

**Preliminary Analysis of Current Federal Actions
Authorizing Drilling of New Wells
(October 2006)**

Analysis Completed by The Wilderness Society's BLM Action Center

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In October 2006, The Wilderness Society's BLM Action Center conducted a preliminary analysis of land use plans and large-scale projects approved or in the process of approval in the states of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming in order to estimate the number of new oil and gas wells likely to be approved for drilling over the next 15 to 20 years. This document lists the names of the plans and projects analyzed, the number of new wells expected, and the sources the BLM Action Center used in its analysis. Over 118,000 new wells are expected in the five-state region from the 28 federal actions analyzed.

Summary

Total New Wells in Colorado:	22,802
Total New Wells in Montana:	26,095
Total New Wells in New Mexico:	11,273
Total New Wells in Utah:	8,502
Total New Wells in Wyoming:	50,058

TOTAL: 118,730

Colorado

Agency	Field Office/ Forest	Plan/Project Status	New Wells	Source	Date of New Well Figure
BLM	Glenwood Springs Field Office	Roan Plateau Proposed RMP/Final EIS published 9/7/06	1,570	Proposed Plan, pg S-10	Aug-06
BLM	Little Snake Field Office	Little Snake RMP - Draft in process	2,806	RFD, Pgs 4 and 578	Aug-05
BLM	Little Snake Field Office (CO), Rock Springs Field Office (WY)	Hiawatha Regional Energy Development Project (EIS)	4,208	Scoping Notice of Intent - Federal Register	Sep-06
BLM	White River Field Office	White River RMP Oil and Gas Amendment - Draft in process	13,000	Scoping Notice of Intent - Federal Register	Jun-06
BLM	White River Field Office	Exxon Mobile/Piceance Development Project, comments on EA due 11/03/06	1,080	Environmental Assessment, Pg 14	Sep-06
USFS/BLM	San Juan National Forest	Northern San Juan Basin Coal Bed Methane Project (HD Mountains)	138	Final EIS, Pg 2-14	Aug-06

Total New Wells in Colorado: 22,802

Montana

Agency	Field Office/Forest	Plan/Project Status	New Wells	Source	Date of New Well Figure
BLM	Billings Field Office and Southern Portion of Miles City Field Office	Powder River/Billings RMP Record of Decision	19,995	Final Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed RMP - Pg-2-25. Alternative E chosen in Record of Decision	Apr-03
BLM	Dillon Field Office	Dillon RMP Record of Decision	10	Final Environmental Impact Statement, Proposed RMP - Pg 160, Proposed Plan chosen in Record of Decision	Feb-06
BLM	Lewistown Field Office	Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Draft RMP	34	Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Draft RMP - Pg xii	Sep-05
BLM	Miles City Field Office	Miles City Field Office RMP - Draft in process	6,056	Miles City RFD - Pg 6-2	Sep-05

Total New Wells in Montana: 26,095

New Mexico

Agency	Field Office/Forest	Plan/Project Status	New Wells	Source	Date of New Well Figure
BLM	Farmington	Farmington Record of Decision	9,942	Record of Decision - Pg 3	Dec-03
BLM	Las Cruces	RMP Amendment for Federal Fluid Minerals Leasing and Leasing and Development in Sierra and Otero Counties Record of Decision	141	Record of Decision - Pg 6	Jan-05
USFS	Carson National Forest	Surface Management of Gas Leasing and Development, Jicarilla Ranger District, Carson National Forest	800	Draft Environmental Impact Statement - Pg 1 or Purpose and Need	Sep-03
USFS	Carson National Forest	Oil and Gas Resource Development Potential for the Eastern Unit of Valle Vidal	390	RFD, Pg vii	Jul-04

Total New Wells in New Mexico: 11,273

Utah

Agency	Field Office/Forest	Plan/Project Status	New Wells	Source	Date of New Well Figure
BLM	Monticello	Monticello RMP - Draft in process	195	RFD - Pg 1 and 12	Jul-05
BLM	Price	Price Draft RMP - Final in process	1,500	Draft RMP, Exec Summary, confirmed in RFD pg 7	Jul-04
BLM	Moab	Moab RMP - Draft in process	390	RFD - Pg 19	Aug-05
BLM	Kanab	Kanab RMP - Draft in process	75	RFD - Pg 73	Mar-06
BLM	Vernal	Vernal Draft RMP - Final in process	6,342	Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Pg 4-101	Jan-05

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Total New Wells in Utah:

8,502

Wyoming

Agency	Field Office/Forest	Plan/Project Status	New Wells	Source	Date of New Well Figure
BLM	Buffalo	Powder River Basin Oil and Gas Project Record of Decision Published 2003	25,654	Preferred Alternative, Proposed SEIS, Pg 2-73	Apr-03
BLM	Casper	Casper RMP - Draft RMP Published 7/21/06	1,813	Preferred Alternative, Draft RMP, Pg 4-38	Jul-06
BLM	Kemmerer	Kemmerer RMP - Draft in process	1,010	Preferred Alternative, RFD, Pg 8-23	Aug-06
BLM	Pinedale	Jonah Infill Drilling Project Record of Decision	3,100	Record of Decision, Pg 1	Mar-06
BLM	Pinedale	Pinedale-Anticline Gas Field Infill SEIS - Draft in process	6,891	Scoping Notice of Intent	Oct-06
BLM	Rawlins	Desolation Flats Natural Gas Development Record of Decision	385	Record of Decision, Pg 1	Aug-04
BLM	Rawlins	Continental Divide - Creston EIS - Draft in process	8,950	Notice of Intent, Pg 4	Mar-06
BLM	Rawlins	Atlantic Rim Natural Gas Development Project EIS - Final in process	2,000	Draft EIS, Pg 2-6	Dec-05
BLM	Rock Springs	Jack Morrow Hills CAP Record of Decision	255	Jack Morrow Hills ROD, Pg ROD-7	Jul-06

Total New Wells in Wyoming: 50,058