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Liberty Pioneer – Middle Mountain Unit #1 APD
USDA Forest Service – Manti-La Sal National Forest
Ferron Ranger District
Emery County, Utah
March 2015

The Ferron Ranger District of the Manti-La Sal National Forest received a complete Application for Permit to Drill (APD) and Surface Use Plan of Operation (SUPO) from Liberty Pioneer Energy Source, Inc. proposing to exercise lease rights on Federal Oil and Gas Lease #UTU-87035 by drilling one exploratory well known as Middle Mountain Unit #1. Information on the submitted APD and SUPO follows. Your participation and comments are encouraged during this project development and evaluation.

The proposed location for the Middle Mountain Unit #1 well is Township 16 South, Range 6 East, Section 29; which is approximately 5 miles north of Joes Valley Reservoir along the Lowry Water Road between Black and Fly Canyons (see map).

The Ferron District proposes to approve the Surface Use Plan of Operations submitted by Liberty Pioneer Energy Source, Inc. which calls for the development of a 2 acre well pad and an approximate 1 mile access road. The access road would have a maximum grade of 10% and an approximate travel surface width of 14 feet. The well pad would have a surface size of approximately 2 acres through the construction, drilling and completion phases and would receive interim reclamation and be scaled back to the minimum size necessary during the production stage of the well. If the well is not capable of producing then the well and access road would be completely reclaimed; if the well is found to produce in marketable quantities the access road and well pad would be used for the life of the well after which complete reclamation would occur. A Road Use Permit requiring appropriate bonding would be required prior to the development of the access road and/or use of existing forest system roads. Compliance with all rules and regulations of the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management will occur.

The purpose and need for this action is to respond as required by law and regulation to a valid complete Application for Permit to Drill.

The Ferron District has made a preliminary assessment that this proposal falls within categorical exclusion 1 of Section 390 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and can be excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. A Decision Memo and project record will be prepared following NEPA procedures found in 36 CFR § 220. Copies of these items will be provided upon request following their preparation.



How to Comment and Timeframe

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted. Comments would be most helpful if received by April 17, 2015. Comments should be hand delivered or sent to Darren Olsen, Responsible Official, at PO Box 310, 115 West Canyon Road, Ferron, UT 84523; by telephone at 435-636-3586, or by fax at 435-384-3296. The office business hours are 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments should be submitted in a format such as an email message, pdf, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc or .docx) to comments-intermtn-manti-lasal-ferron-price@fs.fed.us.

More information about this proposal can be obtained by contacting Kyle Beagley at 435-636-3577 or by email at kbeagley@fs.fed.us. Information for this project can be found on the web at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/mantilasal/landmanagement/projects>

Sincerely,



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Liberty Pioneer – Middle Mountain Unit #1 well location Map

