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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Rock Springs Field Office
280 Highway 191 North
Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901-3447

Scoping Notice

Desolation Road Exploratory Gas Wells Proposal

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rock Springs Field Office (RSFO), will be preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an exploratory gas well proposed by Samson Resources Company in the BLM RSFO within Sweetwater County, Wyoming (known as the Desolation Road Exploratory Gas Wells Proposal). The proposed Desolation Road Unit Well 31-28 is located in Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 96 West on BLM-administered land. The location is within the Monument Valley Special Management Area (SMA), as identified in the Green River Resource Management Plan (August 1997). The site is approximately 1.5 miles north of the Adobe Town Wilderness Study Area (WSA) boundary. The site **is not** within the WSA, which is closed to drilling. A second well (Desolation Road Unit 34-21), located on private lands in Section 21, Township 16 North, Range 96 West, would also be drilled by the proponent. The mineral rights for the second parcel are owned by a private corporation.

The enclosed document serves as part of the environmental analysis process to fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The public was invited to a field trip in December 2008, which was cancelled due to inclement weather. However, for a 30-day period we accepted comments, which do not need to be resubmitted. We are now accepting comments for an additional 15 days. Comments will be accepted through June 15. If you are interested in participating in the process and have concerns, issues, or alternatives you would like to see addressed, please send your written comments to:

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Comments in response to this notice, including the names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM RSFO during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.) Monday

through Friday (except federal holidays) after the additional 15 day comment period closes. Before including your address, phone number, and e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available. If you wish to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations and businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this project, your role or our responsibilities, please contact Samantha Thurston at (307) 352-0237 in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Sincerely,



Bernard Weynard
Acting Field Manager

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