following parcels:

None

3. Is existing analysis adequate in light of any new information or circumstances (including, for example, riparian proper functioning condition [PFC] reports; rangeland health standards assessments; Unified Watershed Assessment categorizations; inventory and monitoring data; most recent U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lists of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species; most recent BLM lists of sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that all new information and all new circumstances are insignificant with regard to analysis of the proposed action?

Item 3: Yes for the following parcels:

(indicates that a portion of this parcel is deferred)*

UT0508-001

UT0508-003

UT0508-005

UT0508-002*

UT0508-004

UT0508-006

Item 3: Rationale for "Yes": The Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, the EA Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Lease Categories, Price River Resource Area, December 23, 1988, and the San Rafael RMP Final EIS describe the resource values that could be affected by the proposed leasing. Since the publication of these NEPA documents, environmental justice, ground water quality, Native American Religious Concerns, and noxious weeds have been added to the list of critical elements of the human environment.

Environmental Justice: The ethnic composition and economic situation of residents of Carbon and Emery Counties indicate that no minority or low-income populations are experiencing disproportionately high or adverse effects from current management actions (2004 Draft RMP EIS, pg 3-62). Leasing would not adversely or disproportionately affect minority, low income or disadvantaged groups.

Groundwater: Groundwater quality for the land proposed for lease was analyzed in the original planning documents. Usable water zones would be isolated and protected under current regulations and Onshore Orders when permits are submitted and considered for approval.

Invasive, Non-native Species: Currently the Price Field office has agreements with Carbon and Emery county to treat noxious weeds on federal lands in which the county maintains roads. Furthermore, noxious weed introduction is limited by standard operating procedures and best management practices used as conditions of approval for surface use authorizations. These practices include, equipment washing, inspections and treatments to limit the spread or introduction of invasive, not-native species. Lease notices have been applied to parcels that are in or adjacent to areas where noxious weed species occur.

Native American Religious Concerns: Certified consultation letters (attached to the cultural staff report in Attachment 4) were sent to the following Tribes: Pueblo of Laguna, Pueblo of Nambe, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Pueblo of Zia, Pueblo of Zuni, Navajo, Hopi, Uintah and Ouray Ute, and Paiute. The letters requested comments to be provided to the PFO within 30 days upon receipt of the letter. As of April 18, 2008 only one response has been received from the Navajo Nation stating the "HPD-TCP has concluded the proposed undertaking/project will not impact any Navajo traditional cultural properties or historical properties."

Cultural Resources: The area of potential effect as defined for the June 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale is identified by the legal descriptions provided in Attachment 2 for each lease parcel. All parcels within this lease sale were reviewed for the presence of cultural resources.

The information on previous archaeological inventories and recorded sites comes from the archaeological site files located at the BLM Field Office in Price, Utah. Additional sites are expected to exist that have not been recorded. The existing inventories and others surrounding these parcels are sufficient to determine that historic properties are likely to be present on each proposed lease parcel.

This evaluation is based on the assumption, supported by topography, perceived site density, existing access possibilities and previous inventories in the areas of the parcels, that there should be a place on each lease parcel that one five acre well pad could be developed without directly affecting a significant cultural resource.

It is submitted that this oil and gas lease undertaking falls under the purview of the Protocol negotiated between BLM and the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, a document designed to assist BLM in meeting its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, various implementing regulations, and the National Cultural Programmatic Agreement. Further, the view taken here is that the undertaking does not exceed any of the review thresholds listed in Part VII (A) of the Protocol, and that it may be viewed as a No Historic Properties Affected; eligible sites present, but not affected as defined by 36CFR800.4 [VII (A) C (4)]. This undertaking was documented in the Protocol log and sent to the SHPO in April 2008.

To assure appropriate consideration of future effects from the June 2008 lease sale, the BLM will add the following "lease stipulation" (WO-IM-2005-003), to all parcels offered for lease.

"This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration, or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated." (WO-IM 2005-03).

Special Status Species: Several federally listed BLM and State sensitive wildlife species occur in the Price Field Office area including, but not limited to, the Burrowing owl, White-Tailed prairie dog, and the Black-Footed ferret. Impacts resulting from oil and gas leasing have not been properly analyzed for these species and disclosed to the public and therefore any parcel or portions of parcels within crucial habitat for these listed or sensitive species, have been recommended for deferral to provide interim protection pending further review of the NEPA analysis provisions addressed in 170 IBLA 331. Habitat evaluations were conducted for special status plant and wildlife species. Portions of parcel UT-0508-002 is within crucial habitat for federally listed and BLM sensitive species and is therefore recommended for deferral (see deferral rationale in attachment 3). There are no parcels or portions of parcels containing potential habitat for threatened or endangered plant or wildlife species recommended for lease.

Wilderness Characteristics: No parcels recommended for lease in this lease sale are within areas known to contain wilderness characteristics.

ACECs: The Price Field Office currently has existing areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs) that have been evaluated along with public nominations for ACECs as part of an ongoing planning effort. The Price Field Office determined that several areas do in fact have relevant and important values that make them potential ACECs for further consideration in the ongoing Price RMP revision. It is BLM policy to protect the relevant and important values of each potential ACEC until planning can be completed and the decision made as to whether or not to formally designate the areas as ACECs. No parcels recommended for lease are within designated or potential ACECs.

Paleontological Resources: Parcel UT0508-006 is within a geologic formation that is likely to produce paleontological resources, therefore lease notices have been attached that may require paleontological surveys prior to any construction activities and a paleontologist present during construction to protect these resources. No other parcels recommended for lease are within areas where paleontological resources are known to occur in high concentrations. No impacts are expected as a result of oil and gas leasing.

Wild Horse and Burro Resources: No parcel recommended for lease in this lease sale is within or adjacent to any Wild Horse and Burro management area.

Item 3: No for the following parcels:

(indicates that a portion of this parcel is recommended for leasing)*

UT0508-002*

Item 3: Rationale for “No”: See deferral rationale in Attachment 3

4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?

Item 4: Yes for the following parcels:

(indicates that a portion of this parcel is deferred)*

UT0508-001
UT0508-002*

UT0508-003
UT0508-004

UT0508-005
UT0508-006

Item 4: Rationale for “Yes”: The methodology and approach used in the Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, the 1984 and 1988 EA Supplements, the Utah Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Regional EIS, the 1984 Price River MFP and the San Rafael RMP Final EIS are appropriate for the current proposed action because the methods of extraction, land requirements for exploration and development, and potential impacts have not changed substantially since completion of these documents. The

basic analysis assumptions included in these documents are still applicable to the current proposal. Coalbed methane production in Utah is essentially the same as conventional gas development as water production is injected below surface, therefore the methods of extraction, land requirements for exploration and development and potential impacts have not substantially changed.

Item 4: No for the following parcel:

None

Item 4: Rationale for "No":

5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Do the existing NEPA documents analyze impacts related to the current proposed action at a level of specificity appropriate to the proposal (plan level, programmatic level, project level)?

Item 5: Yes for the following parcels:

(indicates that a portion of this parcel is deferred)*

UT0508-001

UT0508-003

UT0508-005

UT0508-002*

UT0508-004

UT0508-006

Item 5: Rationale for "Yes": The Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, the 1984 and 1988 EA Supplements, the Utah Combined Hydrocarbon Leasing Regional EIS, the 1984 Price River MFP and San Rafael RMP Final EIS evaluated the direct and indirect impacts of oil and gas leasing per the current leasing categories, whether open to leasing, open to leasing with special stipulations or otherwise. As identified under criterion 3, no significant new information or circumstances have been identified which would render the existing analyses inadequate for leasing the above parcels. Nor have the existing resource conditions and other elements of the human environment changed substantially from those evaluated in the existing documents.

Coalbed methane production was not reasonably foreseeable when the planning documents were prepared. However, coalbed methane production in Utah is essentially the same as conventional gas development as water production is injected below surface; therefore there is no change to the existing resource conditions and values.

Item 5: No for the following parcels:

None

Item 5: Rationale for "No":

6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action are substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?

Item 6: Yes for the following parcels:

UT0508-001

UT0508-003

UT0508-005

UT0508-002*

UT0508-004

UT0508-006

Item 6: Rationale for "Yes": The cumulative impacts of oil and gas including coalbed methane development have been analyzed in Castlegate Coalbed Methane Project, Price Coalbed Methane Project, and Ferron Natural Gas Project EISs. The EISs update the development scenario addressed the 1988 EA Supplements. The Ferron Natural Gas Project EIS, the last to be completed, addressed the cumulative impacts of all three actions. Therefore the cumulative impacts of coalbed methane and conventional oil and gas activities have been analyzed in full. Coalbed methane production was not reasonably foreseeable when the planning documents were prepared. However, coalbed methane production in Utah is essentially the same as conventional gas development as water production is injected below surface; therefore there is no change to the existing resource conditions and values.

The 1988 EA evaluated the cumulative impacts of oil and gas leasing to supplement the Price District Oil and Gas Environmental Analysis Record, August 15, 1975, and Price River Management Framework Plan Supplement, August 13, 1984. The 1988 EA supplement projected five wells drilled per year between 1988 and 2000 within the Price River Resource Area on lands administered according to the MFP. Estimates also projected that 48 of the 60 total wells would be non-producing, abandoned and reclaimed.

The cumulative impacts analysis included in the Stone Cabin 3D Seismic Survey Project EA, completed March 19, 2004, projected a total of nine federal wells, plus five to seven wells to be drilled annually on state and private lands. The current implementation of the West Tavauputs Plateau Drilling Program, authorized July 29, 2004, consisting of development of 38 wells, exceeds this projection. Public comments on these documents were voluminous and provided by national interests. The comments largely identified transportation and public safety in Nine Mile Canyon, concerns related to the potential ACEC and potential National Historic District, opportunities for recreational viewing of rock art, and other potential impacts to cultural resources in Nine Mile Canyon as primary issues.

The current reasonably foreseeable development scenario in the Price RMP Draft EIS projects 738 wells on the West Tavaputs Plateau. The analysis contained in the Price RMP draft EIS would allow for multiple wells from each of these locations. The acreage disturbed is in line with the expected cumulative impacts on the West Tavaputs Plateau. On August 27, 2005, the Price Field Office published in the Federal Register a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for full field development of natural gas resources on the West Tavaputs Plateau to include up to approximately 500 pad locations and 750 individual wells. The NOI for the full field development EIS also specified that development of future leases will be analyzed within the scope of that document. The WTP Draft EIS was released for public comment in February 2008 and the analysis provided is in line with the proposed leasing action. Furthermore, any leasing decisions made with this document will not preclude any decisions to be made with the Record of Decision for the WTP EIS.

Because the reasonably foreseeable level of oil and gas activity analyzed previously is still appropriate and additional connected, cumulative, or similar actions are not anticipated; potential cumulative impacts are substantially unchanged from those disclosed in the RFDs and analyzed in the EISs.

Item 6: No for the following parcels:

None

Item 6: Rationale for "No":

7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Item 7: Yes for the following parcels:

UT0508-001
UT0508-003

UT0508-005
UT0508-002*

UT0508-004
UT0508-006

Item 7: Rational for "Yes": The public involvement and interagency review procedures and findings made through the development of the Price River MFP, the Price River MFP Supplement approved August 13, 1984, and the Environmental Assessment Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Leasing Categories for the Price River Resource Area approved on December 23, 1988, the Environmental Assessment Supplement on Cumulative Impacts on Oil and Gas Leasing Categories for the San Rafael Resource Area approved on December 20, 1988, and the San Rafael Resource Management Plan approved May 24, 1991 are adequate for the proposed lease sale. A public meeting was held in Price on April 18, 1983. A Federal Register Notice concerning the preparation and availability was posted on April 1983. On June 13, 1985 a Federal Register Notice announced BLM's intention to develop the San Rafael RMP, soliciting public participation in the process. A series of opportunities, though comment periods, public workshops, and similar meetings, ensured an appropriate level of public participation during the preparation of the RMP EIS between 1985 and 1991.

In June 1997, BLM conducted public and internal scoping to solicit input to identify the environmental issues and concerns associated with the proposed Ferron Natural Gas Project. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS was published in the Federal Register on January 28, 1997. An amendment to the NOI was published in the Federal Register on June 3, 1998, which adjusted the western boundary of the South Area to the location evaluated in this EIS. The BLM prepared a scoping information packet and provided copies of it to federal, state, and local agencies; Native American groups; and members of the general public. In addition, the BLM conducted public scoping meetings in Price, Utah; Castle Dale, Utah; and Salt Lake City, Utah on June 11, 12, and 13, 1997, respectively. The environmental issues identified are described in for the proposed are described in the Ferron EIS. A summary of the results of the scoping are maintained in the Price Field Office.

In addition, the Price Field Office issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to revise the above land use plans in the Federal Register on November 7, 2001 initiating public scoping. This scoping included the No Action Alternative, which represents current management, as outlined in the 1983 Price River MFP and the 1991 San Rafael RMP as altered through amendment and policy since adoption of the records of decision for those plans. The Draft RMP/EIS was released in July 2004 for public comment. The Supplement to the Draft RMP/EIS was released for public comment in September 2007 and the comment period ended on December 14, 2007. The supplement analyzed the potential impacts of management decisions on non-WSA lands with Wilderness Characteristics.

Additional public involvement regarding potential oil and gas leasing decisions was facilitated through the release of the WTP Draft EIS for public comment in February 2008 and the 90 day comment period ended on May 1, 2008.

Item 7: No for the following parcels:

None

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet. An Interdisciplinary checklist is attached to this DNA.

Name	Title	Resource Represented
Sue Burger	Physical Science Technician	Coal
Nathan Sill	Natural Resource Specialist	Native American Consultation
Tom Gnojek	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Wilderness, Recreation
Brad Higdon	Environmental Coordinator	NEPA

Karl Ivory	Range Management Specialist	T&E Plants/Weeds
Mike Leschin	Geologist/Paleontology	Paleontology
Blaine Miller	Archaeologist	Cultural Resource
Mike Tweddell	Range Management Specialist	Wild Horses & Burros
David Waller	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Wildlife

- F. **Mitigation Measures:** The following Lease Notices and/or Lease Stipulations should be applied to the identified, subsequent parcels (these are in addition to those applied by the Utah State Office). The asterisk after the parcel number indicates that a portion of the parcel has been deferred.

LEASE STIPULATIONS- WO-IM

1. Lease Stipulation-Cultural Resources (WO-IM-2005-003); This Stipulation Shall be Applied to All Parcels

“This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration, or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.” WO-IM 2005-03.”

2. Lease Stipulation-Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation (WO-IM-2002-174): This Stipulation Shall be Applied to All Parcels.

*The lease area may now or hereafter contain plants, animals, or their habitats determined to be threatened, endangered, or other special status species. BLM may recommend modifications to exploration and development proposals to further its conservation and management objective to avoid BLM-approved activity that will contribute to a need to list such a species or their habitat. BLM may require modifications to or disapprove proposed activity that is likely to result in jeopardy to the continued existence of a proposed or listed threatened or endangered species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of a designated or proposed critical habitat. BLM will not approve any ground-disturbing activity that may affect any such species or critical habitat until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the Endangered Species Act as amended, 16 U.S.C. §1531 *et seq.*, including completion of any required procedure for conference or consultation.*

UT-S-13-Crucial Winter Antelope Habitat should be added to the following parcels:

UT0508-004
UT0508-006

UT-S-14-Riparian should be added to the following parcel:

UT-0508-006

UT-S-114-Crucial Elk Habitat should be added to the following parcels:

UT-0508-002*
UT-0508-003
LEASE NOTICES (Parcels marked with * have been partially deferred.)
UT-LN-12-Crucial Elk Habitat should be added to the following parcels:
UT-0508-002*
UT-0508-003
UT-LN-21-Paleo Resources should be applied to the following parcel:
UT-0508-005
UT-LN-35-Paleo Survey should be applied to the following parcel:
UT-0508-005
UT-LN-41-Noxious Weeds should be added to the following parcels:
UT-0508-002*
UT-0508-003
UT-0508-004
UT-LN-52-Migratory Birds should be applied to the following parcel:
UT-0508-003
UT-LN-56-Price Field Office should be applied to all parcels
UT-LN-85-Crucial Antelope Fawning should be applied to the following parcels:
UT-0508-004
UT-0508-006

CONCLUSIONS

Plan Conformance and Determination of NEPA Adequacy

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that the following parcels conform to the existing land use plans and have adequate NEPA:

UT0508-001	UT0508-003	UT0508-005
UT0508-002*	UT0508-004	UT0508-006

Based on new information identified in the 2004 Draft RMP EIS, the current land management prescriptions under the Price River MFP and the San Rafael RMP no longer provide adequate protection of specific resource values located within the parcels listed below (refer to Attachment 3 deferred parcel table rationale).

UT0508-002*



Signature of the Responsible Official

4/18/08

Date

ATTACHMENT 2

Price Field Office

Nominated Parcel List

June 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

UTAH June 2008 PRELIMINARY OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE LIST

Field office lease notice, stipulation edits in blue. Deferrals are in red.

The following Washington Office IM lease stipulations should be applied to all parcels:

Lease Stipulation-Cultural Resources (WO-IM-2005-003)
Lease Stipulation-Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation
(WO-IM-2002-174)

UT0508-001

T. 15 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake
Sec. 34: NENE, SW.
200.00 Acres
Carbon County, Utah
Price Field Office
Lease Notice
UT-LN-56 Price Field Office

UT0508-002

T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake
Sec. 5: ALL;
Sec. 7: Lots 1-3, E2NW, W2NE, SENE;
Sec. 7: Lot 4, NENE, SESW
Sec. 8: N2, E2SW, W2SE, SESE;
Sec. 9: N2;
Sec. 17: NENE;
Sec. 18: Lot 1, NENW.
2,025.01 Acres
Emery County, Utah
Price Field Office
Stipulations
UT-S-114 Crucial Elk Winter Range
Lease Notice
UT-LN-12 Crucial Elk Habitat
UT-LN-41 Noxious Weeds
UT-LN-56 Price Field Office

UT0508-003

T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake
Sec. 17: SESW, S2SE;
Sec. 18: SWNE, W2SE;
Sec. 19: SWSE;
Sec. 20: N2NE, NENW;
Sec. 21: N2N2, SWNE, W2SE;
Sec. 30: SENE;
Sec. 31: NENE;
Sec. 33: NWNW.
800.00 Acres

Attachment 2-Nominated Parcel List
June 2008 Lease Sale

Emery County, Utah

Price Field Office

Stipulations

UT-S-114 Crucial Elk Winter Range

Lease Notice

UT-LN-12 Crucial Elk Habitat

UT-LN-41 Noxious Weeds

UT-LN-52 Migratory Birds

UT-LN-56 Price Field Office

UT0508-004

T. 17 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake

Sec. 1: Lots 2-4, S2N2, SW.

440.00 Acres

Emery County, Utah

Price Field Office

Stipulations

UT-S-13 Crucial Antelope Winter

Lease Notices

UT-LN-41 Noxious Weeds

UT-LN-56 Price Field Office

UT-LN-85 Crucial Antelope Fawning

The lessee/operator is given notice that lands in this lease have been identified as containing antelope fawning habitat. Exploration, drilling and other development activities may be restricted from May 15 through June 20 to protect antelope fawning.

UT0508-005

T. 14 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake

Sec. 23: SW;

Sec. 31: SESW.

200.00 Acres

Carbon County, Utah

Price Field Office

Lease Notices

UT-LN-21 Paleontological Resources

UT-LN-35 Paleontological Survey

UT-LN-56 Price Field Office

UT0508-006

T. 16 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake

Sec. 15: NESE, S2SE;

Sec. 22: NENE.

160.00 Acres

Emery County, Utah

Price Field Office

Stipulations

UT-S-13 Crucial Antelope Winter

UT-S-14 Riparian

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UT-LN-56 Price Field Office

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Attachment 2-Nominated Parcel List
June 2008 Lease Sale

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ATTACHMENT 3

Price Field Office

Deferred Parcel List and Deferral Rationale

June 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

**Parcel Deferral Table- Based on DNA
June 2007 Oil and Gas Competitive Lease Sale
Price Field Office**

DATE NOMINATED	PARCEL NUMBER	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ACRES	REASON TRACT POSTPONED	LAND USE PLAN	PROPOSED LEASING DECISION DATED
June 2008	UT0508-002 Emery County	T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake Sec. 7 Lots 1-3, E2NW, E2NE, SENE;	220	Within crucial habitat for feder- ally listed and BLM sensitive species.	Price MFP	Portions of this parcel are de- ferred to provide interim protec- tion pending further review of the NEPA analysis provisions addressed in 170 IBLA 331.

Price Field Office
Deferred Parcels Table
June 2008 Oil and Gas Competitive Lease Sale

**Deferral Rationale – Federally listed species (Black-Footed Ferret),
BLM sensitive species (White-Tailed Prairie Dog, Burrowing Owl)**

Portions of parcel UT0508-002 are within areas known to contain habitat for the following federally listed and BLM sensitive species: White-Tailed Prairie Dog, Burrowing Owl and Black-Footed Ferret. The direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed action have not been sufficiently analyzed or addressed in the Price River MFP or other associated NEPA documents for these species. Oil and gas leasing may have potential impacts on BLM sensitive species and therefore may impact the sustainability of these populations and subsequently need to be fully analyzed in a NEPA analysis. As such the Price Field Office cannot, at this time, provide analysis that the impacts resulting from leasing these portions of this parcel would be negligible. In conclusion the Price Field Office recommends that the above portions of this parcel be deferred because current planning guidance and prescriptions have not fully analyzed potential impacts to these species and may not afford sufficient protection of the specific resources as specified.

ATTACHMENT 4

Price Field Office

Staff Reports

June 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

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Staff Reports

Price Field Office
June 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

1. Wildlife, Threatened and Endangered Species
2. Vegetation, Threatened and Endangered Species
3. Cultural Resources
4. Native American Consultation with letters and attachments
5. Wild and Scenic Rivers
6. Wild Horse/Burro Resources
8. Wilderness Resources

Wildlife and Threatened and Endangered Species

1. June 2008 Wildlife Staff Report

Checklist for Wildlife Lease Notices and Stipulations - Oil and Gas Leasing
 David L. Waller – PFO
 For June 2008 sale

Tuesday, 2008-April-1

Resource	Status	No	Yes	Where – Lease Parcel Number	Lease Notice/Stipulation to be added to the parcel	Comments
Bald Eagle	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Whooping Crane	Endangered	X				
Mexican Spotted Owl	Threatened and Critical Habitat	X			T&E-06 Lease Notice – Mexican Spotted Owl (with the Designated Critical Habitat wording) & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher	Endangered	X			T&E-06 Lease Notice – Mexican Spotted Owl (without the DCH wording) & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Candidate	X			UT-LN-52	
Greater Sage Grouse – leks	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-51 UT-S-124	

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Greater Sage Grouse – nesting	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-51 UT-S-124 (Price River MFP WL-7.1; WL-10; M-1.2)	
Greater Sage Grouse – wintering	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-51 (Price River MFP WL-10)	
Long-Billed Curlew	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Northern Goshawk	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-07 UT-LN-33	
Swainson's Hawk	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-07 UT-LN-33	
Ferruginous Hawk	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-14 UT-LN-33	
Burrowing Owl	Sensitive		X	UT0508-002	UT-LN-13	Apply NW/NE; SNE; NW; NW/SW sec 7, T16S, R10E, The rest none
Short-eared Owl	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Peregrine Falcon	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-11	

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White-Tailed Prairie-Dog	Sensitive		X	UT0508-002	UT-LN-53 (Price River MFP WL-10)	Apply NWNE; SNE; NW; NWSW sec 7, T16S, R10E, The rest none
Black-Footed Ferret	Endangered		X	UT0508-002	T&E-02 Lease Notice – Black-Footed Ferret & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	Apply NWNE; SNE; NW; NWSW sec 7, T16S, R10E, The rest none
Canada Lynx	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Kit Fox	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Townsend's Big-Eared Bat	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Western Red Bat	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Bonytail Chub Colorado Pikeminnow Humpback Chub Razorback Sucker	Endangered and Critical Habitat	X			T&E-03 Lease Notice – Endangered Fish of the Upper Colorado River Drainage Basin & the Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Stipulation	

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Bluehead Sucker Flannelmouth Sucker Roundtail Chub Colorado River Cutthroat Trout	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52 (Price River MFP WL-9.1; WL-10)	
Smooth Greensnake Utah Milk Snake Smith's Black-headed Snake	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Western Toad	Sensitive	X			UT-LN-52	
Elk – winter	-		X	UT0508-002; UT0508-003	UT-LN-12 UT-S-114 (Price River MFP WL-3.2; M-1.2)	
Elk – calving	-	X			UT-S-93	
Mule deer – winter	-	X			UT-S-114 (Price River MFP WL-1.3; M-1.2)	
Mule deer – fawning	-	X			UT-S-46	

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Resource	Status	No	Yes	Where – Lease Parcel Number	Lease Notice/Stipulation to be added to the parcel	Comments
Natural springs	-	X			UT-S-130 (Price River MFP WL-9.1; WL-11)	(springs designated on topo maps)
Perennial streams	-	X			UT-S-79	

VEGETATION
Threatened and Endangered Species
Riparian Corridors (Rivers and Springs)

1. June 2008 Staff Report

UT0508-002

T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake

- Sec. 5: ALL;
- Sec. 7: Lots 1-4, NE, E2NW, SESW;
- Sec. 8: N2, E2SW, W2SE, SESE;
- Sec. 9: N2;
- Sec. 17: NENE;
- Sec. 18: Lot 1, NENW.

2,025.01 Acres

Emery County, Utah

Price Field Office

UT-LN-41	LEASE NOTICE -- NOXIOUS WEEDS
	The lessee/operator is given notice that lands in this lease have been identified as containing or are near areas containing noxious weeds. Best management practices to prevent or control noxious weeds may be required for operations on the lease.

UT0508-003

T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake

- Sec. 17: SESW, S2SE;
- Sec. 18: SWNE, W2SE;
- Sec. 19: SWSE;
- Sec. 20: N2NE, NENW;
- Sec. 21: N2N2, SWNE, W2SE;
- Sec. 30: SENE;
- Sec. 31: NENE;
- Sec. 33: NWNW.

800.00 Acres

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UT0508-004

T. 17 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake

- Sec. 1: Lots 2-4, S2N2, SW.

440.00 Acres

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Price Field Office

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UT0508-006

T. 16 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake
Sec. 15: NESE, S2SE;
Sec. 22: NENE.

160.00 Acres
Emery County, Utah
Price Field Office

Washboard Wash Riparian (pvt.land)

<p>UT-S-14</p>	<p>No occupancy or other surface disturbance will be allowed within 330 feet of the centerline or within the 100-year recurrence interval floodplain, whichever is greater, of the perennial streams, or within 660 feet of springs, whether flowing or not, located in the <u>T. 16 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake, Sec. 15: S2SE; Sec. 22: NENE.</u> This distance may be modified when specifically approved in writing by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.</p> <p>In order to minimize watershed damage, exploration, and drilling and other development activity in the _____ will be allowed only during the period from April 30 to November 1. This limitation does not apply to maintenance and operation of producing wells. Exceptions to this limitation in any year may be specifically approved in writing by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.</p> <p>Construction of access roads and drill pads on slopes in excess of 30 percent will require special design standards to minimize watershed damage in the _____. Drilling operations and any associated construction activities on slopes in excess of 50 percent may require directional drilling to prevent damage to the watershed. Exceptions to the limitations may be specifically approved in writing by the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.</p>
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CULTURAL RESOURCES

1. June 2008 Cultural Staff Report

Cultural Resource Assessment of June 2008 Oil & Gas Lease Sale

Public land parcels identified by the BLM for its scheduled June 2008 O&G lease sale have been assessed relative to potential impacts to cultural resources. Six parcels were reviewed.

UT0508-001. These parcel is located in the area of Marsing Wash. The historic Carbon Canal flows through this parcel and some of the parcel has been disturbed by farming. No archaeological inventories have previously been made within this parcel. No archaeological sites have been recorded. It is likely there are areas for development of a well pad without affecting a historic property.

UT0508-002. This parcel is located between Marsing Wash and Twin Peaks Wash. The historic North Branch of the Cleveland Canal flows through this parcel and some of the parcel has been disturbed by farming. Five archaeological inventories, covering about 117 acres, have previously been made within this parcel. No archaeological sites have been recorded. It is likely there are areas for development of a well pad without affecting a historic property.

UT0508-003. This parcel is located in the area of Twin Peaks Wash. The historic North Branch of the Cleveland Canal flows through this parcel and some of the parcel has been disturbed by farming. Five archaeological inventories, covering about 335 acres, have previously been made within this parcel. One archaeological site have been recorded. It is likely there are areas for development of a well pad without affecting a historic property.

UT0508- 004. This parcel is located in the area if Desert Seep Wash. The historic Desert Lake North Ditch runs through the parcel and some of the parcel has been disturbed by farming. Two archaeological inventories, covering about 45 acres, have previously been made within this parcel. No archaeological sites have been recorded. It is likely there are areas for development of a well pad without affecting a historic property.

UT0508- 005. This parcel is two pieces of land about five miles apart, located north of Wellington. A piece of the historic Wellington Canal is located in the western piece. There has been some farming disturbance. The eastern piece has had a road inventoried for archaeological remains. About 3 acres were looked at and no archaeological sites were recorded. It is likely there are areas for development of a well pad without affecting a historic property.

UT0508- 006. This parcel is located in the area of Washboard Wash. One archaeological inventory, covering about 1 acre, has previously been made within this parcel. No archaeological sites have been recorded. It is likely there are areas for development of a well pad without affecting a historic property.

As per WO IM 2005-003 the following stipulation should be applied to each parcel:

“This lease may be found to contain historic properties and/or resources protected under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), American Indian Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, E.O. 13007, or other statutes and executive orders. The BLM will not approve any ground disturbing activities that may affect any such properties or resources until it completes its obligations under applicable requirements of the NHPA and other authorities. The BLM may require modification to exploration or development proposals to protect such properties, or disapprove any activity that is likely to result in adverse effects that cannot be successfully avoided, minimized or mitigated.”

The area of potential effect for this undertaking is generally the entire lease parcels as defined in Appendix 1.

The information on previous archaeological inventories and recorded sites comes from the archaeological site files located at the BLM Field Office in Price, Utah. Many of the previous inventories are over twenty years old and were made at a different standard than today. Additional sites are expected to exist that have not been recorded. The existing inventories and others surrounding these parcels are sufficient to determine that historic properties are likely to be present on each proposed lease parcel.

This evaluation is based on the assumption, supported by topography, perceived site density, existing access possibilities and previous inventories in the areas of the parcels, there should be a place on each lease parcel that one five acre well pad could be developed without directly affecting a significant cultural resource.

It is submitted that this oil and gas lease undertaking falls under the purview of the Protocol negotiated between BLM and the Utah State Historic Preservation Office, a document designed to assist BLM in meeting its responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act, various implementing regulations, and the National Cultural Programmatic Agreement. Further, the view taken here is that the undertaking does not exceed any of the review thresholds listed in Part VII (A) of the Protocol, and that it may be viewed as a No Historic Properties Affected; eligible sites present, but not affected as defined by 36CFR800.4 [VII (A) C (4)].

APPENDIX I

UT0508-001

T. 15 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake
Sec. 34: NENE, SW.
200.00 Acres
Carbon County, Utah
Price Field Office

UT0508-002

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Native American Consultation

1. List of Tribes Consulted
2. Tribal Consultation Letter
3. Parcel List Attached to Letters
4. Parcel Map Attached to Letters
5. Letters Received from Tribes

TRIBAL CONTACT LIST FOR THE BLM-PRICE FIELD OFFICE

As of:	Tribal Leader	Cultural Resources Contact
3/07	Benjamin H. Nuvamsa, Chairman Hopi Tribal Council P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 928-734-2441 928-734-6665 FAX 928-734-2435 FAX (Main Office)	Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director Hopi Cultural Preservation Office Hopi Tribal Council P.O. Box 123 Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039 928-734-3612 928-734-3629 FAX
3/07	Joe Shirley, Jr. President Navajo Nation P.O. Box 9000 Window Rock, AZ 86515 928-871-6352 928-871-4025	Marklyn Chee Tony Joe Cultural Specialists Navajo Nation P.O. Box 4950 Window Rock, AZ 86515 928-871-7143 928-871-7886 FAX
2/06	Clarence Rockwell, Director Navajo Utah Commission P.O. Box 570 Montezuma Creek, Utah 84534 Phone 435-651-3508	
5/07	Wilbur Capitan, Chapter Coordinator Navajo Nation, Aneth Chapter P.O. Box 430 Montezuma Creek, UT 84534 Aneth 435-651-3494 Aneth FAX 435-651-3413	
01/08	Peggy Abrigo Navajo Nation, Oljato Chapter P. O. Box 360455 Monument Valley, Utah 84536 Phone 435-727-5850 Fax 435-727-5852	
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5/07	Martha Saggboy, Chapter Coordinator Navajo Nation, Mexican Water Chapter HCR-6100, Box 38-618 Teec Nos Pos, AZ 86514 Phone 928-674-3641	
01/08	Rita Slim Navajo Nation, Teec Nos Pos Chapter P. O. Box 106 Teec Nos Pos, Arizona 86514 Phone 928-656-3662 FAX 928-656-3661	
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11/07	Joseph Tofoya, Governor Pueblo of Santa Clara P.O. Box 580 Espanola, NM 87532 (505) 753-7326 (505) 753-5375 FAX	Gilbert Tafoya, Land Claims and Rights Protection Officer Pueblo of Santa Clara P.O. Box 580 Espanola, NM 87532 (505) 753-8988 FAX
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In Reply Refer to:
3100/8100
June 08 Lease Sale
(UT-070)

CERTIFIED MAIL 7004 2510 0005 4743 5724
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Benjamin H. Nuvamsa, Chairman
Hopi Tribal Council
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Dear Chairman Nuvamsa:

Re: June 2008 Oil and Gas Competitive Lease Sale

The Utah State Office of the Bureau of Land Management proposes to offer six lease sale parcels for the June 2008 oil and gas competitive lease sale within the Price Field Office (PFO). The number of acres offered for lease sale total about 3800 acres. These parcels are scattered throughout Carbon and Emery County, Utah. (Please refer to attached map). A general legal description for each parcel is listed below and a full legal description for each parcel is presented in the attached parcel list.

Sale Id Number	Parcel Legal Description (Salt Lake Meridian)	Sale Id Number	Parcel Legal Description (Salt Lake Meridian)
UT0508-001	T. 15 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake Section 34	UT0508-004	T. 17 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake Section 1.
UT0508-002	T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake Sections 5, 7, 8, 9, 17 and 18.	UT0508-005	T. 14 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake Sections 23 and 31.
UT0508-003	T. 16 S., R. 10 E., Salt Lake Sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 30, 31 and 33.	UT0508-006	T. 16 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake Sections 15 and 22.

Leasing is an undertaking that requires consultation by the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). Leasing of these oil and gas parcels could have effects upon sites listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places because leasing gives a right to the lessee to develop at least some place on the lease. These effects would take place only if and when the lease is developed. The nature and locations of the effects can only be identified if and when a proposal for development is made. The following lease stipulation is attached to all lease offerings:

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This lease stipulation is to ensure future lessees are informed that the BLM has not completed its NHPA and other consultation requirements for the lease and that the results of these consultations may affect potential future development on that lease.

We invite your comments relating to cultural, environmental or any other issues regarding the leasing of any of these parcels which may be of concern to your community. If you would like further information or wish to discuss the project further, please contact Nathan Sill at (435) 636-3668. We would very much appreciate receiving your comments or questions. We will conclude that you have no concerns if we receive no response from you on this matter within 30 days business days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Bankert
Field Manager

Enclosure:

Parcel List

Map

cc: Leigh Kuwanwisiwma, Director
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Hopi Tribal Council
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UTAH JUNE 2008 PRELIMINARY OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE LIST

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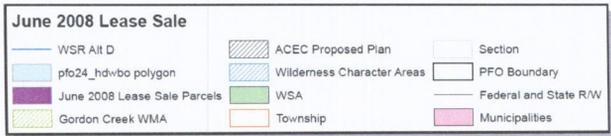
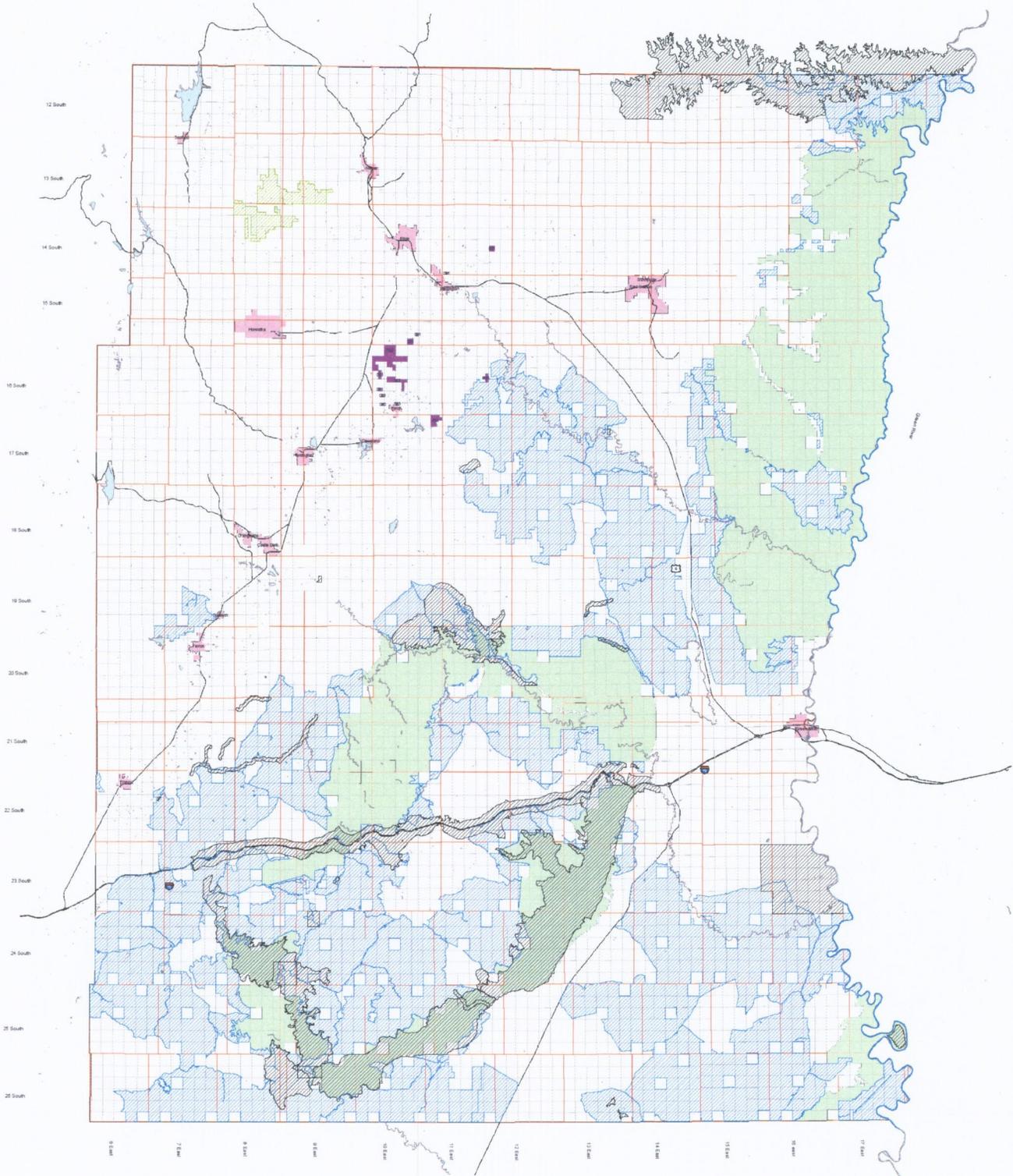
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BLM Price Field Office June 2008 Lease Sale Proposed Plan





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April 01, 2008

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Mr. Roger L. Bankert, Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management
.25 South 600 West
Price, Utah 84501

Subject: Tribal Consultation Request. Proposing to conduct June 2008 Oil and Gas Lease Sale on scattered parcels of land (3800 acres) throughout Carbon and Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bankert:

Our apology for an oversight and missing the deadline date of our response to your request, please note that in reference to your letter of March 10, 2008, the Historic Preservation Department Traditional Culture Program (HPD-TCP) received a request for consultation regarding the above undertaking and/or project. After reviewing your consultation documents, HPD-TCP has concluded the proposed undertaking/project area **will not impact** any Navajo traditional cultural properties or historical properties.

However, if there are any inadvertent discoveries made during the course of the undertaking, your agency shall cease all operations within the project area. HPD-TCP shall be notified by telephone within 24 hours and a formal letter be sent within 72 hours. All work shall be suspended until mitigation measures/procedures have been developed in consultation with the Navajo Nation.

The HPD-TCP appreciates your agency's consultation efforts, pursuant to 36 CFR Pt. 800.1 (e)(2)(iii). Should you have additional concerns and/or questions, do not hesitate to contact me. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,

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Wild and Scenic Rivers

1. June 2008 Wild and Scenic Rivers Staff Report

None of the parcels are near any eligible, suitable or designated Wild and Scenic Rivers such that they could be affected.

Brad

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Wild Horse and Burro Resources

1. June 2008 Wild Horse/Burro Staff Report

Nathan

After review of the parcel map. There are not WH&B areas within or adjacent to the proposed parcels. Please mark wild horse as NP on your checklist.

Thanks
Mike

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Wilderness Resources

1. June 2008 Wilderness Staff Report

This is the only one of marginal interest to me. But we have no buffers.....

UT0508-006

T. 16 S., R. 11 E., Salt Lake
Sec. 15: NESE, S2SE;
Sec. 22: NENE.

160.00 Acres
Emery County, Utah
Price Field Office

***This is private land abutting inventoried WC lands in the Price River Unit, no particular stips apply
- for information only.***

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INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM ANALYSIS RECORD CHECKLIST

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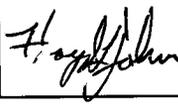
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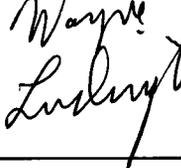
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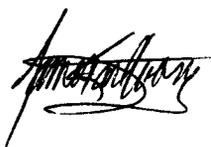
NI = present, but not affected to a degree that detailed analysis is required

PI = present with potential for significant impact analyzed in detail in the EA; or identified in a DNA as requiring further analysis

NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents cited in Section C of the DNA form.

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CRITICAL ELEMENTS				
NI	Air Quality	The potential impacts of oil and gas development on air quality were adequately analyzed in the NEPA documents cited in Item C of the DNA. The proposed action would not exceed the level of activity projected in the RFD. Given the low level of drilling and related activity, only minimal emissions are anticipated. There would be no significant changes in circumstances or conditions that warrant further analysis relative to leasing.		4/18/08
NP	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	There are no designated or potential ACECs within the area affected by the proposed action.		4/18/08
NI	Cultural Resources	A cultural resource records search was completed for lands involved with the subject lease sale parcels. Cultural resources are or could be present in all lease areas but, given the low site densities indicated by current information, there is room on each lease parcel to locate at least one well pad, ancillary facilities and afford reasonable access and still avoid any cultural resources that may be present. The Utah Protocol Part VII.A.C. was applied to this cultural resource review for the June 2008 lease sale and the PFO determination under the Protocol review threshold (Part VII.A.C(4)) is: "No Historic Properties Affected; Eligible Sites Present But Not Affected As Defined By 36 CFR 800.4." A cultural inventory is done prior to all surface disturbing activities and a Section 106 consultation will be done to ensure that cultural and historic properties are avoided or are not adversely affected. See attached Cultural Resources Specialist report.		4/18/08
NI	Environmental Justice	The ethnic composition and economic situation of residents of Carbon and Emery Counties indicate that no minority or low-income populations are experiencing disproportionately high or adverse effects from current management actions (2004 Draft RMP EIS, pg 3-62). Leasing would not adversely or disproportionately affect minority, low income or disadvantaged		4/18/08

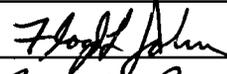
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NP	Farmlands (Prime or Unique)	None of the parcels contain lands that meet the criteria for prime, state important or unique farmlands.		4/18/08
NP	Floodplains	None of the parcels contain lands that meet the criteria for floodplain or riparian/aquatic habitat.		4/18/08
NI	Invasive, Non-native Species	The BLM coordinates with County and local governments to conduct an active program for control of invasive species. Standard operating procedures such as washing of vehicles and annual monitoring and spraying along with site specific mitigation applied as conditions of approval (COA) at the APD stage would be sufficient to prevent the spread or introduction of Invasive, Non-native species.		4/18/08
NI	Native American Religious Concerns	Letters containing notification of this lease sale and the results of a cultural resources records search were sent to the tribes listed in Attachment 4. The letters detailed the leasing proposal and requested comments and concerns. All responses are disclosed in the DNA, however no concerns were raised by the tribes. Consultation will be considered complete if tribal response presents no objections or if response is not received prior to the date of the proposed sale. Additional consultation will be conducted should site-specific use authorization requests be received. As the proposal becomes more site-specific, tribes will again be notified and given further opportunity for comment. Refer to section D.7 of the DNA for further discussion.		4/18/08
NI	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Plant Species	Lease Notices have been attached to parcels that are known to contain threatened, endangered or candidate plant species or their habitat and site-specific surveys will determine whether T&E plant species are present. Should T&E plant species be found, the surface use plan of operations may be amended to avoid these species. As such there will likely be no adverse impacts to T&E plant species		4/18/08
NP	Threatened, Endangered or Candidate Animal Species	Based on existing inventories, literature search and field office records, no listed T&E or candidate animal species are known to occur within, or in proximity of, any of the parcels. The proposed action would also not result in destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. Refer to (Staff report) for further discussion.		4/18/08
NI	Wastes (hazardous or solid)	Drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development or production of crude or natural gas are excluded as a hazardous waste under 40 CFR 261.4(b)(4). Application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and conditions of approval (COA) at the APD stage would be sufficient to ensure proper containment, transport and disposal of solid or toxic waste if any are required or generated. Additionally, all hazardous materials used or produced must be reported to the PFO. They must be removed and disposed in an appropriately permitted disposal facility. Solid waste must be removed and properly disposed		4/18/08
NI	Water Quality (drinking/ground)	Standard operating procedures (including the requirements for disposal of produced water contained in Onshore Oil and Gas Order (OOGO) #7 and the requirements for drilling operations contained in OOGO #2) and site specific drilling requirements applied as conditions of approval at the APD stage would be		4/18/08

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		sufficient to isolate and protect all usable water zones.		
NP	Wetlands/Riparian Zones	Wetlands/riparian zones are indirectly but adequately addressed in discussions of drainages, streams, rivers, lakes, ponds, waterholes, seeps, marshes, and wildlife habitat in the Price River MFP. In conformance with the MFP, parcels or portions of parcels having wetlands and riparian/aquatic areas would be leased with NSO and/or CSU stipulations to protect those areas. Additionally, application of standard lease terms and the "200 meter" rule of 43 CFR 3101.1-2 prior to any surface disturbing activities would afford additional protection. There are no parcels recommended for lease that contain wetlands/riparian zones.		4/14/08
NP	Wild and Scenic Rivers	There are no parcels recommended for lease that contain river segments which have been designated, or found to be either eligible or suitable for possible designation, as a Wild and Scenic Rivers.		4/18/08
NP	Wilderness	There are no lands designated as Wilderness present, and there are no lands under study by Congress for possible designation as Wilderness (WSA status) within the parcels recommended for lease.		4/18/08
NI	Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines	Water quality, vegetation, Threatened & Endangered Species habitat and other components of ecological conditions that are considered in Rangeland Health Standards and Guides have been analyzed in the previous NEPA documents pertaining to the nominated parcels. Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval it is concluded that Rangeland Health Standards would be met.		4/18/08
NI	Livestock Grazing	Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval, it is concluded that existing analysis is adequate and that livestock grazing operation would not be affected. Drill sites would be fenced. Any facilities such as fences and cattleguards that would be affected would be replaced or restored and disturbed areas would be reclaimed		4/18/08
NP	Woodland / Forestry	Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval, it is concluded that woodland or forest resources would not be affected in a way not already analyzed in existing NEPA documents. There are no parcels recommended for lease that contain woodland or forestry resources.		4/14/08
NI	Vegetation including Special Status Plant Species other than FWS candidate or listed species	Lease Notices have been attached to parcels that are known to contain special status plant species or their habitat and site-specific surveys will determine whether T&E plant species are present. Should T&E plant species be found, the surface use plan of operations may be amended to avoid these species. As such there will likely be no adverse impacts to T&E plant species		4/14/08
NI	Fish and Wildlife Including Special Status Species other than	Some parcels contain crucial wildlife habitat. (See attached specialist report). In conformance with the Price River MFP		

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	FWS candidate or listed species e.g. Migratory birds.	and the San Rafael RMP, parcels or portions of parcels within crucial wildlife habitat would be leased with a special stipulation that prevents drilling operations during the crucial period. No Special Status Species habitat is known to occur in the area affected by the parcels offered for lease therefore no impacts to Special Status Species are expected from the proposed action.	Wayne Ludwig	4/18/08
NI	Soils	Given the low degree of anticipated exploration and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage including reclamation, as conditions of approval it is concluded that existing analysis is adequate and potential impacts on soils have been adequately addressed.		4/18/08
NI	Recreation	Other than a minor amount of dispersed recreation, there are no existing recreation resources which would be affected as a result of this proposal. Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development identified in the land use plans cited in the DNA, application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and the provisions of 43CFR 3101.1-2 would reduce any impacts to dispersed recreation. Additionally, site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage as conditions of approval, including reclamation, would be sufficient to protect recreation opportunities.		4/18/08
NI	Visual Resources	Given the degree of anticipated exploration and development and application of standard operating procedures, best management practices and site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage including the ability to move operation up to 200 meters VRM impacts will not exceed current VRM classification for offered lands.		4/18/08
NI	Geology / Mineral Resources/Energy Production	The existing NEPA documents cited in the DNA adequately address the impacts of oil and gas leasing, as the EARs address oil and gas operations and the impacts that could result from exploration through development. Oil and gas exploration could lead to an increased understanding of the geologic setting, as subsurface data obtained through lease operations may become public record. This information promotes an understanding of mineral resources as well as geologic interpretation. Conflicts could arise between oil and gas operations and other mineral operations. These could generally be mitigated under the regulations 3101.1-2, where proposed oil and gas operations may be moved up to 200 meters or delayed by 60 days and also under the standard lease terms (Sec. 6) where siting and design of facilities may be modified to protect other resources.	S. Wiler	4/18/08
NI	Paleontology	Parcel UT0508-005 is within a geologic formation that is likely to produce paleontological resources, therefore lease notices have been attached that may require paleontological surveys prior to any construction activities and a paleontologist present during construction to protect these resources. No other parcels recommended for lease are within areas where paleontological resources are known to occur in high concentrations. No impacts are expected as a result of oil and gas leasing.		4/18/08
NI	Lands / Access	As described, the proposed action would not affect access to public land. No roads providing access to public land would be		4/18/08

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		closed on a long term basis. Any proposed project would be subject to valid prior existing rights and any operations would be coordinated with right-of-way (ROW) Holders and adjacent non-federal landowners (See attached MTP pages). Off-lease ancillary facilities that cross public land, if any, may require a separate authorization. Existing ROW in proposed operation areas would not be affected because site specific mitigation applied at the APD stage, including the ability to move operations up to 200 meters, would ensure that communication sites, water projects, power lines, etc. would be avoided, restored or replaced. The described parcels are not located within an identified ROW corridor. Potential issues include but are not limited to surface disturbance within and outside described project areas and generated trash/debris should be removed from public land and discarded at an authorized facility.		
NI	Fuels / Fire Management	Impacts analyzed in the Price River MFP and the San Rafael RMP are consistent with the proposed action. Application of standard operating procedures (SOPs), and site specific mitigation and safety measures applied at the APD stage would minimize the risk of inadvertent ignition. Impacts to fire or fuels management are not expected.		4/18/08
NI	Socio-economics	Socio-economic conditions are adequately addressed in the existing NEPA record. Given the level of development analyzed and documented in the NEPA documents referenced in this DNA, no further socio-economic analysis is required for the parcels recommended for leasing. No impacts to socio-economics are expected to occur as a result of the proposed action.		4/18/08
NP	Wild Horses and Burros	No parcels recommended for lease are within or adjacent to Wild Horse and Burro Management areas.		4/18/08
NP	Wilderness characteristics	No parcels recommended for lease contain areas with wilderness characteristics.		4/18/08

FINAL REVIEW:

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
NEPA / Environmental Coordinator		4/18/08	
Authorized Officer		4/18/08	