

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
Bureau of Land Management
High Desert District
Rock Springs Field Office
280 Highway 191 North
Rock Springs, WY 82901

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WYW159186

EA Number: WY040-EA09-163

Proposed Action Title: North Dutch John 1

Proposed Action Type: Drill a natural gas well on a pre-existing well pad and construct a new access road.

Location of Proposed Action: Pad and access road is located in SWSE of section 3, T. 12 N., R. 107 W., Sweetwater County, WY.

Applicant: Questar Exploration and Production Company

Based upon a review of the enclosed environmental assessment, the BLM Rock Springs Field Office has determined that the proposed action will not have significant impacts on the human environment; therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required under the regulations found in 40 CFR 1508.13.

Rationale for the Finding of No Significant Impact

The proposed well and access road are located within the Sugarloaf Basin Management Area. The area is open to mineral leasing and related exploration and development activities with appropriate mitigation requirements applied to protect all other resource values. The objective of oil and gas resource exploration and development, while protecting other values, has been met. Re-establishment of the right-of-way or pad would not affect the overall management decisions in the plan. The decision will not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. The well pad will re-disturb approximately 3 acres; disturbance would be reduced to less than 1 acre(s) if the well is a producer. The access road will disturb 0.1 mile (0.8 acres) of federal surface. Cumulative and residual effects have been addressed in the environmental assessment and mitigated with the stipulations below.

Mitigation Measures/Remarks:

The original well site proposal located in SESE of section 3, T. 12 N., R. 107 W. by Questar Exploration has been moved to a pre-existing site (Gorge-Federal 1) in SWSE of section 3, T. 12 N., R. 107 W. to avoid new surface disturbance.

Construction, drilling, and other activities potentially disruptive to mule deer and elk winter range are prohibited from November 15 to April 30.

Questar Exploration has agreed to an Operator Committed Measure of not drilling and/or not beginning surface disturbing activities during bow and rifle hunting seasons for deer (Area 102) and elk (Area 31) between the dates of September 1 through November 30.

All production facilities will be painted Shale Green Munsell standard color (#5Y 4/2) except where specific safety colors are required.

The following seed mix is required for both interim and final reclamation of the well pad and access road:

SEED MIX D--Mountain shrub (15-19"PPT ZONE)

Grasses--USE ALL

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| Bluebunch wheatgrass | 6 LBS/ACRE |
| Letterman needlegrass | 6 |
| Mountain brome | 6 |
| Canby bluegrass OR | 4 LBS/ACRE EACH |
| Sandberg bluegrass OR | |
| prairie junegrass OR | |
| mutton bluegrass | |

Forbs--USE TWO

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Arrowleaf balsamroot | 1 LBS/ACRE EACH |
| Silky or mountain lupine | |
| Rocky Mountain penstemon | |

Authorized Official: _____ Date _____
Assistant Field Manager
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