

Desolation Road Natural Gas Development Proposal

Fact Sheet

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High Desert District—Rock Springs Field Office, Wyoming

Project Description

Samson Resources proposes to drill up to 17 wells from up to 5 well pads on land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rock Springs Field Office (RSFO) in the Desolation Road Unit. The project would be located approximately 25 miles southwest of the town of Wamsutter, WY.

The proposed plan is exploratory in nature, so the success of early drilling operations will determine the full extent of development in the area. The proposed action represents the anticipated development plan if all proposed wells produce in economic quantities.

The proposed development area is located in close proximity to the Adobe Town Wilderness Study Area (WSA). The entire project area is within approximately 2 miles of the northern boundary of the WSA, with the closest proposed well being within approximately 1,000 feet of the WSA.

Key Project Components:

- Up to 17 wells on up to 5 well pads
- Includes development of well pads, access roads and pipelines
- Total disturbance is estimated to be 117 acres
- Low profile tanks (12' tall) would be used to minimize visual impacts
 - Up to 15 tanks per pad

Public Comments

The BLM RSFO is currently accepting public comments for the Desolation Road Natural Gas Development Proposal. The public comment period is open through **November 14, 2014**. Public comments help the BLM identify potential resource issues and concerns associated with the proposed project. Comments may also help BLM identify actions that could be taken to reduce specific resource impacts.

Public comments are most effective when they:

- State specific concerns instead of make broad statements
- Focus on specific issues and provide supporting details
- Identify important environmental and community concerns

Public comments may be submitted to the BLM RSFO through the following methods:

Email: BLM_WY_Desolation_Road_APD@blm.gov

Mail: Bureau of Land Management

High Desert District—Rock Springs Field Office
Desolation Road Scoping
280 Highway 191 North
Rock Springs, WY 82901

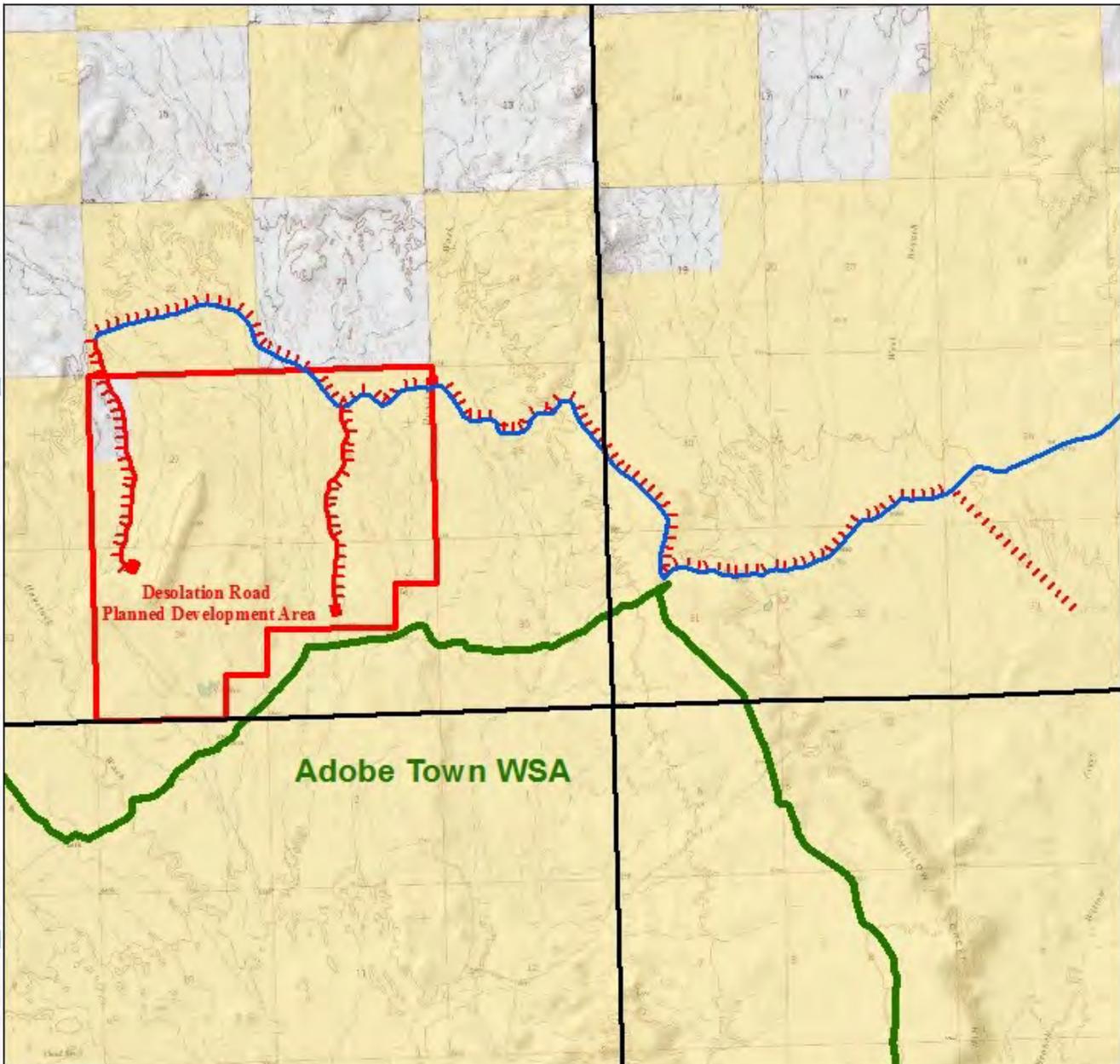


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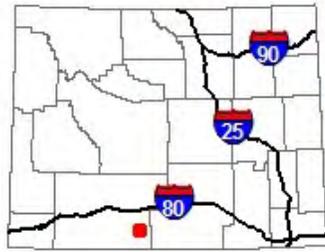
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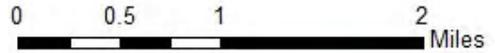
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- Proposed Well Pads
- - - - Proposed Pipeline
- Proposed Access Road
- Existing Access Road
- Bureau of Land Management
- Private
- State

Desolation Road Planned Development

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Description of Area Resources

Livestock Grazing

- Rock Springs Grazing Allotment
 - Very large allotment with multiple operators
 - Both cattle and sheep use

Recreation

- Adobe Town Wilderness Study Area (WSA)
 - The entire project would be located within approximately 2 miles of the northern border of the Adobe Town WSA
 - The nearest proposed well pad would be located within approximately 1,000 feet of the WSA
- Citizens Proposed Wilderness Study Area
 - The entire project would be located within Area A of The Adobe Town Citizens' Proposed Wilderness Area

Vegetation

- Salt Desert Shrub Communities

Visual Resources

- The proposed project is entirely located within the Monument Valley Special Management Area
 - This area is a Class II Visual Resource Management (VRM) area
 - *"Management actions on public lands with a Class II visual resource management classification must be designed to blend into and retain the existing character of the natural landscape"* (Green River Resource Management Plan 1997)

Wild Horses

- Adobe Town Herd Management Area (HMA)
 - Estimated 600—700 horses

Wildlife

- Crucial Winter Range (CRW) for Pronghorn Antelope
 - Timing restrictions for development: November 15—April 30
- Mountain Plover Habitat
 - Timing restrictions for development: April 10—July 10
- Raptor Nests
 - Timing restrictions for development: February 1—July 31
- Sage-grouse
 - General habitat
 - Not within Core Habitat,
- Other Wildlife Concerns
 - Pygmy rabbit, Wyoming pocket gopher, sage-brush obligate species, white-faced ibis

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