

DECISION RECORD

for

Table Rock Unit Oil and Gas Development

EA #: WY-040-EA11-175

Summary

The Proposed Action is to develop up to 88 wells over 14 years: 33 shallow oil wells, 20 deep gas wells, and up to 35 water injection wells. The wells will be developed in the Table Rock Unit located approximately 40 miles east of Rock Springs in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

Decision

Based upon the analysis of the potential environmental impacts described in the Table Rock Unit Oil and Gas Development Environmental Assessment (EA) and supporting documents in the case file, it is my decision to approve the Proposed Action to develop up to 88 wells over 14 years.

Compliance with applicable laws: The BLM is authorized to approve mineral development on BLM-administered public lands pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act (MLA) of February 25, 1920, as amended, and the Code of Federal Regulations 43 CFR Part 3160 and other relevant regulation and guidance.

The Proposed Action would allow the leaseholder to develop oil and gas resources on their federal oil and gas leases within the Table Rock Unit.

Selected Alternative: The Proposed Action has been designed to avoid or minimize environmental impacts to the extent feasible. These design features such as standard operating procedures, stipulations, best management practices, and mitigation measures can be found in the EA.

1. **FONSI:** I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plans. I have reviewed this environmental assessment including the analysis of potentially significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the Proposed Action will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required. It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action.

2. **Public Involvement:** A Scoping Notice and project area map were posted to the BLM website by the RSFO to announce the 30-day public scoping period from May 6 through June 6, 2011. In response to the Scoping Notice, four comment letters were received from a local landowner, the Rock Springs Grazing Association, Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) and the Sweetwater County Commissioners. Internal scoping was conducted with the BLM Interdisciplinary Team (ID Team) to identify resources to be analyzed in the EA.

On November 15, 2011 BLM began a 30 day Public Comment Period on the Table Rock EA. Five comment letters were received. As a result of the public comments, clarifications and limited changes to the EA were incorporated. An appendix was included in the EA summarizing public comments and BLM responses.

3. Rationale for Alternative Selected: The project area is within an existing oil/gas unit and the Proposed Action is infill and reuse of some existing wells. The Proposed Action with the design features, best management practices, and in compliance with federal and state regulations, as described in the EA, was selected because it is in compliance with the Green River Resource Management Plan and the Rawlins Resource Management Plan, and because the BLM has determined it will not have any significant impacts on the human environment.

4. Appeal Procedures: This decision is subject to administrative review under BLM regulation in accordance with 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3165. Any request for administrative review of this decision must include the information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b), including all supporting documentation. Such a request must be filed in writing with the State Director (920), Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, within 20 business days of the date such notice of decision was received or considered to have been received. This decision will be considered to have been received seven (7) business days from the date it is mailed.

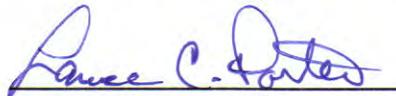
The decision of the State Director may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR 3165.4. Each adverse party to any such appeal must be provided with all documentation in accordance with 43 CFR 4.413.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Authorized Official:



Lance Porter

Field Manager

Rock Springs Field Office

24 January 2012

Date