

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

FIELD OFFICE: Stillwater Field Office, Carson City District

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2012-00XX-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: NVN-082134 Oil and Gas Lease

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TITLE: Gary Borgna Application for Permit to Drill or Reenter well MB#1

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T18N, R30E, Section 36

APPLICANT: Gary Borgna

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

Gary Borgna is proposing to reenter and deepen an oil and gas well drilled in 1990 (Reis-Federal 36-1) located approximately 12 miles southeast of Fallon, Nevada. The original well was plugged and abandoned. Gary Borgna proposes to use the same area disturbed by previous drilling. This would include grading the access road and pad that had been previously reclaimed and dig a new sump. A rotary drill rig would be used to drill out the cement plugs and deepen the well to approximately 5,000 feet.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name: **Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan**

Date Approved: May 9, 2001

The proposed action is consistent with the applicable land use plan because it is clearly consistent with the following land use plan decisions, objectives, terms, conditions:

Objective 1: Encourage development of energy and mineral resources in a timely manner to meet national, regional and local needs consistent with the objectives for other public land uses.

Objective 2: Oil, gas, and geothermal exploration and production upon BLM land are conducted through leases with the Bureau and are subject to terms and stipulations to comply with all applicable federal and state laws pertaining to various considerations for sanitation, water quality, wildlife, safety, and reclamation. Stipulations may be site specific and are derived from the environmental analysis process.

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

Carson City District Office – Environmental Assessment Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling, Gary Borgna, Operator MB#1 Well and Possible Future Wells on Oil and Gas Lease NVN 82134 and FONSI/DR signed December 7, 2006.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

The proposed action is within the project area analyzed in the Environmental Assessment Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling, Gary Borgna, Operator MB#1 Well and Possible Future Wells on Oil and Gas Lease NVN 82134 and FONSI/DR signed December 7, 2006. The proposed site has been previously disturbed during drilling of the original well, Reis-Federal 36-1. This proposal is to reenter and deepen the Reis-Federal 36-1.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes, environmental concerns, interests and resource values have not changed at all since the completion of the 2006 EA. The range of alternatives in the 2006 EA is still appropriate. The environmental constraints of the oil and gas exploration have not changed and the proposed action is identical to that analyzed in Environmental Assessment Oil and Gas Exploration Drilling, Gary Borgna, Operator MB#1 Well and Possible Future Wells on Oil and Gas Lease NVN 82134 and FONSI/DR signed December 7, 2006.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range- land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Anticipated impacts to the resources have not changed and no new information or circumstances have been identified since signing the FONSI/DR on December 7, 2006. The proposed site, including access road, has been previously disturbed during drilling of the original well, Reis Federal 36-1. The proposed action will not have any adverse effect on the human health or environment.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Yes, the 2006 EA analyzed cumulative impacts on relevant resources. The cumulative impacts to public lands resulting from oil and gas development would remain unchanged. The analyzed

action is not different from the construction of the proposed well pads or exploration drilling analyzed in the 2006 EA. The site has been previously disturbed during drilling of the original well, Reis Federal 36-1.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes, the oil and gas exploration operations were analyzed in the 2006 EA which describes the public involvement. Consultation with other agencies and interested parties was conducted for that document. The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe will be notified via letter of the proposed grading of the previously used road and well pad.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Jason Wright	Stillwater Archaeologist	BLM Carson City District

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

/s/ E. Klimasauskas
Signature of Project Lead

/s/ S. Kramer
Signature of NEPA Coordinator

/s/ T. Knutson
Signature of Responsible Official

Date 8/8/12

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.