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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DESOLATION ROAD EXPLORATORY GAS PROJECT

Lease Number: WYW147885

EA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-WYD40-2010-43-EA

Proposed Action Title/Type: The proposed action includes construction of a new well access road approximately 5.42 miles in length. Depending on exploration results, the wells could be put into production, shut-in pending decisions by Samson, or plugged, abandoned, and reclaimed. A second alternative includes upgrading 5.38 miles of an existing two-track and constructing 0.95 miles of new road to access the proposed wells. Under the Proposed Action total land disturbance is estimated at 30.1 acres, and 32.6 acres under alternative 2.

Location: The Desolation Road Project is located in T. 16 N., R. 96 W., NWNE in Sweetwater County, Wyoming, approximately 30 miles south of Wamsutter, Wyoming.

Applicant: Samson Investment Company

Background:

Samson Investment Company (Samson) proposes to develop the Desolation Road Gas Exploratory Project (Desolation Road Project) in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared for the Desolation Road Project.

Samson has submitted an application to construct two exploratory natural gas wells: The South Well (DRU #31-28) would be constructed on BLM-administered public land to drill into the Federal mineral estate. The North Well (DRU #34-21) would be constructed on privately owned surface land to drill into privately owned mineral estate. The purpose of both wells would be to test the feasibility of oil and gas development.

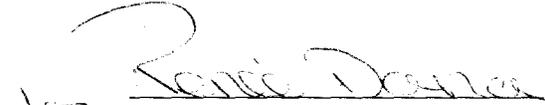
The proposed location of the South Well (DRU #31-28) and portions of the access route for both proposed wells are within the Monument Valley Management Area. Both locations and the access route are outside of the Adobe Town Wilderness Study Area (WSA), with the southern well located approximately 1.5 miles north of the Adobe Town WSA boundary.

Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based upon the information contained in the attached EA and all other information available to the BLM, it is the determination that: (1) the implementation of the Proposed Action will not have significant impacts beyond those already addressed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Green River Resource Management Plan (RMP); (2) the Proposed Action is in conformance with the Green River RMP; and (3) the Proposed Action does not constitute a

major federal action having a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an EIS or a supplement to the existing EIS is not necessary and will not be prepared.

Approval:


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Date