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ROOSEVELT/DUCHESNE DISTRICT RANGER MAKES DECISION ON SOWERS SEISMIC AND WELL PROPOSAL

VERNAL, APRIL 8, 2005 - Roosevelt/Duchesne District Ranger Clark Tucker has made a decision to allow Samson Resources to conduct seismic work and to drill two wells within the South Unit of the Ashley National Forest.

The decision allows Samson Resources to do seismic work on seven seismic lines. The length of the lines would average 8.6 miles, for a total combined line length of approximately 60 miles. Seismic Work will be accomplished using a combination of vibroseis trucks and shot holes where explosives are used to generate the sound waves.

Both of the wells would be located adjacent to and accessed via existing Forest development roads, so there would be no need for any new road construction. The approximate size of each individual well pad would be 330 feet by 385 feet, with a reserve pit at each drill site.

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The decision allows Samson Resources to develop the oil and gas resources on their leases and provides for protection of other National Forest Resources, values, and uses. The required mitigations, design elements and monitoring will insure that the seismic work and drilling activities take place in an environmentally sound manner.

The project has been analyzed and an Environmental Assessment (EA) completed. The EA and Decision Notice are available at the Ashley National Forest Supervisor's Office, 355 North Vernal Avenue, Vernal, Utah 84078, and at the Roosevelt Office, 650 West Highway 40, Roosevelt, Utah 84066. This information is also available the web at www.fs.fed.us/r4/ashley. If you have any questions about this decision you can contact Dave Herron at 435-781-5218 or Clark Tucker, District Ranger at (435) 781-5203.

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