

**Surface Use Plan of Operation Approval for Ross Explorations, Inc.
USA 625 2-2H (ARES-50771) Well
Scoping Notice**

Ross Explorations, Inc. is proposing to construct a gas well on National Forest land in Section 2, T6N, R25W in Logan County. See attached map for the location.

The Forest Service proposes to authorize Ross Explorations, Inc. to conduct surface operations associated with accessing, drilling, testing, completing, and producing this gas well (Ross Explorations, Inc. USA 625 #2-2H, ARES-50771) as described in the Surface Use Plan of Operations (SUPO) portion of the Application for Permit to Drill (APD).

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 performed by Ross Explorations, Inc. and their contractors:

- Construction of approximately 205 feet of Forest Development Road (FDR) 96043I. Approval for the construction of FDR 96043H from Community Center Road to the intersection of the proposed FDR 96043I was made in the USA 625 #1-2H decision on May 24, 2010. This decision also covered a gate closure at the intersection of FDR 96043H and Community Center Road.
- Construction of a well pad and reserve pit totaling approximately 2.9 acres including clearing limits.
- Placement of temporary above-ground 3" waterline in road bar ditch on the east side of FDR 96043H and the south side of FDR 96043I. Total length of waterline will be approximately 700 feet. This waterline will be removed after drilling and completion of the well.
- If the well is productive:
 - Stimulation and completion of the well.
 - Construction of approximately 236 feet of production pipeline from the meter shed on the drill pad to a tie-in point on the Ross Explorations, Inc. USA 625 #1-2H production pipeline. The USA 625 #1-2H pipeline was approved in a separate decision on May 24, 2010.
 - Construction of a production facility that could include, but not be limited to, a wellhead, a separator unit, a compressor, a dehydrator, a meter shed, and a produced water tank.
- Rehabilitation of a portion of the well pad not needed for long-term well operation. The pad will be reduced to 150' by 150' if there is a producing well.
- If the well is not productive, rehabilitation of the entire well pad. The access road will be maintained in a usable manner by Ross Explorations, Inc. until depletion of the gas reserves or abandonment of the well. The well will be plugged with cement in a manner approved by the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission and the Forest Service. A dry hole marker will be

installed to meet Forest Service specifications and the abandoned well vented to meet BLM specifications.

Drilling operations are expected to begin upon approval from the Forest Service 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.

The SUPO portion of the APD meets the requirements for the following Section 390 Categorical Exclusion (Category 3):

Drilling an oil or gas well within a developed field for which an approved land use plan or any environmental document prepared pursuant to NEPA analyzed such drilling as a reasonably foreseeable activity, so long as such plan or document was approved within five (5) years prior to the date of spudding the well.

The Mt. Magazine Ranger District invites your comments on the proposed action. Comments must be postmarked on or before May 17, 2011. Mail comments to: Mt. Magazine Ranger District, P.O. Box 511, Paris, AR 72855, ATTN: Vicki Weindel.

Oral or hand-delivered comments may be made at the Ranger District office in Paris, Arkansas at 3001 E. Walnut within the normal weekday business hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Comments may also be mailed electronically to this office, in a common digital format (without attachments), using the following email address: comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-mtmagazine@fs.fed.us.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

If you have questions on this proposal or the analysis and decision process, please call Vicki Weindel at 479-963-3076.

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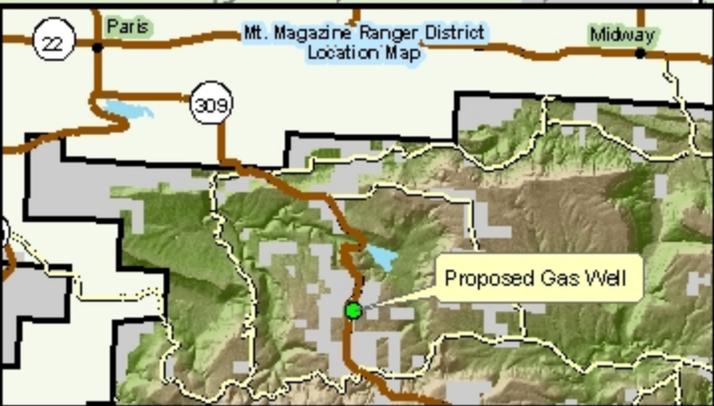
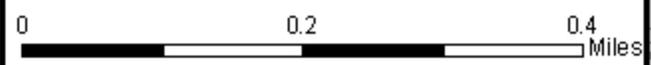
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Legend

-  Proposed Gas Well Construction
-  Proposed Temporary Waterline
-  Proposed Pipeline Construction
-  Proposed Access Road Construction
-  Approved Ross Exploration, Inc. Gas Well Site*
-  Approved Pipeline Construction*
-  Approved Road Construction*
-  Roads
-  State Highway
-  Private Land
-  Forest Service Land

**Approved in previous decision*



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