

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT of Southwestern Production Corporation's Proposed Eight Well Horizontal Drilling Program in the Hornbuckle Field, Converse County, Wyoming



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The BLM manages more land – 258 million acres – than any other Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western States, including Alaska. The Bureau, with a budget of about \$1 billion, also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM’s multiple-use mission is to sustain the health and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The Bureau accomplishes this by managing such activities as outdoor recreation, livestock grazing, mineral development, and energy production, and by conserving natural, historical, cultural, and other resources on public lands.

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IN THE HORNBUCKLE FIELD**

CONVERSE COUNTY, WYOMING

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