



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

High Desert District
Rock Springs Field Office
280 Highway 191 North
Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901



Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rock Springs Field Office (RSFO) is launching a 30-day public comment period on an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an enhanced oil recovery project known as the Monell-Arch Oil and Gas Development Project. The project is proposed by Anadarko Petroleum Corporation in the BLM Rock Springs and Rawlins field offices within Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

The Monell and Arch Units encompass approximately 22,657 acres and are located in the checkerboard pattern of mixed public, private and state owned lands within the Patrick Draw Oil Field in southwest Wyoming. The portion of the project area within the boundary of the Rawlins Field Office is located on private land. The project proposes approximately 105 new oil wells, 18 carbon dioxide injector wells and two water injection wells to be drilled within the project area during a nine year period with as many as 15 new wells drilled each year. The Monell and Arch units are heavily developed units which have been in production since 1964 and 1959, respectively and presently support 128 wells.

Public scoping on the project was held October-November 2012. All public scoping comments have been addressed in the EA and are a part of the record. The EA (WY-040-EA13-127) has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and is available online at: <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rsfo/monell-arch.html>.

The most valuable comments are those that cite specific actions or impacts in the document and offer informed analysis of what is presented. The regulations (40 CFR 1503.36) state that "comments on a proposed action shall be as specific as possible and may address either the adequacy of the statement or the merits of the alternatives discussed or both." Written substantive comments on the EA must be received by July 11, and may be submitted via email, mail, or hand-delivery during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to:

Ted Inman
Monell-Arch Oil & Gas Development Project EA
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Rock Springs Field Office
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Email: BLM_WY_MonellArch@blm.gov
Please include "Monell Arch Comment" in the subject line

Before including your address, phone number, email 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 publically available at any time. While you may

ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions regarding this project, your role or our responsibilities, or would like a copy of the EA, please contact Ted Inman at (307) 352-0388 in Rock Springs, Wyoming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lance Porter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "P".

Lance Porter
Field Manager