



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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September 10, 2008

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Pinedale Field Office (PFO) is initiating an environmental analysis process for proposed federal rights-of way (ROWs) and Applications for Permit to Drill (APDs) that would provide support facilities for the Cimarex Energy, Inc. Rand's Butte Project. The Rand's Butte Project would implement and test new technological advances in processing the complex gas mixture composed of hydrogen sulfide natural gas, and helium from the Madison formation. The life of the project is estimated to be 40 years. In early August, Cimarex was granted a Wyoming Special Use Lease for development of a Methane and Helium Recovery Facility (M&HRF) to be located on State of Wyoming land within the project area. In addition to the M&HRF, the project would include a helium liquefaction facility to be developed on private land and a water disposal well to be located on state. The enclosed Scoping Notice provides a more detailed description of the project and associated facilities.

Specific decisions to be made by BLM are directly related to APDs for 4 proposed natural gas supply wells and a hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) & carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) re-injection well, as well as ROWs for an access road upgrade, a powerline, a fiber optic line, an air monitoring station, and natural gas and helium pipelines. BLM has no jurisdiction over the facilities proposed to be developed on state or private lands and minerals; however the facilities would be considered interconnected and interrelated actions. As such, these non-federal actions will be considered in the environmental analysis in order to fully evaluate potential impacts from the entire proposed project. In addition, the analysis will evaluate potential effects from reasonable foreseeable federal and non-federal actions in the general Project Area.

The Project Area is comprised of approximately 618 acres generally located in Township 29N, Range 111W (section 19); Township 29N, Range 112W (section 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24); Township 29N, Range 113W (section 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18) and Township 29N, Range 114W (section 13, 14, 15, 16, 17), 6<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian, Sublette County, Wyoming. The project would generally be located south and west of the towns of Big Piney and Marbleton.

Scoping provides the public with an opportunity to participate in the earliest phase of disclosure and commenting for proposed actions, such as the Rand's Butte Project. We invite you to give us your written comments and suggestions concerning the project and resource values in the project area. The information and comments you provide will enable us to develop better decisions and documents. You are invited to attend a public scoping open house from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2008 at the Marbleton Town Hall, 10700 Highway 189, Marbleton, WY.

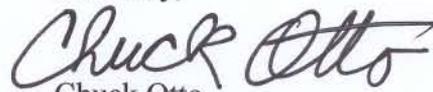
If you are interested in participating in the scoping process, we request that you respond with your written or e-mailed comments or concerns by October 10, 2008. Mail your written, hardcopy comments to:

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In addition, electronic comments may be sent to [pinedale\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:pinedale_wymail@blm.gov). Comments may be sent by fax to (307) 367-5329. The Scoping Notice will be posted on the Wyoming BLM homepage at [www.wy.blm.gov](http://www.wy.blm.gov), and published in various local and regional news media. Your comments are important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will add you to our mailing list, and keep you informed of milestones and decisions resulting from our analysis process. Please note that public comments submitted for scoping review, including the names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. Thank you again for your interest in this process. If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Bill Lanning at the address above or by phone at (307) 367-5318.

Sincerely,



Chuck Otto  
Field Manager

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