

**Record of Decision
for the
Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement
for the Pinedale Anticline
Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project
Sublette County, Wyoming**

1.0 SUMMARY

This Record of Decision (ROD) documents the Department of Interior's (DOI) decision for the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project Area, (hereafter referred to as the *PAPA or Pinedale Anticline Project Area*) in Sublette County, Wyoming. The Final SEIS analyzes various options for oil and gas recovery within the PAPA. This ROD emphasizes concentrating development, allowing for systematic development, performance based outcomes and adaptive management for reducing impacts, and cooperative monitoring with the State of Wyoming.

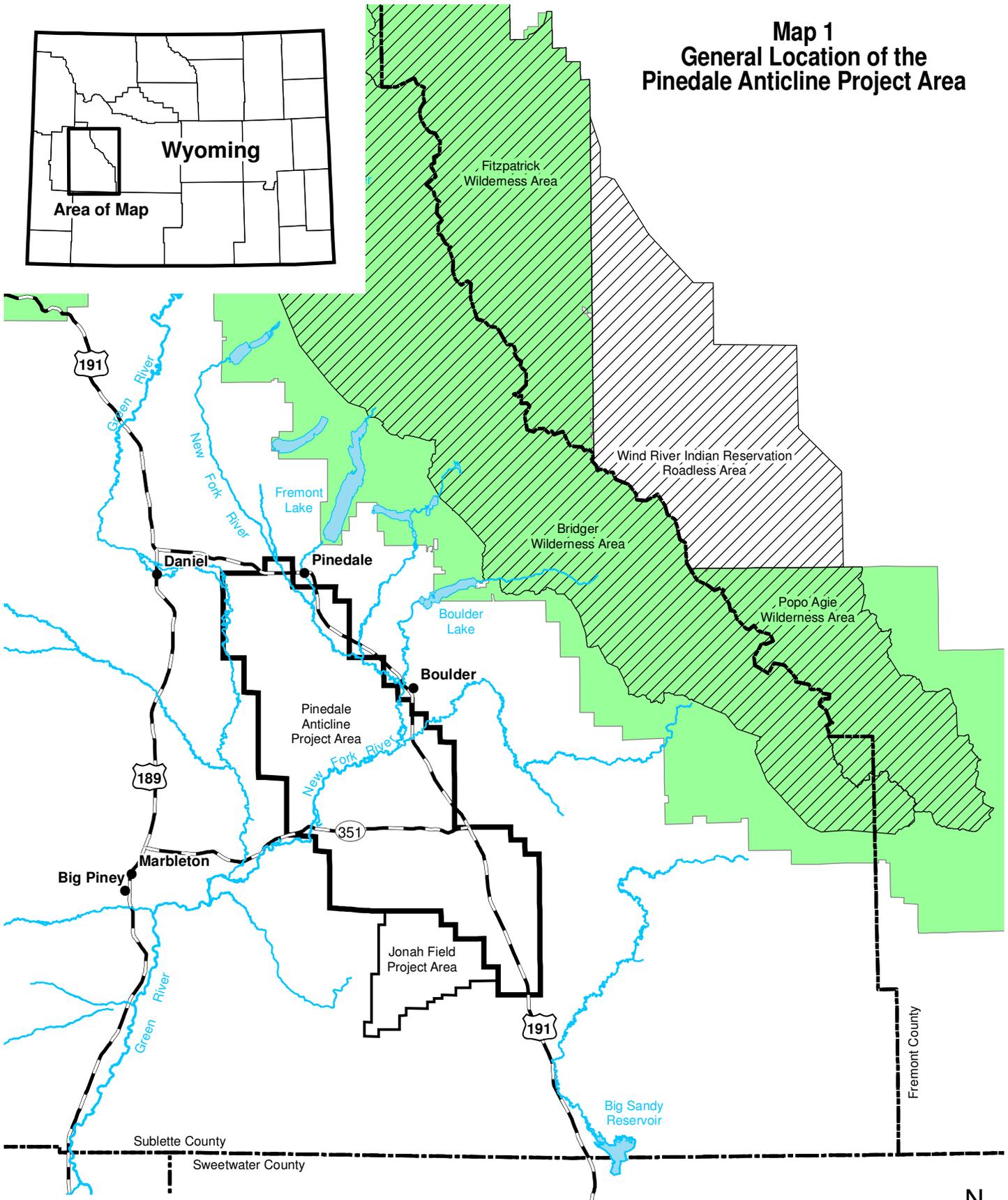
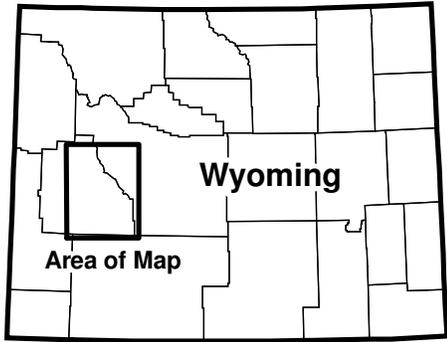
The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will manage the federal surface and mineral estate in the PAPA as directed in this ROD. The PAPA comprises approximately 198,037 acres of federal, state, and private land. Of this total, approximately 158,415 surface acres (80 percent) are administered by the BLM; 9,800 surface acres (5 percent) are owned by the State of Wyoming; and 29,822 acres (15 percent) are privately owned. The location of the PAPA is shown on Map 1 and the current leases by leaseholder are shown on Map 2.

This ROD supersedes in its entirety the PAPA ROD of July 27, 2000 and subsequent decisions. This ROD authorizes the BLM Authorized Officer (AO) to process Applications for Permits to Drill (APDs), Sundry Notices, Rights-of-Way (ROWs), and Temporary Use Permits (TUPs) on public lands administered by the BLM for the Pinedale Anticline Project and establishes the conditions by which such authorizations and exceptions to seasonal restrictions will be granted with Conditions of Approval (COAs) or stipulations. This ROD also authorizes the establishment of a pipeline corridor and two pipelines within the Pinedale, Rock Springs, and Kemmerer field office planning areas.

Requirements for specific Operators are present in this ROD. Where individual Operators are not named, the requirement pertains to all Operators conducting oil and gas development activities in the PAPA. Where specific Operators are named, such as Anschutz Pinedale Corporation (Anschutz), Ultra Resources, Inc. (Ultra), Shell Exploration & Production Company (Shell), and Questar Market Resources including Wexpro Company (Questar), the requirements in this ROD will apply to any successors and assigns.

This ROD recognizes the PAPA contains a significant energy reserve as well as important sensitive and valued resources within or adjacent to the area which require protection from unnecessary or undue degradation (Federal Land Policy and Management Act - FLPMA, Section 302).

Map 1 General Location of the Pinedale Anticline Project Area



 U.S. Forest Service Lands



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Map 2 Leaseholders

