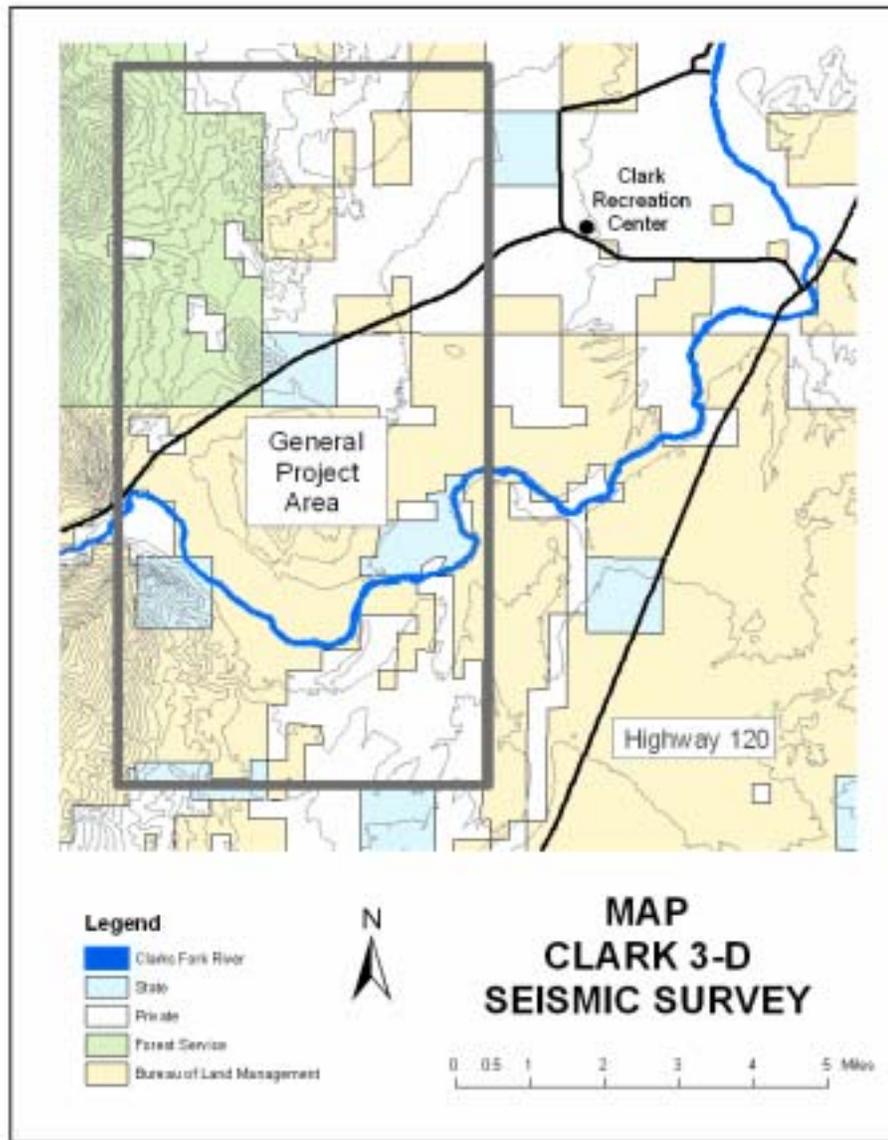


SCOPING STATEMENT - CLARK 3-D SEISMIC SURVEY

Dear Interested Party:

Windsor Wyoming LLC has submitted a notice of intent to complete seismic work in the area of the Clarks Fork River (T56 & 57N, R102 & 103W), to the Cody Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). They intend to begin work late this fall. The purpose is to acquire geological information in a 47 square mile area (see map). Approximately 74 shot holes would be drilled per square mile using truck and helicopter mounted drills as dictated by terrain. Each hole would be loaded with a single ten pound charge of explosives and then plugged and tamped per Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission rules.

To record data, helicopter-assisted pedestrian crews would set and pick up the geophones and cables which are connected to the recording truck. Each charge in the 30 foot shot holes would be detonated to generate energy, which is reflected by subsurface horizons and received by the geophones. Surface noise generated by the charges consists of a low-amplitude “thump”. Clean-up would include removal of all flagging, trash, etc and any smoothing of ruts and or seeding as necessary.



National Environmental Policy Act

The BLM and the US Forest Service, Wapiti Ranger District (FS), have begun an analysis of the proposal in accordance with the requirements of NEPA. To comply with NEPA and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, which implement NEPA, the BLM is required to prepare an environmental analysis. The environmental document will serve several purposes. It will provide both the public and governmental agencies with information about the potential environmental consequences of the project and alternatives; identify all practicable means to avoid or minimize environmental harm from the project and alternatives; and provide the responsible official with information upon which to make an informed decision regarding the project.

One element of the NEPA process is scoping. Scoping activities are initiated early in the process to:

- identify reasonable alternatives to be evaluated in the environmental analysis;
- identify environmental issues of concern related to the proposed project; and
- determine the depth of analysis for issues addressed in the environmental document.

This scoping statement has been prepared to enable governmental agencies, the general public, and other interested parties to participate in and contribute to the analysis process. Public input is important in establishing the scope of analysis for any NEPA document, and the BLM encourages public participation.

Scoping Meeting:

An open-house public meeting will be held to provide interested members of the public with further information about the proposed geophysical project and their opportunities to submit scoping comments to BLM and FS. Information will be provided on the technology and environmental management including well and aquifer protection, fire control and other issues. This meeting will be held at the following time and location:

Clark Recreation Center
Wednesday, June 23
7:00 – 9:30 PM

Timing Needs or Requirements

Public input is important in establishing the level and scope of the analysis. The public is encouraged to participate throughout the environmental analysis process to help in identifying the level of analysis needed, alternatives to the proposed action, other issues or concerns that should be analyzed, mitigation opportunities, and any other comments or ideas to help ensure the completeness of the analysis process.

Individuals wishing to withhold their name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, may request confidentiality by prominently stating so at the beginning of their written comments. Such requests will be

honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Comments are due by **July 9, 2004**. Please submit your comments to:

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Additional information will be posted on <http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/cyfodocs/> as it becomes available.

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