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March 24, 2003

Re: Scoping Notice  
Seminole Road Gas Development  
Project Environmental Impact  
Statement

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is planning to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed coalbed methane development and operation to be known as the Seminole Road Gas Development (Seminole Road) Project.

This project is planned for an area approximately 20 miles northeast of Rawlins, in Carbon County, Wyoming. The proposal includes drilling and developing up to 1,240 wells, on up to 785 well pad sites spaced at approximately 1 well pad site every 160 acres. Associated facilities include roads, gas and water collection pipelines, compressor stations, water disposal systems, and a power supply system.

The scoping notice has been prepared for your review and information, both as an introduction to the proposed project and as a review of the basic procedures to be followed by the BLM in the preparation of the EIS.

Scoping is one of the first and possibly most important aspects of EIS preparation. This process is an opportunity for you to participate in the earliest phase of decision making for the Seminole Road Project. Both at our public scoping meetings and throughout the scoping process, we invite you to give us any suggestions or ideas.

We encourage your input and comments on the project. Information and comments you provide will enable us to provide better decision making documents.

We plan to conduct scoping for the Seminole Road Project EIS for 60 days. Two open house meetings are scheduled. The first will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at the Town Hall, 301 South Adams, in Hanna, Wyoming. The second open house will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at the Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street, in Rawlins, Wyoming. At 7 p.m. on both nights, there will be a brief presentation on the proposed project and an explanation of the EIS process.

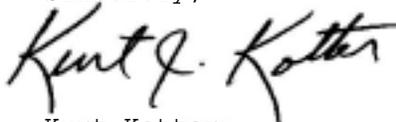
If you are interested in participating in the scoping process, we request you respond by supplying your written or e-mail comments or concerns about the proposed activity by May 14, 2003. Please submit your written comments to:

David Simons, Project Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
Rawlins Field Office  
P.O. Box 2407  
1300 North Third Street  
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301  
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Additionally, the Scoping Notice will be posted on the Wyoming Bureau of Land Management (BLM) homepage at [www.wy.blm.gov](http://www.wy.blm.gov). Your response is important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will keep you informed of decisions resulting from the analysis. Please note that public comments submitted for this scoping review, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly 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 identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Thank you again for your interest in this process. If you have any questions regarding the project or your role or our responsibilities, please contact David Simons at the address shown above or phone (307) 328-4200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt Q. Kotter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "K" and "Q".

Kurt Kotter  
Field Manager