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Arthur J. Stewart
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Dear Mr. Stewart:

I have completed an initial paper review of Duhring Resource Company's (Duhring) four oil and gas well proposal package, dated May 9, 2008, which included "Surface Owner Notifications," "Plan of Operations," "Soil Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan" and maps, in Warrant 3672, Jenks Township, Forest County, Pennsylvania. This package has been assigned the Forest Service Case #M139. Based on the initial review, I have some general concerns, which are itemized below. If site-specific resource concerns are identified during the field review, I would like to have my staff work with Duhring to develop mitigations where necessary.

Pits

The Plan of Operations for Duhring's proposal in Warrant 3672 states the following:

Construction of the roads, tank battery and well locations will utilize a mineral pit to be developed upon the parcel. In concert with the ANF field representative Duhring explored for and located satisfactory stone upon Warrant 3672; that area is adjacent to well 3672-25.

Please refer to the letter Ms. Leanne Marten, Forest Supervisor on the Allegheny National Forest, mailed to Oil, Gas and Mineral (OGM) operators dated March 28, 2008 regarding this matter. The Forest Service must follow procedures as outlined in 36 CFR 228 Subpart C and FSM 2850 before any removal of mineral material from pits located on National Forest System land occurs.

Timeframe

The District is currently reviewing, processing and inspecting numerous well proposals that involve approximately 360 wells, each with a varying degree of complexity. The District attempts to process well packages in order as they are received to be fair to each operator. Within that context, the District does endeavor to work as expeditiously as is possible in reviewing all drilling proposals.



Please let me know at your earliest convenience how you would like to proceed given these concerns and options, or if you have any questions or comments. You can call me at my office number: (814) 927-5799, on my cell: (603) 393-8769, or send me an email at rfallon@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

/s/ Robert T. Fallon
ROBERT T. FALLON
District Ranger