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In Reply Refer To:  
3162 (NVL0100)  
N-80835

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Dear Interested Party:

Sam Oil, LLC submitted an Application for Permit to Drill (APD) to reenter the Pluto 27-1 exploration oil well located in White Pine County, Nevada. The project area is within a pinyon/juniper stand near Highway 50 on the east side of Robinson Summit, approximately 13 miles northwest of Ely, Nevada (See attached map). The Pluto 27-1 was drilled previously in 2007 by Plains Exploration & Production Co., but was plugged and abandoned due to drilling difficulties. Sam Oil expects to reenter the Pluto 27-1 by summer of 2013.

Legal Location:  
Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada  
T. 18 N., R. 61 E., Section 27, SESE.  
Lease Number: N-80835  
Well Name: Pluto 27-1R

The proposed action would utilize the same well pad and access road that have been successfully reclaimed over the past five years totaling 5.3 acres of surface disturbance. An unsuccessful water well was drilled onsite, but was plugged and abandoned due to no producible water source was found. Water would be transported by truck to the drill site by independent contractors. Approximately 200,000 gallons of water would be consumed during drilling operations.

A gravel source for construction needs would come from an existing BLM off Highway 50 next to a Nevada Department of Transportation pit. Reclamation will consist of recontouring and reseeding the pads and access roads.

An Environmental Assessment (EA# NV-040-06-057) was written in March 2007 analyzing the potential impacts from drilling the Pluto27-1 well. The Egan Field Office anticipates issuing a Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) for this project.

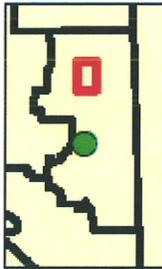
We invite you to participate in the NEPA process by submitting your concerns and comments on this proposed project. Comments on the proposal and requests for additional information may be sent to the Egan Field Office to Dave Davis at the above address, by FAX at (775) 289-1910, or by e-mail at [drdavis@blm.gov](mailto:drdavis@blm.gov). Comments and concerns must be received by October 20, 2012.

Thank you for your interest in Public Lands.

Sincerely,

  
Timothy R. Shannon  
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Egan Field Office

# SAM OIL, LLC PROPOSED REENTRY OF PLUTO 27-1 EXPLORATION WELL



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