

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Environmental Assessment: WY-050-EA08-88
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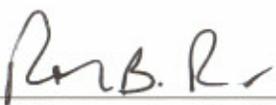
Pappy Draw Exploratory Coal-Bed Natural Gas Pilot Project

Finding of No Significant Impacts:

Based on my review of the analysis in the Pappy Draw Exploratory Coal-Bed Natural Gas Pilot Project Environmental Assessment (EA), I have determined that the Combination Buried and Overhead Power hybrid alternative as identified by the decision record is in conformance with the approved land use plan and will not have any significant impact on the human, natural and physical environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

The EA shows that adverse impacts to the surface ownership/land use and grazing; socioeconomics/environmental justice; cultural/paleontological resources and Native American religious concerns; soils/watershed; water resource; air quality; vegetation/wetland/noxious weeds; wildlife/fisheries; threatened, endangered, candidate, and special status species; wild horses; visual resources; transportation; and from the use of hazardous materials would all be minor, short term, necessary and due impacts. Potentially, substantial positive economic impacts could result for the operator, and local, state, and federal, governments.

Land use decisions for the Pappy Draw project area are in conformance with the Lander Field Office *Resource Management Plan* (RMP) EIS (BLM 1986) and the Lander RMP *Record of Decision* (ROD). As stated in the beginning of the discussion of guidance for oil and gas in the field office: "The overall theme for management of the oil and gas resources within the resource area is to make public lands available for leasing to the maximum extent possible..." (p.384).



Field Manager, Lander Field Office
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Date