

Meeting Minutes for OGM Discussion Concerning Development

In the NRA on the ANF

1/11/2007

Participants;

- From the Regional Office; Jo Reyer, Paul Stockinger, Randy Rabideaux, John Romonowski, and Sam Emmans
- From OGC; John Vanlick and Ron Mulich
- From the ANF; Kathleen Morse, Jim Seyler, Robert Stovall, Jodi Vanselow, Steve Miller, Jim Apgar, and Derek Ibarguen

Discussion:

- A brief overview of the issue/project was provided (see attached sheet) that laid the foundation for why the ANF had proceeded with publicly scoping the project on 12/13/06.
- We weighed the pros and cons of whether or not to do a CE or an EA on the project.
- It was discussed whether or not NEPA applied to just the special use permit or if it extended to the entire OGM proposal.
- If an EA were prepared just on the SUP portion of the project the time delays would more than likely force the operator to revert back to their original proposal. As a result, the discussion turned to what the FS rights are under the 1911 Rules and Regulations. Under clause 7, "Buildings, camps, roads, bridges, and other structures or improvements necessary in carrying on mining operations shall be located as **approved by the Forest officer in charge.**"

Decision:

- It was decided that NEPA applies to the entire project as a result of the OGM development falling under the 1911 rules and regulations
- An EA would need to be prepared on this project because the project falls within a Roadless area and ~~a~~ NRA. Otherwise a CE may have been applicable.