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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Judy Martz -- Attention: Todd O'Hair
Todd M. Everts, Environmental Quality Council

FROM: ^{TMS} Tom Schultz, Administrator, Trust Land Management Division

RE: Environmental Assessments

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POLICY OFFICE

Attached is a list of environmental assessments completed by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Trust Land Management Division and Forestry Division, during the period July 1, 2004, through September 30, 2004. This report was prepared to comply with ARM 36.2.526(5).

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c: Bob Harrington

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
EA Summary – First Quarter FY2005
Report Date: 10/27/2004

TRUST LAND MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Agriculture & Grazing Management Bureau

Stockwater Pipeline & Tanks

Place a pipeline and tank system along with additional fencing as part of the project.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/15/2004

County: Chouteau

Stockwater Pipeline, Tanks & Fence

Build division fences and place stockwater pipelines with tanks in all pastures.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/20/2004

County: Judith Basin

Stockwater Pipeline and Tanks

Build a stockwater pipeline with two tanks.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/30/2004

County: Chouteau

Reservoir for Cattle Water

Build a small water reservoir for stock water.

Proposed Implementation Date: 10/01/2004

County: Fergus

Forest Management Bureau

Knowlton Exchange Timber Sale

Commercial timber harvest of ponderosa pine in the Knowlton area.

Proposed Implementation Date: 06/01/2004

County: Custer

Golden Arches Timber Sale

Harvest timber on state lands to generate revenue for the Montana School Trusts.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004

County: Lincoln

Hidden Lake Salvage

Salvage timber permit for fire damaged, diseased and overstocked timber.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/30/2004

County: Beaverhead

Hot Springs Timber Sale

Nine harvest units totaling 578 acres.
Proposed Implementation Date: 09/01/2004
County: Sanders

Minerals Management Bureau**Gravity Survey**

Conduct a Gravity Survey on State Land in Phillips County.
Proposed Implementation Date: 06/24/2004
County: Phillips

LUL #3206 Klabzuba Oil & Gas

Permission to bury a 6" steel pipeline for the transportation of natural gas from several existing natural gas wells in the surrounding area.
Proposed Implementation Date: 06/30/2004
County: Hill

Access Road & Oil Well Drill Site

Construct road on state land to access site to drill oil well (Continental Resources).
Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004
County: Richland

Access Road & Oil Well Drill Site

Construct road on state land to access site to drill oil well (Slawson Exploration).
Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004
County: Richland

Access Road & Oil Well Drill Site

Construct road on state land to access site to drill oil well.
Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004
County: Richland

LUL 4116

Installation of a gas well.
Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004
County: Phillips

Natural Gas Well SE Cherry Patch #3-36

Drill an exploratory natural gas well on state grazing land.
Proposed Implementation Date: 07/22/2004
County: Blaine

McCann 3-D Seismic Survey

Conduct 3-D seismic survey on state land in Roosevelt County.
Proposed Implementation Date: 07/30/2004
County: Roosevelt

Seismic Project

Seismic survey to look for oil and gas.
Proposed Implementation Date: 08/01/2004
County: Richland

Proposed Exploratory Natural Gas Well

Montana Land & Exploration is proposing to drill an exploratory natural gas well on a tract of state grazing land.
Proposed Implementation Date: 08/25/2004
County: Blaine

Oil Well Block B #1-1666 Well

Drill an exploratory oil well on state land.
Proposed Implementation Date: 08/26/2004
County: Valley

Letz Pit (aggregate)

Mine 10,000 cubic yards of pit run gravel material for road resurfacing projects within Pondera County.
Proposed Implementation Date: 09/01/2004
County: Pondera

Natural Gas Well State 16-35-18

Drill an exploratory gas well and construct an access road into the proposed well site.
Proposed Implementation Date: 09/01/2004
County: Blaine

Ranck Oil Company, Inc.

Test the Bow Island Formation for the potential of economic natural gas production.
Proposed Implementation Date: 09/01/2004
County: Toole

Proposed Exploratory Natural Gas Well

Drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on a tract of state grazing land.
Proposed Implementation Date: 09/10/2004
County: Blaine

Riverside Contracting

Remove approx. 100,000 cubic yards of borrow material from two tracts of state land.
Proposed Implementation Date: 09/15/2004
County: Hill

Seismic Permit No. 1438

Conduct the JBB-04-05 seismic project for the exploration of natural gas formations.
Proposed Implementation Date: 09/15/2004
County: Hill

Proposed Exploratory Natural Gas Well

Drill an exploratory gas well and construct an access road on state grazing land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/20/2004

County: Blaine

Natural Gas Pipeline and Access Road

Place a natural gas pipeline and access road under oil and gas lease number 6803-62.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/22/2004

County: Phillips

Natural Gas Well and Pipeline

Application for drilling of a gas well under Oil and Gas Lease No. 7038-63.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/22/2004

County: Phillips

Natural Gas Well and Pipeline

Application for drilling of gas wells under oil and lease No. 6800-62.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/22/2004

County: Phillips

Natural Gas Well and Pipeline

Application for drilling of a gas well under Oil and Gas Lease No. 7039-63.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/22/2004

County: Phillips

Air Injection Gas Pipeline

Install support pipeline.

Proposed Implementation Date: 10/01/2004

County: Fallon

Gas Well

Drill a gas well and install support pipeline.

Proposed Implementation Date: 10/01/2004

County: Fallon

Oil Well 11X-16

Drill new oil well.

Proposed Implementation Date: 10/01/2004

County: Dawson

Somont State Well #7-12

Test the Bow Island thru to the Reiridon Formations for the potential of economic natural gas production.

Proposed Implementation Date: 10/01/2004

County: Toole

Proposed Exploratory Natural Gas Well

Drill a directional gas well and construct an access road on a tract of grazing land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 10/15/2004

County: Hill

Real Estate Management Bureau**Judith Gap Windfarm**

Lease 640 acres of school trust land for the placement of wind turbines for the production of electrical energy.

Proposed Implementation Date: 04/01/2004

County: Wheatland

Bureau of Mines Wells

Construct two static water level monitoring wells.

Proposed Implementation Date: 06/01/2004

County: Powell

Access Roads

Construct roads on state land to access sites to drill oil wells.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004

County: Richland

Robert Cox Temporary Road Use LUL

LUL to use approx. 500 feet of an existing 2 track road located on state trust land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004

County: Beaverhead

Turner Enterprises Bison Fencing Project

Construct approx. 2.3 miles of new 5 wire tensile electric fence.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/01/2004

County: Madison

Human Sewage Pipeline

LUL to place 100 feet of buried pipeline on state land for human sewage disposal.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/02/2004

County: McCone

Spring Development

Breach an old dam & develop the spring with a short pipeline and tank system.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/10/2004

County: Chouteau

Spring Development

Replace an old existing spring development with a new system.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/15/2004

County: Chouteau

Land Use License #3204

Permission to cross a tract of state land for the purpose of accessing existing and proposed natural gas wells.

Proposed Implementation Date: 07/25/2004

County: Blaine

Boutilier ROW Easement

Easement for a private driveway across state land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/01/2004

County: Lewis and Clark

CMC Communications ROW

Obtain a ROW easement to construct and maintain a buried telecommunication cable adjacent to highway 89 south of Ringling, Montana.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/01/2004

County: Meagher

Dearborn Ranch LUL

LUL to place a portable building on state land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/01/2004

County: Lewis & Clark

Land Use License, R-Y

Land Use License to build a temporary road across school trust land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/01/2004

County: Jefferson

New Powerline

Install a powerline to a stockwater well.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/01/2004

County: Prairie

White Falcon Studios Marlboro Ad Access

Existing two track roads on two sections of trust land to access adjacent BLM land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/01/2004

County: Beaverhead

Overhead Powerline

ROW easement application to place an overhead powerline on state land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 08/25/2004

County: Garfield

LUL-Timescale Adventures

LUL for the purpose of paleontological reconnaissance and inventory.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/01/2004

County: Teton

Land Use License #3209

LUL to stockpile gravel and stage heavy equipment on state land.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/15/2004

County: Hill

Spring Development

Develop a spring and install a pipeline across the state land to connect to an existing water pipeline to provide additional water to the house.

Proposed Implementation Date: 09/25/2004

County: Blaine

FORESTRY DIVISION**Service Forestry Bureau****Conifer Logging on Grosfield Ranch**

Timber stand is under attack by Mountain Pine Beetle and Spruce Beetle. Proposed action will allow equipment operation within an SMZ.

Proposed Implementation Date: 12/01/2004

County: Lewis and Clark