

**Draft**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT**  
**for**  
**Newfield Exploration Corporation**  
**Monument Butte Oil and Gas Development Project**  
**in Uintah and Duchesne Counties, Utah**  
**UT-G010-2009-0217**

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Bureau of Land Management  
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Vernal, Utah

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
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Uintah County  
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)-Uintah and Ouray Agency  
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**Abstract:**

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the United States (U.S.) Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vernal Field Office has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the impacts of proposed oil and natural gas development within the Greater Monument Butte Project Area (MBPA). The MBPA is located in southeastern Duchesne County and southwestern Uintah County. The MBPA consists of approximately 119,743 acres of Federal, State, and private lands. The Bureau of Land Management Utah State Director is the Authorized Officer for this project.

Newfield Exploration Company (Newfield) has notified the BLM Vernal Field Office of its need to expand their ongoing oil and natural gas development within the MBPA. This Draft Environmental Impact Statement considers and analyzes potential impacts of proposed oil and natural gas development under four alternatives: the Proposed Action (Alternative A), No Action Alternative (Alternative B), Field-wide Electrification Alternative (Alternative C), and the Resource Protection Alternative (Alternative D).

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