

SCOPING NOTICE

Crescent Point Energy U.S. Corp Utah Federal-Tribal Well Development Project

Bureau of Land Management

Vernal, Utah Field Office

Introduction

Crescent Point Energy U.S. Corp (CPE) has submitted a Plan of Development seeking authorization to construct, drill, and operate oil and gas wells, access roads, pipelines, and additional ancillary facilities supporting field production from oil and gas leases owned or operated by CPE within the 155,110-acre Utah Federal-Tribal Project Area (UFTPA) in Uintah and Duchesne counties, Utah (**General Location Map**). These facilities would be located on lands and/or mineral estate administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe), the Utah Reclamation, Mitigation, and Conservation Commission (URMCC), as well as private lands.

The proposed development (Project) would constitute a major federal action. In response to CPE's plan, the BLM will hold public scoping meetings and will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate and disclose the potential Project-related environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the Project. Based on the analysis in the EIS, BLM will issue a decision on whether or not to proceed with the plan as CPE has proposed.

This Project may affect areas in or near the communities of Ballard, Fort Duchesne, Gusher, Independence, Lapoint, Leota, Maeser, Myton, Naples, Ouray, Randlett, Roosevelt, and Vernal, Utah.

Project Timeline

The anticipated timeline for the project is:

- Public scoping: 2nd quarter 2016
- Draft EIS public review and comment: 2nd quarter 2018
- Final EIS and Record of Decision: 1st and 2nd quarters 2019

Updates on the timeline will be posted to the project website at <http://tinyurl.com/h44lsbo>

How You Can Participate

The first opportunity for public participation is during scoping. Scoping is the process by which the BLM solicits input from the public on the issues and concerns that will be addressed and analyzed in the EIS. Scoping occurs early in the EIS process. Scoping for this project begins with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on April 8, 2016 and runs through (May 9, 2016).

Along with the scoping period, the BLM will host two open houses the week of April 25, 2016. The first open house will be held Tuesday, April 26, 2016, in Roosevelt, Utah from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce, 50 East 200 South. The second open house will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2016 in Fort Duchesne from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Tribal Auditorium, 910 S. 7500 E . The open houses will feature displays explaining the purpose and need, project description, process of preparing the EIS, associated schedule, environmental issues identified to date and maps showing the UFTPA. Representatives from the BLM and CPE will be available to discuss the Project with you. There will be no open microphone.

Your written comments regarding the adequacy of the BLM's purpose and need statement, proposed alternatives, and issues to be analyzed, are especially helpful. Scoping comments may be submitted to the BLM (on or before May 9, 2016) by:

- Filling out a comment form available at the open houses
- E-mailing comments to: blm_ut_vernal_comments@blm.gov
- Mailing comments to:

Vernal Field Office, BLM
ATTN: Stephanie Howard
170 South 500 East
Vernal, UT 84078

Purpose and Need for the Project

The BLM's purpose for this action is to respond to the proposal while minimizing environmental effects in accordance with its mandate to manage the public lands for multiple uses while protecting other resource values. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (Public Law [P.L.] 94-579, 43 United States Code [USC] 1701 et seq.) recognizes oil and gas development as one of the "principal" uses of public lands. Federal mineral leasing policies (Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 [MLA], 30 USC 188 et seq.) and the regulations by which they are enforced recognize the statutory right of lease holders to develop federal mineral resources to meet continuing national needs and economic demands so long as undue and unnecessary environmental degradation is not incurred.

The BLM's need with regard to this Project is to respond to CPE's request to develop its valid existing leases covering the subject lands. BLM will determine whether the proposed project, or an alternative to the proposed project, would best respond to CPE's request in a manner consistent with existing contractual obligations between CPE and the U.S., as well as BLM's multiple use mandate.

The mission of the BIA is to fulfill its trust responsibilities and promote self-determination on behalf of Tribal governments, American Indians, and Native Alaskans in a manner that maximizes their best economic interests and minimizes any adverse environmental impacts resulting from such development. The BIA's overall purpose and need to act on the proposed project is to fulfill the Tribe's obligations established within the UFTPA-applicable Exploration and Development Agreements (EDAs) to mandate and allow CPE to construct, drill, complete, produce, and ultimately reclaim oil and natural gas wells within the EDA areas, and to issue the associated mineral lease(s) as outlined in the EDAs. Revenues generated from the production of oil and natural gas in the Project Area would contribute to maintaining Tribal economic independence and would comply with the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2005.

Project Summary

Under CPE's plan, up to 3,925 wells would be drilled from conceptual locations on up to 2,350 new and up to 445 existing well pads. Actual locations would be determined during the site-specific APD process. Up to approximately 1,500 of 3,925 total wells would be horizontally drilled and up to 500 wells would be drilled as producers and subsequently converted to waterflood injection wells. The remaining wells would be drilled as vertical or directional wells. Drilling of wells would occur over a period of approximately 30 years and well productive life is estimated at 20 to 40 years. Total project life, including completion of reclamation efforts, is estimated to be 60 to 80 years. Targets to be drilled, in this existing oil and gas producing portion of the Uinta Basin, would include, but are not limited to, the Uinta, Bridger Shale, Green River, Douglas Creek, Castle Peak, Wasatch, and Mesaverde formations. Depths of wells would range between 4,700 and 10,000 feet.

CPE proposes to construct, operate, and maintain supporting infrastructure, including up to 863 miles of access roads and associated utility corridors for pipeline transport of fluids. Proposed additional infrastructure within the UFTPA include up to:

- twenty central tank batteries;
- four central gas processing plants, including compression;
- eight oil storage areas;
- four equipment storage areas; and
- eight produced water treatment facilities, including salt water disposal wells.

Total initial surface disturbance for the proposed project is estimated to be 27,735 acres, or approximately 17.9% of the UFTPA. Application of approximately 8,029 acres of interim reclamation measures to the initial disturbance would result in a life-of-project surface disturbance of 19,706 acres (12.7%) of the UFTPA.

As of September 2015, there were 445 existing well pads and 486 active wells located within the UFTPA. Surface disturbance associated with the well pads was approximately 720 acres. There were eight oil and gas development facilities covering an area of approximately 234 acres. Surface disturbance associated with 654 miles of roads and pipelines was approximately 2,075 acres. Total existing surface disturbance from roads and oil and gas development is approximately 3,029 acres.

The UFTPA is located on lands owned by the United States (34%), the Ute Indian Tribe and Tribal allottees (21%), the State of Utah (4%), and private parties (41%). The UFTPA includes approximately 31,020 acres of mineral leasehold not controlled by CPE. Portions of the UFTPA include lands with private surface and Tribal or federal minerals. Federal lands in the UFTPA are principally under the jurisdiction of the BLM Vernal Field Office. Some federal lands along the Duchesne River are administered by the Bureau of Reclamation and URMCC. The BIA administers allotted and Tribal surface and mineral estates in trust through the Uintah and Ouray Agency, Ft. Duchesne, Utah.

Preliminary Alternatives

The alternatives already identified for analysis include:

- CPE's Proposed Action
- No Action (denial of the proposed plan, but continuation of existing operations)

Preliminary List of Affected Resources

The EIS will address the effects of the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed wells on the environment. The resources already identified for analysis include:

- Air quality
- Water resources
- Geology and minerals
- Paleontological resources
- Soil resources
- Vegetation
- Threatened, endangered, or candidate species
- Wildlife
- Cultural resources
- Livestock grazing
- Special management areas
- Recreation
- Visual resources
- Socioeconomics and environmental justice
- Transportation and access

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

General Location

Project Boundary

 UFTPA

Administrative Boundaries

 State Border

 County Boundary

Cities and Towns

 County Seat

 Town

Roads and Highways

 State and County Highways

 Local Road

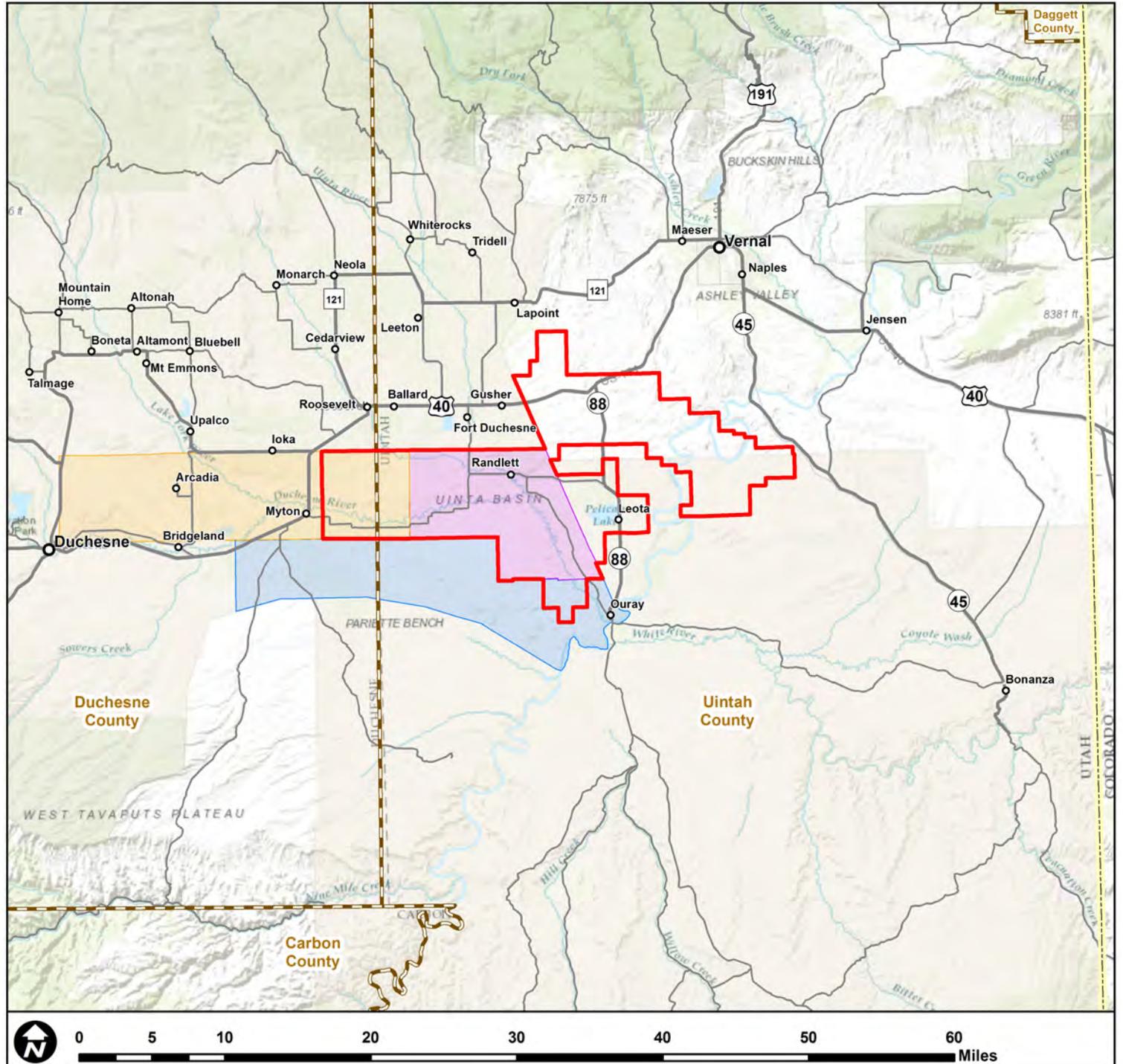
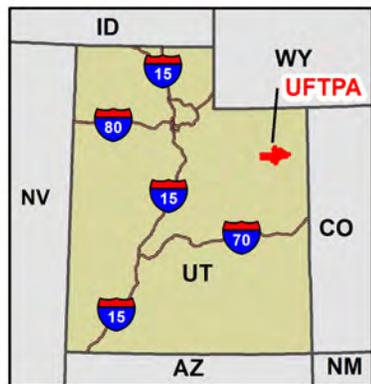
Exploration and Development Agreements

 Rocky Point EDA

 Randlett EDA

 Monument Butte EDA

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