

## Purpose and Need



The BLM and BIA and have received a plan from Crescent Point for development of their leases. The BLM and BIA have determined that the proposed project is a major federal action and will require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

- The EIS will analyze and disclose the effects of the proposed Project on the human and natural environment, identify alternatives and identify potential mitigation.
- An important part of the NEPA process is obtaining input from the public, in particular local stakeholders, regarding their views and concerns about the proposed project, its effects, alternatives and mitigation.

### BLM Focus

- The BLM needs to respond to Crescent Point's request to develop its valid existing leases covering the project area. BLM will determine whether the proposed project, or an alternative to the proposed project, would be the best response.
- The BLM's purpose is to recognize Crescent Point's valid lease rights while minimizing environmental effects in accordance with its mandate to manage public lands for multiple uses and protecting resource values for present and future generations.

### BIA Focus

- The BIA's mission is to fulfill its trust responsibilities and promote self-determination on behalf of Tribal governments. Revenues generated from the production of oil and natural gas resources would contribute to fostering Tribal economic independence, and therefore comply with BIA's objectives.
- The BIA's purpose and need of the proposed project is to comply with the Exploration and Development Agreement Crescent Point negotiated with the Ute Indian Tribe and subsequent mineral leases.

