

Case B-015
BRADFORD RANGER DISTRICT
OGM ANALYSIS

<u>2/20/08</u>	Date Received	<u>U.S. Energy</u>	Company
	Map		Project Name
	Proof of Ownership	<u>36</u>	Number of Wells
	Plan of Operations	<u>16</u>	Lot/Warrant
<u>Todd Whitmer</u>	Field Representative	<u>Mead</u>	Township
	Phone #	<u>Warren</u>	County
	Biological evaluation		Heritage Resource Report
	Erosion/Sedimentation Plan		Reserved/Outstanding Rights
			Well numbers analyzed

Weatherall report 2/20/08

RESOURCES INVOLVED

Drainage	FS Road #
Slopes	Compartment
Management Area	Stands
Visual Quality	Cultural Resources <u>See Heritage Report</u>
TES <u>See BABE</u>	Lab notified <u>N/A</u>
Pit and Reclamation Plan <u>N/A</u>	Timber Sales in progress <u>N/A</u>
Stone Source and Amount	
Soils: Names, Type, Restrictions	
Interested Persons <u>ADP</u>	
Other Resources	
Other Options Considered <u>N/a</u>	
Special Use needs <u>N/A</u>	

CONSTRUCTION NEEDS

Road Construction	Reconstruction
Tank battery	Power (gas or electric)
Oil line (dia., length buried?)	Gas Line

IMPACTS TO OTHER RESOURCES

Wildlife <u>See Biological Report</u>
Timber Removed
Other Resources (Roads/trails.Rec/etc.)

MITIGATION MEASURES

Wildlife	Rec and Archeology
Soil and Water	Monitoring
Transportation	Permits (Special Use)
Timber	Public Safety

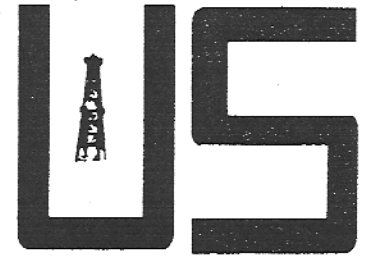
Prepared by: <u>CMK</u>	Other Personnel
Field Mtg	Persons present
OGM Leader review <u>CMK</u>	Ranger Approval
	Date:

OGM Checklist

Days 1 to 5	Day 30	Day 40	Days 45-54	Day 55	Day 60
1. Project received and logged in. [P&D]	Field Review due [OPS]	Specialist's Input must be received.	Mark timber [OPS]	Prepare bill & Road-Use Permit [OPS]	File completed project.
2. Assignments made by P/D team leader. [P&D]		Analysis provided to PD Leader [P&D]		Proceed Letter with Bills & Permits [P&D]	Update data base
3. Developer informed of any Minard Run deficiencies. [P&D]		Prepare Road Use Permit [OPS]			Notify interested parties
4. Specialists informed maps provided. [P&D]					
5. Notify interested parties [P&D]					

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WARREN, PA.



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February 14, 2008

Dear Landowner,

This is notification that we will be drilling oil wells on your property. Please see attached maps.

We have been a reputable business in New York State and Pennsylvania for over twenty- five (25) years.

Our contact information is:

2350 North Forest Road
Getzville, NY 14068
716-636-0401
800-636-7606

Sincerely,

US Energy Development Corporation

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Allegheny National Forest
Supervisor's Office

222 Liberty Street
PO Box 847
Warren, PA 16365
(814) 723-5180
FAX (814) 726-1465

File Code: 2300
Route To: 2380

Date: February 20, 2008

Subject: US Energy 35 Well Package Dated February 14, 2008

To: Jim Seyler

Existing Condition

Wells 1645 to 1680 are located in tract 16 which is prominently situated north and south across State Route 59, NFSR 454, and the Rimrock Trail about halfway up the Rimrock Road (NFSR 454). The proposal is located in an area of High Scenic Integrity as identified in the LRMP and currently appears unaltered to most visitors. This area is currently designated Management Area (MA) 2.2, Late Structural Linkages, in the 2007 LRMP. This MA emphasizes a variety of recreation experiences in a Roaded Natural (RN) Recreation Opportunity Setting (ROS) where most existing roads are closed or restricted. Trails and facilities are designed support the RN ROS designation, facilities are intended to be located on the periphery of the area, and new motorized trails will be limited. In addition, standards for 7700 Transportation Systems include that any new roads that are built shall be designed and managed to Traffic Service Level D and will be restricted or closed when not in use and that no new pits should be developed.

Management Concerns

Given that the general location of this proposal is in the immediate proximity of the Rimrock Overlook and appears to directly impact the Rimrock Trail I am concerned that the level of development and associated impacts may exceed the threshold for RN ROS for trail and to a lesser extent possibly the Overlook. This development may also drastically alter the scenic quality of the area due to the level of development and placement on the landscape and possible visibility from the Allegheny Reservoir or the Longhouse Scenic Byway. Given the density of the development, and an unknown but certain road and pipeline development scenario it appears that impacts on the trail itself will be severe. Impacts would be evident from noise associated with initial road construction and well development followed by periodic automated pumping. Impacts would be evident due to road, well pad, and tank battery construction. Impacts would also be noticed through a dramatic rise in activity and encounters of visitors with the industrialized development found in this section as well as neighboring sections that are planned for similar development. There are also possible impacts to the Rimrock Road, SR 59 and possibly the Allegheny Reservoir that I cannot determine due to the lack of geographical information in the proposal. It appears that these wells are developed on an approximate 500' centerline.



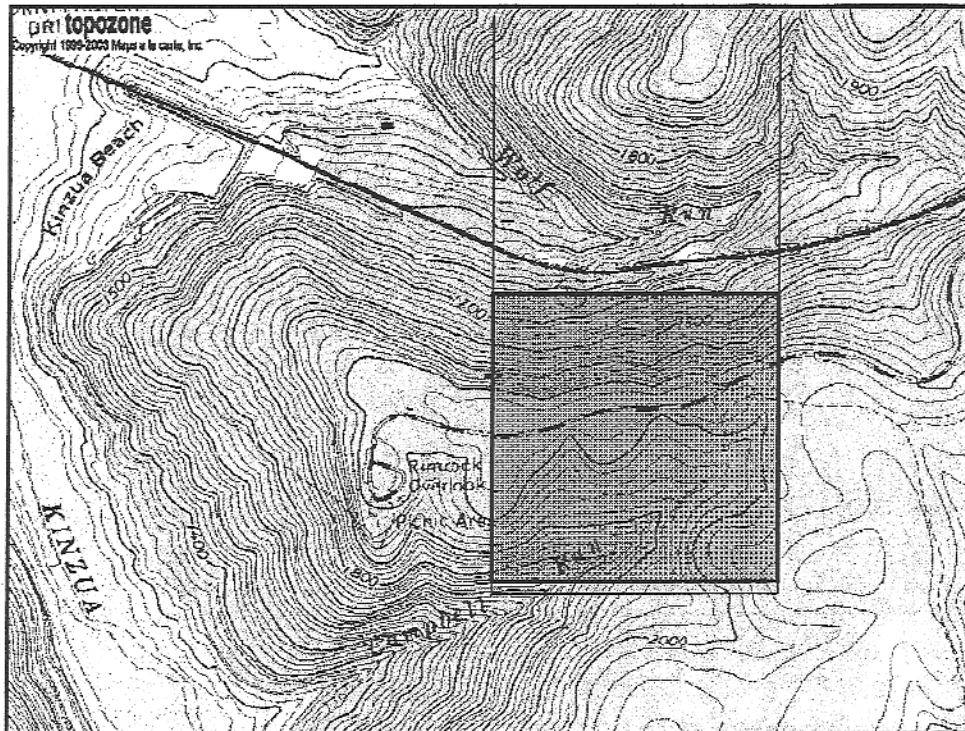


Figure 1 - Approximate location of Section 16 Development

Conclusion

To give an adequate and professional evaluation I need more specific information about the location of each well and how it relates to Rimrock Trail, Rimrock Road, the Overlook, the Allegheny Reservoir (whether it is on the plateau or on the sideslope), and SR 59. Without more definitive information my analysis is speculative.

/s/ Robert W. Wetherell
ROBERT W. WETHERELL
Recreation Program Manager

cc: j.moyer
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