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1793/Cooper Reservoir Natural
Gas Development Project

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Dear Reader:

This Environmental Assessment (EA) on the proposed Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project is submitted for your review and comment. Copies have been sent to parties who attended the scoping open house or who provided written comments on the proposed development. This EA analyzes the potential impacts from natural gas development proposed by Intoil, Inc. The Cooper Reservoir project area is located in Natrona County approximately 50 miles west of Casper, Wyoming, and is situated primarily south of Waltman, Wyoming.

Intoil proposes to drill up to 73 wells over the next 5 to 10 years, in addition to the 12 currently in place, to obtain maximum recovery of natural gas from existing, Federal, State, and private oil and gas leases. Additional roads are required to provide for vehicle access and new pipelines would be necessary to link the wells with existing transportation pipelines. Expansion of the existing natural gas compression facility is also proposed.

The 30 day comment period ends on June 15, 1998. Please send your comments to:

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P.O. Box 2420
Mills, WY 82644

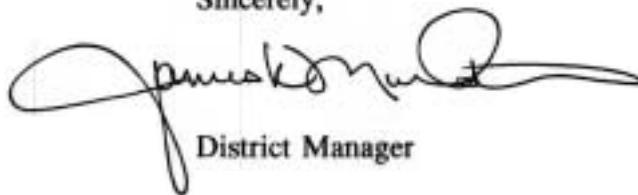
The technical reports and other supporting material referenced in the document are available for review at the Platte River Resource Area Office.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street 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 the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

This EA is not the decision document. A Decision Record (DR) detailing the BLM's decision will be prepared and distributed following the end of the 30-day review period. The decision on the proposed natural gas project will be based upon the analysis in the EA and on public comments. The DR is anticipated to be issued on June 16, 1998.

The BLM appreciates the individuals, organizations, Federal, State, and local governments who participated in the environmental analysis process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James K. ...", written over a faint vertical line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

District Manager

Attachment