

6.0 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

6.1 BACKGROUND

A field development environmental assessment (EA) was submitted to the CFO, BLM in May 1998 by Intoil, Inc. analyzing additional oil and gas exploration and development activities within a 6,282.38 acre area surrounding the Cooper Reservoir Unit. The Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project (CRNGDP) (BLM 1998) approved the drilling, completion, testing, production, and reclamation of up to 73 additional natural gas wells in and adjacent to the Cooper Reservoir Unit at a maximum density of 16 well locations per section (i.e., a 40-acre well location density pattern).

Bill Barrett Corporation has since acquired the mineral rights within the CRNGDP area and subsequently notified the CFO, BLM in early 2003 of their intent to propose a modification to the CRNGDP as approved by the BLM. The foregoing document details the modifications proposed by BBC and analyzes the effects of the proposed project modification upon the human environment within the Modified Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project Area (MCRNGDPA).

The Modified Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project Environmental Assessment was prepared by an independent environmental consulting firm, with the guidance, participation, and independent evaluation of the Bureau of Land Management. A list of the personnel responsible for document preparation, and their individual responsibilities are provided in Section 6.4.

6.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation, consultation, and coordination for the proposed Modified Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project occurred through press releases, public meetings, scoping notices, and individual contacts. The contact dates and actions taken are summarized below. All of the information is available for review at BLM's CFO in Casper, Wyoming.

1. September 22, 2003. BLM issued a statewide press release informing the public that the Casper Field Office was conducting scoping regarding BBC's proposal to modify the Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project Environmental Assessment (BLM 1998).
2. September 23, 2003. A scoping notice was mailed to agencies, organizations, entities, and individuals in order to gather public input concerning the identification of issues and concerns relative to the proposal by Bill Barrett Corporation (BBC) to modify the Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project Environmental Assessment (BLM 1998).
3. September 25, 2003. An article appeared in the Thursday, September 25, 2003 edition of the Casper Star Tribune advising that BLM's CFO is seeking public input on BBC's proposal to modify the Cooper Reservoir Natural Gas Development Project (Environmental Assessment).

As a result of the public participation process, one electronic (email) comment and nine faxed and/or written comments were received during the scoping period between September 23 and October 22, 2003.

6.3 AGENCIES, INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONTACTED

As indicated above, numerous contacts have been made during the course of this environmental analysis. The following agencies, organizations, entities, and individuals (or their representatives) who responded to scoping notice were notified during the preparation of this analysis document. Separate consultations were conducted with some of the state and federal agencies identified below in order to obtain specific information concerning potential impacts to individual resources within their jurisdictional purview.

6.3.1 Federal Government/Federal Agencies Contacted

1. Congressional Delegation for the State of Wyoming
 - a. Representative Barbara Cubin, Field Office, Casper Wyoming
 - b. Senator Mike Enzi, Field Office, Casper, Wyoming
 - c. Senator Craig Thomas, Field Office, Casper, Wyoming
2. Department of Agriculture
 - a. U.S. Forest Service, Buffalo Ranger District; Buffalo, Wyoming
 - b. U.S. Forest Service, Douglas Ranger District; Douglas, Wyoming
 - c. U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region; Lakewood, Colorado
3. Department of Defense
 - a. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Omaha, Nebraska
 - b. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Cheyenne, Wyoming
4. Department of the Interior
 - a. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Cheyenne, Wyoming
5. Environmental Protection Agency
 - a. Region VIII; Denver, Colorado

6.3.2 State of Wyoming Contacts

1. Honorable Dave Freudenthal, Governor; Cheyenne, Wyoming
2. Department of Environmental Quality; Cheyenne, Wyoming
3. Department of Transportation; Casper, Wyoming
4. Federal Land Policy Office; Cheyenne, Wyoming
5. Game and Fish Department; Casper, Cheyenne and Lander, Wyoming
6. Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; Casper, Wyoming
7. State Engineer; Cheyenne, Wyoming
8. State Historical Preservation Office; Cheyenne, Wyoming
9. State Land and Investments Office; Cheyenne, Wyoming

6.3.3 Local Governments/Organizations Contacted

1. Natrona County Assessor; Casper, Wyoming
2. Natrona County Commissioners; Casper, Wyoming
3. Natrona County Development Department; Casper, Wyoming

6.3.4 Individuals, Citizens Groups, and Regional Societies Contacted

1. Jim Barlow; Jackson, Wyoming
2. Richard Bassham; Casper, Wyoming
3. Deer Creek Ranch; Shoshoni, Wyoming
4. Bruce Hinchey; Casper, Wyoming
5. John Ellbogen; Casper, Wyoming
6. Mike Hirsch; Casper, Wyoming
7. Greg Mohl; Casper, Wyoming
8. J.W. MacGuire; Casper, Wyoming

9. Kit Jennings; Casper, Wyoming
10. Mike Kozimko; Midland, Texas
11. Pauline Hitt; Casper, Wyoming
12. Murie Audubon Society; Casper, Wyoming
13. Ty Perkins; Casper, Wyoming
14. A.V. Tharp, Jr.; Denver, Colorado
15. Wyoming Outdoor Council; Lander, Wyoming

6.3.5 Industry/Business Contacts

1. Alpha Development; Casper, Wyoming
2. Double Eagle Petroleum & Mining Company; Casper, Wyoming
3. EOG Resources, Inc.; Denver, Colorado
4. Frontier Well Service Inc.; Casper, Wyoming
5. Halliburton Energy Services, Inc.; Evansville, Wyoming
6. Hose & Rubber Supply; Casper, Wyoming
7. Inter-Mountain Pipe Company; Casper, Wyoming
8. Kinder Morgan, Inc.; Casper, Wyoming
9. Petroleum Association of Wyoming; Casper, Wyoming
10. Prima Oil & Gas Company; Denver, Colorado
11. Pronghorn Archaeological Services; Mills, Wyoming
12. SST Energy Corporation; Casper, Wyoming
13. SWACO; Casper, Wyoming
14. Thunder Basin Environmental Consulting, Inc.; Casper, Wyoming
15. Weatherford Enterra U.S., Inc.; Casper, Wyoming

6.3.6 Native American Interests Contacted

1. Crow Tribal Council; Crow Agency, Montana
2. Eastern Shoshone Tribal Council; Fort Washakie, Wyoming
3. Northern Arapaho Business Council; Fort Washakie, Wyoming
4. Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council; Lame Deer, Montana
5. Oglala Sioux Tribal Administration; Pine Ridge, South Dakota
6. Southern Cheyenne/Southern Arapaho Tribal Offices; Concho, Oklahoma

6.4 LIST OF PREPARERS

The following tables identify those BLM and consulting individuals that played a key role in the preparation of this Environmental Assessment.

Table 6.1

Interdisciplinary Reviewers from the Bureau of Land Management

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Leslie Collins	Public Affairs Specialist
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Michael J. Phillips	Rangeland Management Specialist
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Patrick Moore	Assistant Field Manager, Minerals and Lands
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Interdisciplinary Reviewers from the Bureau of Land Management

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Table 6.2

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