

## **Public Comments and BLM Responses on the Revised Draft SEIS Form Letters**

**Comment Number**                    **FL-1-1-AL-1**

### **Comment**

I urge the BLM and cooperating agencies to amend the Pinedale Anticline Supplemental environmental impact statement so that the final decision incorporates both the positive components found in Alternative D and the wildlife protections found in Alternative E.

### **Response**

Thank you for your comment.

**Comment Number**                    **FL-1-2-G-1**

### **Comment**

In addition specific changes must be made to strengthen and/or clarify several air and wildlife provisions, including: concentrating development where it is already occurring on the narrow crest.

### **Response**

Mitigation measures are identified in the RDSEIS and

**Comment**                                    **FL-1-2-G-2**

Requiring the best available technology to prevent further impacts to wildlife or air quality.

### **Response**

Mitigation measures have been identified in the RDSEIS. Best available control technology for air quality is under the jurisdiction of the WDEQ-AQD.

**Comment**                                    **FL-1-2-G-3**

Limit the number of additional well pads to 250.

### **Response**

Please see alternatives D and E in the RDSEIS and components common to all alternatives in the FSEIS which contain provisions for protection of the flanks through

either the BLM not making leasing decisions until completion of the RMP Revision, or through voluntary term NSO and lease suspensions.

**Comment** **FL-1-2-W-1**

Prohibiting drilling on the flanks of the Anticline to preserve Wyoming's highest concentrations of wildlife on crucial winter range.

**Response**

Please see alternatives D and E in the RDSEIS and components common to all alternatives in the FSEIS which contain provisions for protection of the flanks through either the BLM not making leasing decisions until completion of the RMP Revision, or through voluntary term NSO and lease suspensions.

**Comment** **FL-1-2-W-2**

Preserving wildlife migration routes.

**Response**

Please see alternatives D and E in the RDSEIS and components common to all alternatives in the FSEIS which contain provisions for protection of the flanks through either the BLM not making leasing decisions until completion of the RMP Revision, or through voluntary term NSO and lease suspensions.

**Comment** **FL-1-2-G-4**

Removing Alternative D's Potential Development Areas.

**Response**

Alternatives B and C do not include the PDAs.

**Comment** **FL-1-2-SW-1**

Requiring stronger watershed protection measures to control sediment run-off into the blue-ribbon fisheries of the Green River.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. Mitigation measures have been identified in the RDSEIS.

**Comment** **FL-1-2-AQ-1**

Protecting visibility in airsheds of Grand Teton National Park and Wind River Wilderness Areas.

**Response**

It is outside of the scope of this analysis to make lands unavailable for leasing; that would be an RMP level decision. Mitigation is included in the various alternatives.

**Comment** **FL-1-2-LS-1**

Withdrawal unleased lands, adjacent lands and any areas with upcoming lease expirations from leasing availability.

**Response**

Please see alternatives D and E in the RDSEIS and components common to all alternatives in the FSEIS which contain provisions for protection of the flanks through either the BLM not making leasing decisions until completion of the RMP Revision, or through voluntary term NSO and lease suspensions.

**Comment Number** **FL-2-1-W-3**

**Comment**

Seasonal wildlife restrictions in the core area and other areas.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number** **FL-2-2-G-5**

**Comment**

A slower pace of drilling with a limit of 250 new well pads.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number** **FL-2-3-LS-1**

**Comment**

Suspension of leases in the flank areas for the duration of development in the core area.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-4-W-2**

**Comment**

Stronger protections for wildlife migrations corridors.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-5-G-6GAQ/W**

**Comment**

Elimination of the 1/2 mile buffer (potential development area) around the core area.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-6-SW-1**

**Comment**

Stronger measures to control sediment run-off in the New Fork River and Green River watersheds.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-7-AQ-1**

**Comment**

Operators be required to use any and all available means to protect Class I airsheds.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-8-M-1/MO-1**

**Comment**

Development of wildlife monitoring and mitigation plan in the final SEIS, not later.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-9-W-3**

**Comment**

When excessive impacts to wildlife occur, pace of development must be slowed.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-10-M-2**

**Comment**

All off-site mitigation dollars to be paid in at the beginning of project, not tied to development pace.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-2-11-LS-2**

**Comment**

All currently unleased areas and expired leases be withdrawn from leasing for the life of the SEIS.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-3-1-AL-1**

**Comment**

4,400 new wells on the Pinedale Anticline is possible to balance, but only if you amend the SEIS so that the final decision incorporates both the positive operator-proposed

components found in alternative D, and the special area protection and timing stipulations found in alternative E.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-3-2-W-1/AQ-1/M-1**

**Comment**

In addition specific changes must be made to strengthen the suspension on the flank areas, to strengthen the wildlife threshold matrix provisions, to strengthen your commitment to protect visibility in Class I airsheds, and to give more direction to the off-site mitigation provisions.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-4-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I strongly support conducting year-round development with proper mitigation components to expand access to valuable domestic natural gas in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area. I believe the Pinedale operators have offered mitigation commitments that will responsibly balance resource development and the environment. The federal government must allow for the increased access to responsibly develop our nation's natural energy resources in order to reduce our reliance on foreign energy imports.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-5-1-G-1**

**Comment**

As a Freedom Works member, I support this Proposed Action, which responsibly balances the needs of our economy and our environment.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-6-1-G-1**

**Comment**

Farms and agri-business throughout the nation are struggling with rising energy prices, tighter supplies and increased dependence on imports from politically unstable areas. I support developing the area while protecting the environment, local communities and other economic interests.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-7-1-G-1**

**Comment**

Year-round access to natural gas in the Pinedale Anticline will balance resources and benefit the community through the industry proposal to voluntarily reduce emissions and human activity, conserve wildlife and habitat and help with community planning. I support developing the area while protecting the environment, local communities and other economic interests.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-8-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I support Option D to allow year-round drilling in certain areas to better utilize existing natural gas drilling and development operations in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area. I urge the Bureau of Land Management to adopt a plan that safely and effectively allows more efficient utilization of natural gas to occur.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-9-1-SE-1**

**Comment**

I support Proposal D to allow limited year-round drilling in concentrated areas to better utilize existing natural gas drilling and development operations in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-10-1-SE-1**

**Comment**

Please add my name to the thousands of Wyoming residents who support responsible year-round access. I support year-round access because it will encourage steady economic growth and help officials to better plan for long-term infrastructure needs and improvements.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-11-1-G-1**

**Comment**

Oil and gas development should be concentrated where it is already occurring on the narrow crest only. No more than 250 total additional well pads should be drilled for the life of the project. The best available technology must be required to prevent further impacts to habitat or air quality.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. See response to FL-1.

**Comment Number**            **FL-11-2-W-1/LS-1**

**Comment**

No drilling should be allowed on the flanks of the anticline to preserve the best big game winter range and wildlife migration routes. Currently unleased lands, and areas where leases are about to expire, should be withdrawn from further leasing.

**Response**

Please see alternatives D and E in the RDSEIS and components common to all alternatives in the FSEIS which contain provisions for protection of the flanks through either the BLM not making leasing decisions until completion of the RMP Revision, or through voluntary term NSO and lease suspensions.

**Comment Number**            **FL-11-3-M-1/MO-1**

**Comment**

Changes in drilling operations and reducing the pace of development should be the primary responses required by the Wildlife Monitoring and Mitigation Plan.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment.

**Comment Number**            **FL-11-4-M-2**

Mitigation funds should be provided by the companies as soon as the final plan is approved rather than parsed out over many years.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment.

**Comment Number**            **FL-12-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I, therefore strongly support year-round natural gas development with proper mitigation and operational safeguards as proposed by the Pinedale operators to help meet our nation's growing need for natural gas, reduce dependence on imports and lower prices for consumers.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-13-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I do not believe there would be any adverse effects to the environment or wildlife should drilling be extended to year round. I am in favor of year round drilling in the Pinedale Anticline.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-14-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I, therefore, support improved utilization of the natural gas Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area. I urge the Bureau of Land Management to adopt a plan that safely and effectively allows more efficient utilization of natural gas to occur.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-15-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I urge the Bureau of Land Management to adopt a plan that safely and effectively allows more efficient utilization of natural gas to occur in Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-16-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I strongly support conducting year-round operations – including drilling and completions - in concentrated areas of Wyoming's Pinedale Anticline Project Area to better utilize existing natural gas operations as proposed by the operators.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-17-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I support responsible development of energy resources in the Pinedale Anticline Project Area as outlined in Proposal D.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.

**Comment Number**            **FL-18-1-G-1**

**Comment**

I therefore, urge BLM to allow improved utilization of this vial natural gas field with appropriate mitigation measures as outlined by the operators to help meet the needs of the citizens of Wyoming and the nation.

**Response**

Thank you for your comment. BLM will consider this in issuing a decision.