

Wayne National Forest Oil and Gas Resource Management Process

NEPA ANALYSIS FOR OIL & GAS

Table 2

Purpose & Need = Who, What, and Why - with the FS always being the "Who".

Stage	Proposed Action (What?)	Need (Why?)
Leasing	To evaluate and determine what lands are available for leasing by the BLM to facilitate the exploration and possible development of public resources; and if so with what reasonable and justifiable terms (lease stipulations).	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mineral Leasing Act 2. National Policy 3. 36 CFR 228.102 (b) 4. Forest Plan
Exploration	The FS must evaluate a proposal for surface use associated with the drilling of a well; and within the terms of the lease, identify reasonable mitigation measures to reduce impacts to other resources and uses.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FOOGLRA. 2. 36 CFR 228.107 3. Forest Plan
Development	The FS must evaluate the proposed surface uses and identify needed mitigation measures associated with development of the field, including ancillary facilities, and must evaluate cumulative effects in doing so.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FOOGLRA. 2. 36 CFR 228.107 3. 40 CFR 1502.17 4. Forest Plan