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CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name: Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. - Proposed Natural Gas Well - State 22-8-36-15 Well (SE¼NE¼)	**Proposed Implementation Date: December 15, 2005**
Proponent: Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc., C/o Eric Fee, Senior Landman, PO Box 40, Havre, MT 59501	
Type and Purpose of Action: Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. has notified the Montana DNRC of their proposal to drill an exploratory natural gas well on a tract of state grazing land. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. is the State of Montana's oil and gas lessee on this tract of land. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Trust Land Management Division (TLMD) is responsible for administrating all mineral exploration activity on State School Trust lands. The State of Montana owns the mineral rights and the surface on the north half of this section of land. If the natural gas well is capable of commercial production, Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. will bury a pipeline to transport the natural gas off the state land.	
Location: SE¼NE¼; Sec. 22, T36N, R15E	**County: Hill County, Montana**

I. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED: Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.	Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. has notified the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation of their intentions to drill an exploratory natural gas well on the above referenced tract of state land. This project will take place on tame pasture grazing land. The mineral rights and the surface in the north half of this section is owned by the State of Montana. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. will be conducting the drilling operations for this project as they are the oil and gas lessee. Eric Fee, Senior Landman for Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. has contacted the State's surface lessee, Willow Creek Ranch Two, Inc., regarding their intentions to drill a natural gas well on their surface lease with the State of Montana. If the natural gas well is capable of commercial production, Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. will bury a pipeline across this tract of state land. Surface damages to the rangeland resource will be settled with Willow Creek Ranch Two, Inc. within a reasonable time period following the completion of the natural gas well. If successful, the natural gas well will generate additional revenue for the State of Montana's, School Trust Fund and Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. in the form of royalties from the sale of natural gas.

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2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:	The Montana DNRC/TLMD's; Havre Unit Office, Minerals Management Bureau, and the Montana Board of Oil and Gas are the only governmental agencies that have jurisdiction for this type of activity on State School Trust land. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. will need to obtain a drilling permit from the Montana DNRC, prior to conducting any surface activities on this tract of State land.
3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:	**Action Alternative**: Grant Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. permission to drill an exploratory natural gas well on this tract of State School Trust land. The Montana DNRC will issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill a natural gas well on this tract of state land. Mitigation measures will be implemented to limit the impact on the tame pasture resource. **No Action Alternative**: Deny Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. permission to drill an exploratory natural gas well on this tract of State School Trust land. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill a natural gas well on this tract of state land at this time.

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
RESOURCE	POTENTIAL IMPACTS
4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactible or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations?	**Action Alternative**: The proposed natural gas well is located approximately 22 miles north of Havre, Montana. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. will disturb the soils on this tract of grazing land by drilling an exploratory natural gas well. The proposed natural gas well is located on gently rolling plains that have sandy loam soils. The soils in this area are suitable for this type of activity. During construction of the site, mitigation measures will be used to stockpile the topsoil upslope from the project, so that it may be used for reclamation of the site. The subsoil and excessive dirt will be stock piled in a separate pile, down-slope from the project and used first for fill. These mitigation measures will also be used to bury a pipeline, if the well is capable of commercial production. There are no special reclamation considerations for this project. No unusual geologic features are present in the area of the proposed disturbance. The Montana DNRC has set up a reclamation plan for reclaiming the well site, if the well is not capable of commercial production.
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4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactable or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations?	**No Action Alternative**: The soils on this tract of state grazing land will not be disturbed. The Montana DNRC will not need to issue a reclamation plan to Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. for the reclamation of the well site. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well on this tract of state land.
5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION: Are important surface or groundwater resources present? Is there potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality?	**Action Alternative**: The project is located adjacent to a livestock pit reservoir. The project will have a minimal impact on surface and groundwater resources in the surrounding area. Drilling the exploratory natural gas well will not impact the water quality, quantity, and distribution found in this reservoir or this area. The proposed natural gas well is located in a rural area that is primarily used for livestock grazing purposes and the production of dryland agricultural commodities. There is no potential to violate any ambient water quality standards with this project. Drinking water will not be contaminated with this type of activity. The water quality will not be degraded in this area. **No Action Alternative**: The water quality, quantity, and distribution currently found on this tract of state land and in the reservoir will not be altered. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well on this tract of state land.
6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?	**Action Alternative**: Drilling an exploratory natural gas well and using an existing two-track trail for an access road into the well site will produce some dust particulates, throughout the entire drilling process. The project is not influenced by air quality regulations or zones. Once the drill pad is completed and the gas well is drilled, the air quality will return to normal. There will no longer be substantial traffic in and out of this tract of state land. **No Action Alternative**: The air quality will not be impacted in this area. No dust particulates will be produced on this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?	The vegetative community currently located in the area of the proposed disturbance is seeded to a stand of pure crested wheatgrass. The lessee uses this tame pasture for livestock grazing in the early spring of the year and in the fall of the year. This stand of crested wheatgrass is hayed in years of abundant precipitation. **Action Alternative**: The tame pasture found within the immediate area of the disturbance will be temporarily altered with this type of project. The proposed project area does not contain any rare plants or cover types. The area of disturbance is located on crested wheatgrass tame pasture. This area is primarily used for livestock grazing, hayland, and wildlife habitat. The topsoil excavated from the site will be stock piled upslope from the project and used last to cover the disturbed area for reclaiming the site. The area of disturbance will be reclaimed with a 'Hycrest' crested wheatgrass and yellow sweetclover. Existing vegetation surrounding the area of the proposed disturbance will also help reclaim the areas disturbed by this project. The reclamation plan will be incorporated as a stipulation for the well drilling permit. **No Action Alternative**: The vegetative community currently found on this tract of state grazing land will not be temporarily altered. The vegetative cover, quantity, and quality will remain in its natural state. The topsoil will not be disturbed and there will be no need for a reclamation plan. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?	**Action Alternative**: The habitat found in the immediate area of disturbance will be impacted with the construction of a natural gas well drill pad and access road. The area of disturbance will be small in scope and shall be reclaimed with the terms and conditions outlined within the well drilling stipulations provided by the Montana DNRC. The disturbed area will be reclaimed with a mixture of 'Hycrest' crested wheatgrass and yellow sweetclover. The area of disturbance consists of a monolithic stand of crested wheatgrass. The area of the proposed project is best described as a tame pasture. Many different types of wildlife species use this area for habitat. Those species include whitetail deer, mule deer, antelope, badger, skunk, the Columbian ground squirrel, red fox, coyote, as well as many different types of songbirds, upland game birds, and waterfowl. Wildlife species may be temporarily displaced, while the gas well is being drilled. However, no wildlife species will be permanently relocated as a result of this project. The proposed project will not have any long-term impacts on the wildlife species or their habitat that currently exists on this tract of state land. **No Action Alternative**: The terrestrial and avian life and their associated habitats found within the area of the proposed disturbance will not be altered. Wildlife and birds species will continue to use this area, as they have in the past. These species will not be temporarily displaced by the natural gas well drilling activity. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.
9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Sensitive Species or Species of special concern?	**Action Alternative**: The proposed exploratory natural gas well will have a minimal impact on the unique, endangered, fragile, and limited environmental resources present in this area. There are no wetlands located within the immediate area of disturbance. No sensitive species or species of special concern will be threatened by this project. Listed, threatened, or endangered species will be able to migrate through this area with minimal impact. There is no confirmed use of this area by threatened or endangered species, however the potential of occasional use does exist. (Continued on Next Page)

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Sensitive Species or Species of special concern? (**Continued from Previous Page**)	(**Continued from Previous Page**) **No Action Alternative**: The unique, endangered, fragile and limited environmental resources found on this tract of state grazing land will not be impacted. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.
10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?	**Action Alternative**: Staff from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has inspected the proposed well site for historical and archaeological resources. The proposed well site and access road are located on tame pasture that has been previously disturbed by the plow. No visual surface features were identified in the immediate area of disturbance, during the on-site inspection. If historical or archaeological resources are discovered at any time during construction of the well site, the proponent shall cease all activity and contact the MT DNRC's, Havre Unit Office (406)-265-5236. The Department reserves the right to restrict surface activity for the purposes of protecting significant cultural resources. **No Action Alternative**: There are no known historical or archaeological resources present in the area of the proposed project. Unknown historical or archaeological features under the surface will not be altered. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
11. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographic feature? Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light?	**Action Alternative**: If successful, the natural gas well will become a prominent topographic feature. The project is located approximately 22 miles north of Havre, Montana. The land is primarily used for livestock grazing purposes, hayland, and wildlife habitat. The project will produce some excessive noise throughout the entire stages of drilling. Once the well is drilled, the noise levels will return to normal. The area of the proposed project is somewhat developed for natural gas production and several natural gas wells already exist in this area. **No Action Alternative**: The aesthetics that are currently found on this tract of state grazing land will not be impacted. The natural gas well will not become a prominent topographic feature. This tract of grazing land will continue to be used solely for livestock grazing purposes, hayland, and wildlife habitat. No excessive noise will be produced by the drilling rig and its crew. Wildlife species will not be temporarily displaced by this project. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.
12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY: Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that will affect the project?	**Action Alternative**: This project will demand t environmental resources of natural gas and a small portion of land for the well site and access road. The demand on the environmental resources of air and water will be minimal. Once the project is completed, the proponent will reclaim the site. If the well is showing good natural gas production, the proponent will need to install a pipeline to transport the natural gas off the state land. There are no other activities nearby that will affect this project. **No Action Alternative**: There will be no demands on the environmental resources of land, water, air, or energy that are currently found on this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?	**Action Alternative**: The Montana DNRC will continue to explore for natural gas resources on tracts of land that have mineral rights owned by the State of Montana. The mineral rights belong to the State of Montana's, School Trust Fund and revenue brought in from these developments will continue to be used for educational purposes by the beneficiaries of the Trust. The Montana DNRC will continue to explore and develop natural gas facilities as long as they are environmentally safe. The goal of the Montana DNRC/TLMD is to manage the State of Montana's trust land resources to produce revenue for the trust beneficiaries, while considering environmental factors and protecting the future income-generating capacity of the land. The Montana DNRC/TLMD will continue to administer and monitor the licensed grazing activity and set stocking rates on this tract of state grazing land every ten years in accordance with Montana State Statute. **No Action Alternative**: The project will not impact other studies, plans, or projects that the Montana DNRC may have for this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct and access road on this tract of state land.

III. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION	
RESOURCE	POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY: Will this project add to health and safety risks in the area?	**Action Alternative**: Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc., its subcontractors, and/or their employees understand the risks associated with drilling an exploratory natural gas well and constructing an access road on state land. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc., its subcontractors, and their employees assume these risks as occupational hazards. This project will not add to the human health and safety risks found in this area. **No Action Alternative**: The project will not add to the human health or safety risks found in this area. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. will not assume any occupational hazards by not drilling the natural gas well on this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?	**Action Alternative**: Drilling an exploratory natural gas well will create industrial activity on this tract of state land. If Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. is successful in drilling a producing natural gas well; the School Trust Fund of Montana will generate additional revenue through royalties from the sale of natural gas. The forage production on the crested wheatgrass tame pasture will be temporarily reduced, due to the well pad disturbance. However, after the reclamation process is completed forage production on this tract of grazing land will be enhanced in this area. In the long run, the reclamation plan to seed crested wheatgrass and yellow sweetclover back into this area will increase the long-term forage productivity and enhance erosion control on these soils. **No Action Alternative**: The agricultural activities will not be altered on this tract of state land. This tract of state land will continue to be used solely for the purposes of livestock grazing, hayland, and wildlife habitat. There will be no additional revenue generated from royalties to the School Trust Fund of Montana and Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.
16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so, estimated number.	**Action Alternative**: If the natural gas well is capable of commercial production, it will provide Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. with revenue generated by the sale of natural gas. The State of Montana's, School Trust Fund will benefit from royalties, through the sale of natural gas. This project will not move or eliminate jobs within the surrounding area. The project will provide Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc.'s employees with additional work and income. **No Action Alternative**: The quality and distribution of employment will not be impacted in this area. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. is scheduled to drill several natural gas wells in this area. If they are not allowed to drill this well on the state land, they will move to the next well on the drilling schedule. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue?	**Action Alternative**: The project will create additional tax revenue in Hill County, if the well is capable of commercial production. Therefore, the project will have an impact on the local and state tax base. **No Action Alternative**: The local and state tax base will remain the same. Tax revenue will not be impacted in Hill County by not drilling this natural gas well.
18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Will substantial traffic be added to existing roads? Will other services (fire protection, police, schools, etc) be needed?	**Action Alternative**: The project will create some substantial traffic, throughout the entire length of time it takes to drill the natural gas well and bring it onto production. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. has been informed, as to where the access road into the well site will be. There is an existing two-track trail that follows the fence line around the tract. The project will not create a demand for government services. The project will not require the services of fire protection, police, or schools. **No Action Alternative**: There will be no additional demand for government services on this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC/TLMD will continue to monitor grazing management activity and set stocking rates for this tract of grazing land owned by the State of Montana. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.
19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS: Are there State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, etc. zoning or management plans in effect?	**Action Alternative**: The project will not interfere with any other locally adopted environmental plans or goals that the Montana DNRC has for this tract of state grazing land. No zoning plans will be in effect for the installation of a natural gas well on this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC will continue to explore and develop natural gas facilities on lands that the State of Montana owns the mineral rights. Environmental Assessment Checklist's will continue to be the basis of conclusion for future development or further study of projects such as this. **No Action Alternative**: There are no other known locally adopted environmental plans or goals for this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC will continue to work with natural gas companies to explore and develop natural gas production on tracts of land in which the State of Montana owns the mineral rights. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES: Are wilderness or recreational areas nearby or accessed through this tract? Is there recreational potential within the tract?	**Action Alternative**: The proposed natural gas well is located on a legally accessible tract of state land. The proposed project area is accessible to the public for recreational purposes, via an adjacent tract of state land to the north that is legally accessible from a county road. This tract of state land does have recreational potential for hunting, hiking, and bird watching. The main recreational activity that occurs here is hunting. The natural gas well and access road will have a minimal impact on the recreational activities that may occur on this tract of state land in the future. **No Action Alternative**: This tract of state land will continue to remain legally accessible to the public for recreational purposes. The recreational potential for this tract of land will continue to be low to moderate. The Montana DNRC does have recreational authority, provided by the Montana Fish, Wildlife, & Parks on all tracts of state land. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.
21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to the population and require additional housing?	**Action Alternative**: The project will not add to the population or require additional housing. The density and distribution of population and housing will continue to be low in this rural area. The project will be completed in two to three days and the drill crew will leave the site. If the natural gas well is successful, Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. will have to bury a pipeline across the state land to transport the natural gas to a gathering pipeline. This activity may require the presence of Klabzuba employees for an additional day or two. **No Action Alternative**: The density and distribution of population and housing will continue to be low in this rural ranching and farming community. The Montana DNRC/TLMD is the agency responsible for any surface and subsurface activity on this tract of state land. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES: Is some disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or community's possible?	**Action Alternative**: The project will not disrupt any native or traditional lifestyles found within this rural area. Drilling an exploratory natural gas well and constructing an access road will not change the social structures and mores found in this area. Natural gas exploration, development, and production have become somewhat high in this area. Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. has been really responsible for their actions and they are willing to do whatever it takes to make people happy and get the job done right to make money for everyone that is involved. **No Action Alternative**: The native and traditional lifestyles will not be impacted in this rural ranching and farming community. The people who live in this area have natural gas wells on their own lands and collect royalties as well. The native and traditional lifestyles found in this area will continue to remain the same. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.
23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the action cause a shift in some unique quality of the area?	**Action Alternative**: The proposed natural gas well and access road will not cause a shift in any of the unique qualities found in this area. No cultural artifacts or surface features were observed or noted in the area of disturbance. Natural gas production is important to the people in this area, because it provides jobs and additional income for the people who live and work in this area. **No Action Alternative**: The cultural uniqueness and diversity of the land and its people will remain the same. This tract of state land will continue to be used solely for livestock grazing purposes, hayland, and wildlife habitat. Livestock grazing on this tract is authorized through a surface grazing lease issued by the Montana DNRC. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land.

24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES:	**Action Alternative**: If the natural gas well is capable of commercial production, the project will generate additional revenue for the State School Trust Fund and Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. through royalties from the sale of natural gas. The surrounding communities will benefit from projects such as this through lodging, gas, and food purchased by the drilling crew and Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc.'s employees. The people in the surrounding area may be more open to natural gas exploration on their own lands, if this project is done right and is environmentally safe. **No Action Alternative**: The potential for additional revenue to the State of Montana's School Trust Fund, Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc., and the people in the surrounding area will be lost. The Montana DNRC will not issue Klabzuba Oil & Gas, Inc. a permit to drill an exploratory natural gas well and construct an access road on this tract of state land. There are no other appropriate social and/or economic circumstances to discuss within this Environmental Assessment Checklist.

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Dan Dobler (Signature) — November 18th, 2005 (Date)

IV. FINDING	
25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	Select action alternatives using mitigation measures as outlined in EA.
26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	NSI - project has potential to increase School trust revenue w/ minimal impacts to the resources.
27. Need for Further Environmental Analysis: [ ] EIS [ ] More Detailed EA [X] No Further Analysis	

EA Checklist Approved By: Clive Rooney (Name) — Area Manager, Northeastern Land Office (Title)

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