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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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Dear Lessee,

The Powder River Basin Oil and Gas Environmental Impact Statement contains oil and gas development stipulations for the Fortification Creek Special Management Area (FCSMA), which according to our records, your company has obtained oil and gas mineral leases within. The FCSMA is located approximately 25 miles north west of Gillette as shown on the attached map. The area was designated in the Buffalo Field Office Land Use Plan as a "Special Management Area", because it contains one or a combination of important resources such as wildlife habitat, high visual quality, wilderness study area, steep slopes and erosive soils, and significant cultural, historic or paleontological values. The objective of stipulations attached to your leases is to protect these important resources, as well as committing the BLM and companies to work proactively to minimize the impacts of mineral development in the FCSMA.

Because there are several operators that have leases in the FCSMA, with imminent Plans of Development, we propose to have a joint meeting to address BLM's concerns as well as questions or concerns that operators may have for CBNG or conventional oil and gas development in this area.

The attached list shows the leases you hold within this area. If you will be the operator of these leases, you are asked to attend a meeting to be held at the Buffalo Field Office on December 16, 2004 at 10 AM. If you have transferred operating rights from these leases to another company, please let us know who this is so we may contact them to attend the aforementioned meeting. Please respond by phone or e-mail by December 1, 2004 to Barney Whiteman at 307-684-1192, barney_whiteman@blm.gov.

If you have additional questions or concerns please call Richard Zander at 307-684-1161.

Sincerely,

Michael Madrid
Acting Field Manager

Enclosures

