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Anticline ROD

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Dear Reader:

This Record of Decision (ROD) for the *Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project* is provided for your information and use. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the administering Federal Agency for the public lands involved within the project area, is issuing this decision to approve the Pinedale Anticline Project as specified.

The *Pinedale Anticline Project* is located in Sublette County, Wyoming, within an area of 197,345 acres. The Project area approximate boundaries extend from Pinedale, Wyoming south 30 miles to the Jonah Field, U.S. Highway 191 on the east and the Green River and the Burma Road on the west. The Pinedale Anticline Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and other regulations and statutes to fully disclose the potential environmental impacts which could result from implementation of the Pinedale Anticline Project and to solicit public comments and concerns. The EIS process is designed to inform the public of, and provide opportunity to comment on, an action proposed for implementation on public lands, including reasonable alternatives, and to disclose through detailed analysis, potential impacts associated with implementing the proposal or alternatives, including reasonable opportunities to mitigate potential impacts.

On November 26, 1999, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and on May 26, 2000, the Final EIS (FEIS) for the Pinedale Anticline Project. This ROD is the culmination of that detailed analysis on the environmental effects of implementing the Pinedale Anticline Operators proposed exploration and development. The ROD defines the decision and discusses the rationale and key management considerations for authorization of the Pinedale Anticline Project. The BLM decision is subject to appeal as explained in the decision.

A copy of the ROD has been sent to affected government agencies and to those persons who responded to scoping, commented on the EIS, or otherwise indicated to BLM that they wished to receive a copy of the EIS/ROD. Copies of the ROD are available to the public at the following locations:

Bureau of Land Management Wyoming State Office 5353 Yellowstone Road Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009	Bureau of Land Management Rock Springs Field Office 280 Highway 191 North Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901	Bureau of Land Management Pinedale Field Office 432 East Mill Street Pinedale, Wyoming 82941
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The BLM thanks all the individuals and organizations who provided suggestions and comments on the Draft and FEIS, and the USDA-Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers, and the State of Wyoming for their assistance as Cooperating Agencies in the development of the EIS.

Sincerely,


Alan R. Pierson
State Director

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