

SCOPING STATEMENT

GWPC #33-14D Exploratory Well, Production Facilities, and Pipeline Development

Gary-Williams Production Company and Bureau of Land Management, Kemmerer Field Office

Description of Project

Gary-Williams Production Company (Gary-Williams) has applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for authorization to drill one exploratory gas well (GWPC #33-14D), develop the associated production facilities, and construct an access road and pipeline in Lincoln County, Wyoming (Figure 1.1). The proposed project is located in Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 117 West, 6th Principal Meridian approximately 22 miles northwest of Kemmerer, Wyoming, west of State Highway 189 in Lincoln County, Wyoming. One additional well may be directionally drilled off of the same pad pending the production potential results of the GWPC #33-14D.

The exploratory well would be drilled on BLM surface and would include the development of an access road, off-site production facilities, and a gas pipeline in the event that the well is a producer. The proposed well pad location was chosen to accommodate two wells that could be directionally drilled from a common pad utilizing the same production facilities.

Known Resource Concerns

Preliminary internal scoping by the BLM interdisciplinary team identified resource concerns including, but not limited to, Greater sage grouse habitat, raptor nesting habitat, big game crucial winter range, National Historic Trails, recreation, and visual resources.

Relationship to Existing Plans and Documents

The Kemmerer Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, approved in 1986, direct management of federal lands in the project area.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

The BLM conducts environmental assessments in compliance with NEPA and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality. Environmental analyses serve several purposes:

- provide information about potential environmental consequences of a project;
- identify means to minimize or avoid environmental harm resulting from a project; and
- provide information to make an informed decision regarding the project.

The document will be reviewed by an interdisciplinary team of BLM resource specialists. Public scoping is an element of the NEPA process. Scoping activities are initiated early in the process to:

- identify reasonable alternatives to be evaluated in the analysis;
- identify environmental issues of concern related to the proposed project; and
- determine the depth of analysis for issues addressed in the environmental assessment.

This scoping statement has been prepared to enable governmental agencies, the general public, and other interested parties to participate in the analysis. Public input is important in establishing the scope of analysis for a NEPA document, and the BLM encourages public participation.

Timing Needs or Requirements

Please submit comments **by July 1, 2009**. Written Comments should be mailed to:

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(Please reference the Gary-Williams Project in the subject field)

Attachment A.

Public Participation

The following individuals and organizations will receive a copy of this scoping statement:

Government Offices

Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office (910, 912, 920,930)
Office of the Governor
U.S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Wyoming State Clearinghouse
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (Land, Air, and Water)
Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Wyoming Game and Fish Department (Cheyenne, Green River)
Office of State Lands and Investments
Wyoming State Planning Office
Wyoming State Geological Survey
Wyoming State Engineer
Wyoming Department of Revenue
Wyoming Water Development Commission
Bureau of Reclamation

Elected and Other Officials

Mayor of Kemmerer, Diamondville, Frontier, and Cokeville
State Senators
State Representatives:
Lincoln County Commissioners
Lincoln County Planner
Lincoln County Libraries

Public Land Users and User Groups

Grazing permittees for the Fish Creek, Rock Creek, Airport, and Quaken Asp Canyon Allotments

Affected Federal oil and gas lessee holders: Anshutz Oil and Gas, Gary Williams Production Company, Hallador Petroleum LLP., Liberty Petroleum, SBG Forever, Blanco Company, and Questar Exploration and Production Co.