
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/DECISION RECORD.

Decision

I have reviewed this environmental assessment including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts. I have selected the proposed action alternative with the mitigation measures described below for authorization and implementation. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan. It is my decision to implement the project with the mitigation measures identified below.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the EA, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant, and that an EIS is not required.

Rationale for Decision

Compared to the No Action Alternative, the Proposed Action Alternative best meets the Purpose & Need and guiding laws, regulations, and directives, including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA, 43 USC 35). The proposed action is in conformance with the Great Divide Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Field Development Project EIS.

Mitigation Measures/Remarks:

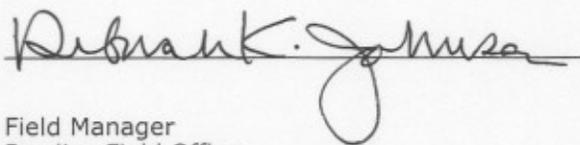
All needed mitigation is part of the proposed action and can be found in the Master Plan Elements and Conditions of Approval. A total of 45 federal APDs/wells (including three injection wells), as well as 6 State wells underlying BLM- administered surface (all within the Sun Dog Federal Unit), are authorized under this decision, along with appurtenant access roads, pipelines, utility corridors, and other described infrastructure.

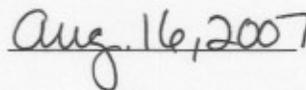
Approval of Sun Dog PODs A and B only authorizes the Sun Dog Water Management Plan (WMP) to the extent of, and as applicable to, the wells within these two PODs. It does not approve the WMP in its entirety for the remaining Sun Dog PODs (C, D, and E).

Monitoring and Compliance

Designated BLM personnel will monitor operations under authorizations for the proposed action as needed to ensure compliance with the Master Plan Elements and Conditions of Approval.

Authorized Official:





Date

acting

Field Manager
Rawlins Field Office

Appeal

Under BLM regulation this decision is subject to appeal. Under BLM regulation, this decision is subject to administrative review in accordance with 43 CFR 3165. Any request for administrative review of this decision must include information required under 43 CFR 3165.3(b) (State Director Review), including all supporting documentation. Such a request must be filed in writing with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003 within 20 business days of the date this Decision Record is received or considered to have been received.