

## ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

**Name:** Lookout Wash Unit Drilling Permits, Carbon County, WY

EP-2

**Entity proposing project:** Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation (Domestic Petroleum Council submitted comment)

**Category of project:** Exploration & Production

**Brief description of project:** Lookout Wash Unit located within Desolation Flats Natural Gas Development Project (DFNGDP); an Interim Drilling Policy (IDP) has been issued during preparation of EIS

**Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:**

**Federal:** Bureau of Land Management (Wyoming State Office & Rawlins Field Office)

**Project Timeline:**

Submitted Application for Permit to Drill (APD) – October 4, 2000

Meetings with Reservoir Group of BLM & Rawlins Field Office – February 2001

Reservoir Group submitted memo to Rawlins Field Office concluding necessity of well to define northern limit of field – February 27, 2001

Rawlins Field Office decision letter – March 7, 2001 (APD not be approved until ROD issued)

Supplemental memo sent by Reservoir Group adding that well was exploratory well

Rawlins Field Office decision letter – March 30, 2001 (same as before)

Cabot requested Wyoming BLM State Director Review of 3/30/01 decision – April 25, 2001

State Director Review held – May 18, 2001

State Director issued decision – June 6, 2001 (supports Cabot's position)

APD approved by Rawlins Field Office – June 29, 2001

Well “spud” – August 8, 2001

**Reason for bringing project to the task force's attention:** Cabot would like – expedited APD approval process; application of BLM permitting process benchmarking study to all BLM field offices; consistent application of IDP limitations; creation and enforcement of time limits on EIS process. Cabot also notes significant understaffing of BLM field offices causing delay in processing of applications and permits.