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Dear Friend of the Ozark National Forest,

SEECO, Inc. is proposing to drill an exploratory gas well on National Forest land in Section 9, T10N, R18W in Pope County. This location is approximately ten miles northeast of Hector, Arkansas.

I am considering authorizing SEECO to conduct surface operations associated with accessing and drilling this gas well (SEECO, Inc. Ozark Highlands Unit 10-18 #1-9, ARES-51893) as described in the Surface Use Plan of Operations (SUPO) portion of the Application for Permit to Drill (APD). The proposed well site is in an Inventoried Roadless Area and will require approval from the Secretary of the Agriculture before any proposed activities can commence.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responsible for review of the drilling/downhole portion of the plan. BLM will approve the APD package after receiving notification from the Forest Service that the SUPO is approved and after they complete their downhole analysis.

Operations would include the following actions by SEECO and their contractors:

- Construction of approximately 416 feet of temporary access road. This road would provide access to the well pad from Forest Service Road (FSR) 1325. The access road would be gated by SEECO when drilling activity is completed,
- Reconstruction of 1.9 miles of FSR 1325, including but not limited to road widening, road realignment, and graveling,
- Construction of a well pad totaling approximately 3.87 acres including clearing limits,
- Rehabilitation of a portion of the well pad not needed for long-term well operation, and
- If the well is not productive, rehabilitation of the entire well pad that would include obliteration and seeding of the access road. The well would be plugged with cement in a manner approved by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission and the Forest Service.

A paint color would be required for permanent and semi-permanent equipment that would enable the facilities to blend with their surroundings, as seen from a viewing distance and location typically used by the public. The paint color would be specified by the Forest Service.



Drilling operations are expected to begin upon approval from the Forest Service and after BLM approves the APD. However, the approval of the APD by BLM will allow the operator up to two years to begin activities, with the possibility of an extension if not yet completed.

I invite your comments on this proposed action. Comments must be postmarked on or before Oct 3, 2010.

For further information, please contact me or Kenney Smedley at 479-284-3150.

Sincerely,

*/S/Bruce C. Davenport*  
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