

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
HORSE TRAP NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Based on our review of the analysis in the Horse Trap Natural Gas Development Project Environmental Assessment (June, 2001), I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the approved land use plan and will not have any significant impacts on the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required. Further explanation of the finding is provided below.

The EA shows that adverse impacts to geology/minerals/paleontology; air quality; soils; water resources; vegetation and wetlands; range resources/other land use/invasive/noxious weeds; wildlife; fisheries; recreation resources; visual resources; cultural resources; socioeconomics; transportation; health and safety; and noise would all be minor, short term, necessary and due impacts. Potentially substantial positive economic impacts could result for the companies and local, state and federal governments.

The Kemmerer Resource Area, Resource Management Plan provides for the use of these public lands for oil and natural gas development. The Proposed Action would be in conformance with this land use plan, and an amendment to the RMP would not be necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

Approval:

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Kemmerer Field Manager

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Date