

(For additional information on how to submit comments, refer to the Supplementary Information section below.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Michele Easley, Project Lead, BLM Kemmerer Field Office, 312 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101, or by telephone at (307) 828-4524. Requests for information also may be sent electronically to: [kemmerer\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:kemmerer_wymail@blm.gov) with "Attention: Moxa Arch DEIS Information Request" in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The area is located within the administrative jurisdiction of the BLM Kemmerer Field Office, Townships 15 through 23 North (T15-23N), Ranges 111 through 113 West (R111-113W), 6th Principal Meridian, west of Green River, Wyoming, east of Lyman and Opal, Wyoming, and south of the Green River and Fontenelle Reservoir. Interstate 80 (I-80) bisects the southern third of the Project Area.

EOG Resources, Inc. (EOG) and other companies (Operators) propose to expand the existing natural gas drilling and field development operations on BLM-administered Federal, state, and private lands in the Moxa Arch Area of southwestern Wyoming. The Operators propose to drill up to 1,861 new wells from 1,861 new well pads over a 10-year period. Wells would be drilled to the Frontier and Dakota formations at depths of 11,000 to 12,000 feet. The Life-of-Project is expected to be 40 to 60 years and the wells would be drilled at densities ranging from 4-12 wells per square mile. Of the 1,861 wells, 695 would be drilled from lands administered by the BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The remaining 1,166 wells would be drilled from private lands, or lands administered by the State of Wyoming.

The BLM published its Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the Moxa Arch Area Infill Gas Development Project in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 2005. Based upon issues and concerns identified during scoping and throughout the NEPA process, the Moxa Arch Area Infill Gas Development Project DEIS focuses on potential impacts to air quality, biological and physical resources, transportation, socio-economics, and grazing. In compliance with Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, the DEIS includes a biological assessment for the purpose of identifying endangered or threatened species, which may be affected by the Proposed Action.

The current identified range of alternatives will allow the BLM to select a management strategy that will meet project objectives, while providing adequate environmental protection. During scoping and alternatives development, few public comments were received. The BLM is seeking additional public input, and has not identified a preferred alternative at this time. The DEIS analyzes four alternatives in detail:

- The Proposed Action Alternative: The construction of well pads, access roads, pipelines, and other ancillary facilities (gas processing plant, compressor stations, etc.) for projected development of 1,861 natural gas wells;
- Alternative A (No Action): Development of approximately 757 new wells would continue under the 1997 Record of Decision for the Expanded Moxa Arch Area Natural Gas Development Project EIS;
- Alternative B: Development would occur as in the Proposed Action, but would apply additional Best Management Practices to reduce impacts on sensitive resources; and
- Alternative C: Development of 5,165 new wells and well pads throughout the Moxa Arch gas field (densities ranging from 4-16 wells per square mile).

Comments may be submitted as follows:

1. Electronically mailed to [kemmerer\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:kemmerer_wymail@blm.gov). Please submit comments with "Attn: Moxa Arch Project Manager" in the subject line and do not use special characters or any form of encryption. Do not include attachments, as the BLM e-mail security system will not accept them. If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt of your comment, contact Michele Easley at the same address or telephone number provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section.
2. Written comments may be mailed or delivered to the BLM at: Moxa Arch DEIS, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management Kemmerer Field Office, 312 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101.

The BLM will only accept comments on the Moxa Arch DEIS if they are submitted using one of the methods described above. All comment submittals must include the commenter's name and street address. 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.

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### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Extension of Comment Period for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Draft Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of comment period for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Draft Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces an extension of the comment period on the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Draft Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). The original notice issued August 24, 2007, provided for a comment period to end on October 23, 2007. The BLM is extending the comment period to November 6, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Ducker, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-3130.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2007 provided for comments on the Draft IAP/EIS to be received through October 23, 2007. The North Slope Borough, the local government for the plan area and a cooperating agency on this plan, has requested an extension of the comment period. The BLM has decided to accede to the borough's request. Comments on the Draft IAP/EIS will now be accepted through November 6, 2007.

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