

## JMH CAP Record of Decision

### JMH CAP FACTS Minerals

#### BACKGROUND:

The area contains leasable minerals (oil and gas), locatable minerals (mining claims), and salable minerals (sand and gravel).

The National Energy Plan calls for renewed domestic development. The Jack Morrow Hills area has been identified as a potential source for renewed energy development on a limited basis. Oil and gas extraction has been a part of the Jack Morrow Hills area for more than 50 years. New energy development technology allows for fluid mineral extraction with a smaller impact than in the past.

The JMH CAP includes a comprehensive balanced approach to meeting national energy development needs the protection of natural resources.

#### SPECIFICS:

##### Oil and Gas

- The JMH CAP recognizes existing leases and valid existing rights
- 179,800 acres (29%) are not available for oil and gas leasing under this plan (see Map B)

##### Oil and Gas Lease Stipulations:

- Stipulations are applied to leases to protect sensitive and important resources. Acreage (including overlapping areas) affected by lease stipulations in the JMH CAP area include:

No Surface Occupancy	58,770 acres
Controlled Surface Use	197,250 acres
Seasonal Limitations	372,400 acres

##### Wells:

- 156 wells have been drilled in the area
- 44 wells are currently producing

##### Leases:

- There are 239 current leases in the JMH CAP area
  - Encompass approximately 48% of the area
  - 176 leases are suspended; suspensions would be lifted within 3 years of the ROD
  - 52 leases are held by production
  - 11 leases are not suspended

##### Production:

- An estimated 315 billion cubic feet (BCF) of gas total production is anticipated

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### **Salable Minerals (Sand and Gravel)**

- The extraction of mineral materials may occur in conjunction with development activities.
- Sensitive resources will be protected through avoidance or mitigation.

### **Locatable Minerals**

- Two elk calving areas, the Pinnacles Geologic Feature, and a part of the Steamboat Mountain ACEC will be withdrawn from locatable mineral entry to protect sensitive resources (about 7,700 acres).

### **Access and Transportation**

- A transportation plan for the JMH CAP area will be developed with interested parties. Emphasis will be placed on providing access while ensuring watershed health and protection of crucial wildlife habitats and sensitive resources.