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June 1, 2016

Re: Sundry Notice Flaring Requests Environmental Assessment
DOI-BLM-MT-C030-2016-0212-EA

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) North Dakota Field Office (NDFO) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) to disclose and analyze the environmental consequences of flared oil-well gas from BLM-administered oil wells in western North Dakota. The EA analyzes both the pending Flaring Sundry Notices and wells to be completed in the reasonably foreseeable future within the NDFO.

This EA has been modified based on the results of three State Director Review (SDR) Decisions. The requests for SDR were submitted on the Decision Record signed August 25, 2015 for EA # DOI-BLM-MT-C030-2013-229-EA. The revised EA better describes the proposed action and decision to be made by the BLM, and clarifies that royalty determinations will be made on a case-by-case basis as a separate decision on each Sundry Notice request to flare.

The EA with an unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments must be postmarked by June 30, 2016 to be considered. Comments may be submitted using one of the following methods:

Email: BLM_MT_North_Dakota_FO_Flaring_EA@blm.gov

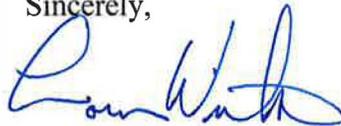
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Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Upon review and consideration of public comments, the EA will be updated as needed. The signed Decision Record and FONSI will be finalized and posted on our BLM e-Planning website, <http://tinyurl.com/h2p6efk>.

We sincerely appreciate your collaboration in this effort, and look forward to hearing from you in this review. If you have any questions, please contact me at 701-227-7713.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Loren Wickstrom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Loren" being more prominent than the last name "Wickstrom".

Loren Wickstrom
Field Manager