

Pam Grubaugh-Littig - Energy West Helicopter Drilling

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John,

The Decision Memo for the Energy West Helicopter Drilling on the Mill Fork Tract was signed a couple weeks ago. We expect to soon have the Special Use Permit and Road Use Permit ready for their signature, authorizing the surface occupancy and commercial road use respectively. There will be a bond required for both permits.

We generally bond \$2000/hole for the surface occupancy (reclamation needs) and the Forest Engineer will determine any road use bond, and maintenance share or cost (if any).

As I recall, PacifiCorp has a blanket bond with the FS to which they can assign this project.

Please note that SITLA or DOGM needs to bond separately for down-hole work, including the proper plugging & abandonment of these holes. The BLM typically keeps a \$10,000/hole bond to cover down-hole requirements. I would assume the figure would be close for SITLA/DOGM as well, but please let us know what you opt to do.

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