



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Pinedale Field Office
P.O. Box 768 (432 East Mill Street)
Pinedale, Wyoming 82941

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March 26, 2003

Re: Jonah Infill Drilling Project Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Reader:

We are inviting you to participate in the public scoping process for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Jonah Infill Drilling Project. We are requesting your input in identifying resource issues and concerns, management alternatives, or other ideas in determining future land use decisions concerning the Project.

The enclosed Scoping Notice for the Jonah Infill Drilling Project provides a description of the proposed project and a listing of issues and concerns identified through a preliminary internal (Bureau of Land Management-Pinedale Field Office) project review. The scoping period commenced with the publishing of the Notice of Intent in the *Federal Register* on Thursday, March 13, 2003, and ends on Monday, May 12, 2003. Written comments must be received by the close of the public scoping process. BLM will utilize the comments obtained during the public scoping period to develop a number of reasonable alternatives.

Comments concerning the Jonah Infill EIS must be provided in writing and must be legible. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to pinedale_wymail@blm.gov. Written comments can be provided at the public scoping meeting. Finally, comments can be mailed to the BLM at:

Jonah Infill EIS
Bureau of Land Management
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Pinedale, WY 82941

In fulfillment of the public participation process under the *National Environmental Policy Act* (NEPA) and the *Federal Land Policy and Management Act* (FLPMA), the BLM will host a scoping meeting to receive your input. The scoping meeting will be held in Pinedale, Wyoming, at the time and location shown below.

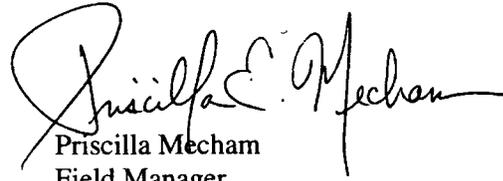
Location	Date	Address	Time
Pinedale	April 17, 2003	Sublette County Library 155 South Tyler St.	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Written comments received during the scoping process may be published as part of the environmental analysis process. After the close of the public scoping period, all comment letters received, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Pinedale Field Office during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday (except federal holidays). Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or 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 law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals representing organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Please note, form letters expressing comments that are submitted from a number of individuals will be recorded only once in the scoping process. All comments received during the scoping period are weighted equally.

The BLM encourages your participation in this scoping process. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Eldon Allison, Interim Project Lead, at the address shown above or phone (307) 367-5316.

Sincerely,



Priscilla Mecham
Field Manager

Enclosure