

Decision Summary – Energy Infrastructure (indirect)

Project Name	True Oil, LLC Northern State 31-36 Access Road and Utility Route Project		
Forest	Dakota Prairie Grasslands	Region	Northern
Choose Type of Activity (Wilderness, Roadless, Energy infrastructure, Minerals, Vegetation CE, Land Management Plan) and level of Decision (No DM, DM, DN/FONSI, ROD)			
Special use permit for an access road across USFS lands to an oil and gas well pad located on state lands. Decision Memo-if approved to use 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3).			
Planned Decision Date	March 15, 2021		

Summary Description

Purpose/Need
<p>True Oil, LLC (True Oil) has submitted a proposal for construction of an access road and utility route to an oil and gas well located on state lands on the USFS McKenzie Ranger District of the Dakota Prairie Grasslands (DPG). The access road would be approximately 3,572 feet in length and 50 feet in width, or approximately 4.1 acres total disturbance. The utilities would parallel the access road.</p> <p>The purpose of this proposal is to provide an access and utility route to the proposed True Oil Northern State 31-36 well pad to honor valid existing rights to the development, production, and transport of mineral resources. The Mineral Leasing Act, as amended February 25, 1920 and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended authorizes the issuance of minerals related special use permits. The DPG response to this Special Use Permit (SUP) request will be a decision memo.</p>
Intended Selected Action
Issue Decision Memo citing 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3). Then issue the corresponding special use permits.
Potentially Significant Effects or Extraordinary Circumstances (if any)
None
Public Involvement (include State, local governments and Tribal consultation)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All cultural reports will receive North Dakota SHPO concurrence. The project was scoped in summer 2020, citing 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3), “Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses of National Forest System lands that require less than five acres contiguous acres of land.” The scoping was mailed to the McKenzie County Grazing Association and to Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Three Affiliated Tribes. The project would be re-scoped under the new 36 CFR 220.6(e)(3), if approved. No issues were identified by the Tribes or local governments.
Timeline Considerations (statutory, court-related, administrative) and Objections Status
Issue DM around March 15, 2021, then issue the related special use permits after that.