

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Environmental Assessment: WY-050–EA14–01

Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company L.P. Madden Deep Unit No. 9 Groundwater

Monitoring Wells

BLM Federal Oil and Gas Lease WYW-78561

Section 32, Township 39 North, Range 90 West

**Prepared by
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1.1. Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on my review of the analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company L.P. Madden Deep Unit No. 9 Groundwater Monitoring Wells Environmental Assessment (EA), I have determined that the Proposed Action is in conformance with the approved land use plan, and will not have any significant impact on the human, natural and physical environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

The EA shows that adverse impacts to the surface ownership/land use and grazing; socioeconomics/environmental justice; cultural/paleontological resources and Native American religious concerns; soils/watershed; water resource; air quality; vegetation/wetland/noxious weeds; wildlife/fisheries; threatened, endangered, candidate, and special status species; wild horses; visual resources; transportation; and from the use of hazardous materials would all be mitigable impacts. Potentially, substantial positive economic impacts could result for the operator, and local, state, and federal, governments.

The Lander Resource Management Plan (LRMP, 1987) provides for the use of these public lands for this type of natural gas exploration. The Proposed Action will be in conformance with this land use plan, and no amendments to the LRMP will be necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

1.2. Signature:

Field Manager, Lander Field Office, Richard VanderVoet
Attachment: EA No. WY-050-EA14-01

Date