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Dear Public Land User:

Enclosed is the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Gasco Uinta Basin Natural Gas Development Project, which documents anticipated environmental consequences of developing natural gas resources in the 206,826 acre project area in Uintah and Duchesne Counties, Utah. Under the Agency Preferred Alternative, up to 1,298 new gas wells from 575 well pads would be drilled over a period of 15 years. Total new surface disturbance would be approximately 3,604 acres, or about 2% of the total project area.

This Final EIS has been developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared the Final EIS in coordination with numerous Cooperating Agencies including the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Environmental Protection Agency, United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Uintah and Duchesne Counties. The BLM also took into account comments received during the public comment period on the Draft EIS (October 2010). The Final EIS tracks changes made between the Draft EIS and Final EIS, and includes responses to comments received during the public comment period for the Draft EIS.

This Final EIS is not a decision document. The publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register for this Final EIS initiates a 30-day waiting period. Following conclusion of that period, a Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared and signed to disclose the BLM's final decision and any project Conditions of Approval. Availability of the ROD will be announced through local media, the Vernal BLM website, and Utah BLM's Environmental Notification Bulletin Board.

We appreciate your interest in this project. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Stephanie Howard at (435) 781-4469.

Sincerely,

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