

the BLM will also allow for additional public comment on the BLM's approach to compensatory mitigation and Greater Sage-Grouse habitat conservation.

The Oregon planning area includes approximately 60,649 acres of BLM administered lands located in Oregon, in three counties: Harney, Lake, and Malheur. Also analyzed are the cumulative effects across the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Management Zone and entire Greater Sage-Grouse range. Within the decision area, the BLM administers approximately 21,959 acres of public lands, providing approximately 21,959 acres of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat.

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**Jose L. Linares,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Moneta Divide Natural Gas and Oil Development Project and Proposed Casper Resource Management Plan Amendment, WY**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Final Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment for the proposed Moneta Divide Natural Gas and Oil Development Project within the BLM Lander, Casper and Rawlins field offices.

**DATES:** The BLM will issue a Record of Decision no earlier than 30 days from the date of the Notice of Availability published by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for information regarding the Final EIS may be mailed to:

- *Email:* [BLM\\_WY\\_LD\\_Moneta\\_Divide\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_WY_LD_Moneta_Divide_EIS@blm.gov).

- *Mail:* Holly Elliott, Moneta Divide EIS Project Manager, BLM Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street Lander, WY 82520.

Copies of the Final EIS are available on the project website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xnU9z> or at the following locations:

- BLM Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming
- BLM Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospect Drive, Casper, Wyoming
- BLM Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Rawlins, Wyoming

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Holly Elliott, Moneta Divide EIS Project Manager, BLM Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, WY 82520, 307-347-5100, [helliott@blm.gov](mailto:helliott@blm.gov) Persons who use telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Moneta Divide project is principally located along U.S. Route 20/26 near the town of Lysite in Fremont and Natrona counties, Wyoming. A proposed product pipeline extends south from the oil and gas production area through Fremont and Sweetwater counties to Wamsutter, Wyoming. The project spans the BLM Wind River/Bighorn Basin, High Plains and High Desert districts. The project area encompasses approximately 327,645 acres of public, state and private lands. Approximately 83 percent of the mineral estate in the project area is administered by the BLM.

Aethon Energy Operating, LLC and Burlington Resources Oil & Gas Company, LP are proposing to develop up to 4,250 wells and associated facilities over a 15-year period. Under the Plan of Development, Aethon would drill up to 4,100 wells, of which approximately two-thirds would be drilled vertically from single-well pads and one-third would be drilled directionally from multi-well pads, consisting of four wells per pad.

Burlington would drill up to 150 wells from single-well pads. The proponents would utilize disposal wells, water treatment plants, evaporation ponds, surface discharge and other approaches to produced-water management. Water pipelines delivering treated produced water to Boysen Reservoir could also be built. Associated access roads, pipelines, compressor stations and other ancillary facilities would be co-located where possible to further minimize surface disturbance.

The BLM analyzed five alternatives: Alternative 1, the No Action Alternative, includes existing standard stipulations and oil and gas well development authorized during the preparation of the EIS in accordance with the Interim Drilling Plan.

Alternative 2, the Proposed Action, is the proponents' Plan of Development.

Alternative 3 emphasizes resource production, analyzing development using only single-well pads and other measures that facilitate oil and gas development within the project area.

Alternative 4 addresses a range of resource issues identified during scoping and provides the proponents greater flexibility to treat and dispose of produced water. Specifically, Alternative 4 analyzes reduced surface disturbance through more directionally drilled wells placed on multi-well pads, wildlife and cultural resources protection measures, and a water management strategy that would involve greater surface discharge of produced water and more disposal wells.

All action alternatives (Alternatives 2, 3 and 4) analyzed the same rate of development, although Alternative 4 would allow a slower pace of development, if needed, for managing produced water in accordance with federal and state requirements.

The Final EIS also evaluates amendments to the Casper RMP, which are analyzed under Alternatives 3 and 4. Under Alternative 3, the Casper RMP would be amended to establish a Designated Development Area in the portion of the Moneta Divide oil and gas well production area in the Casper Field Office to facilitate intensive mineral production. Under Alternative 4, the Casper RMP would be amended to increase the protections of the Cedar Ridge Traditional Cultural Property (TCP). The proposed amendments are not required in order to authorize the Moneta Divide project, which as proposed, is in conformance with the Casper RMP.

The Agency Preferred Alternative was identified in the Final EIS. The Preferred Alternative was developed to incorporate resource conservation

considerations like those included in Alternative 4 (e.g., multi-well pads and less disturbance), as well as providing the Companies flexibility to use, treat, and dispose of water in response to changing technology and economic conditions like Alternative 4. However, the Preferred Alternative includes additional measures to prioritize water management in an effort to minimize impacts to BLM protected resources resulting from surface water discharge. The maximum number of wells would be the same as Alternative 4 and the Preferred Alternative would also include an amendment to the Casper RMP to increase protection measures for the Cedar Ridge TCP, but the Preferred Alternative would differ from Alternative 4 by encouraging the Companies to utilize the pipeline option rather than surface discharge. In addition, the Companies would be required to submit a conservation plan prior to approval of additional surface discharge point locations.

All alternatives conform to the provisions of the Lander RMP Record of Decision (2014), Casper RMP Record of Decision (2007) and Rawlins RMP Record of Decision (2008), as amended.

Treatment and disposal of produced water would be in compliance with State of Wyoming permit(s) including all protections against degradation of public lands. All alternatives require that interim and final reclamation activities would be implemented to return the landscape to proper biological and ecological function in conformance with the Moneta Divide Reclamation Plan and the relevant RMPs.

The Draft EIS was published April 19, 2019, with the publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS and a possible land use plan amendment to the Casper RMP (84 FR 16532). Comments on the Draft EIS and Draft Land Use Plan Amendment received from the public and internal agency review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the proposed plan amendment. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change proposed land use plan decisions. A response to substantive comments is included in the Final EIS and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment.

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment/ Final EIS may be found in the "Dear Reader" Letter of the Final EIS and Proposed Land Use Plan Amendment and at 43 CFR 1610.5–2. All protests

must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address, as set forth in the **ADDRESSES** section above. Emailed protests will not be accepted as valid protests unless the protesting party also provides the original letter by either regular mail or overnight delivery postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under these conditions, the BLM will consider the email as an advanced copy, and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct emails to: [protest@blm.gov](mailto:protest@blm.gov).

Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Wyoming Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared this Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. BLM Wyoming is soliciting comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft Supplemental EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes a Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM

will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Wyoming Draft Supplemental EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://goo.gl/22jKE2>.
- *Mail:* BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009.
- *Fax:* (307) 775–6003.

Limited copies of the Wyoming Draft Supplemental EIS for Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation are available in the BLM Wyoming State Office at the above addresses.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jenny Marzluf, Greater Sage-Grouse Implementation Coordinator, telephone (307) 775–6090; address 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009; email [jmarzluf@blm.gov](mailto:jmarzluf@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Greater Sage-Grouse is a State-managed species that is dependent on sagebrush steppe ecosystems. These ecosystems are managed in partnership across the range of the Greater Sage-Grouse by State wildlife agencies, Federal agencies, local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders. Since the 1950s these partners have collaborated to conserve Greater Sage-Grouse and its habitats. The U.S. Department of the Interior and the BLM have broad responsibilities to manage Federal lands and resources for the public benefit. Nearly half of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat is managed by the BLM. The BLM is committed to being a good neighbor and investing in on-the-ground conservation activities through close collaboration with State governments, local communities, private landowners, and other stakeholders.

In 2019 the BLM Wyoming State Director signed the Record of Decision and Approved Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Resource Plan Amendment (84 FR 10322) building upon the BLM's commitment to conserve and restore Greater Sage-Grouse habitat while improving collaboration and alignment with State management strategies for Greater Sage-Grouse. The BLM sought to improve management alignment in ways