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### **DISTRICT RANGER MAKES DECISION ON BERRY PETROLEUM WELL**

Roosevelt/Duchesne District Ranger Clark Tucker has made the decision to approve the Surface Use Plan of Operations for the Berry well proposal. Some additional mitigation will be required to protect other National Forest Resources. The well will be drilled to an approximate depth of 5,975 feet, and would require clearing of a well pad and construction of a reserve pit, with a combined disturbance of approximately 1 ½ acres. The location of the project is the Brundage Ridge Area of the South Unit on the Roosevelt/Duchesne Ranger District.

To access the proposed well site, approximately 4,700 feet of new road and pipeline would be constructed, to connect the proposed well site to existing access roads and oil pipelines on adjacent tribal lands. About half of the new road construction and pipeline would be on National Forest Lands, while the remainder would be on adjacent tribal land to the North. The proposed road would be 18 feet wide, and the proposed pipeline would be 3-inches in diameter.

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The Decision Memo is available at the Ashley National Forest Roosevelt Ranger District Office, 650 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 84066. This information can also be assessed the web at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley) . Go to the Projects and Plans link. If you have any questions about this decision please contact Clark Tucker, District Ranger at (435) 781-5203 or Dave Herron at (435) 781-5218.

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