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Interested Parties:

I am withdrawing the September 12, 2014 Decision Memorandum for the Sunnyside Exploratory Drilling Project (the project). On December 16, 2014, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) withdrew its letter of concurrence pertaining to the project. Therefore I have withdrawn my Decision until consultation with USFWS is concluded. No Plan of Operations will be approved under the withdrawn Decision Memorandum, and no action can take place until a new decision is issued. Approval of the Plan of Operations (and authorization of activities) will only occur after consultation is concluded and the Forest Service concludes any further analysis and issues a new decision under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

If you have any questions regarding the withdrawal of this decision, please contact Sierra Vista District Ranger Mark Ruggiero at 520-803-2805, or Patrick Morton, Geologist, at pmorton@fs.fed.us or 520-388-8348.

Sincerely,

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