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Subject: Scoping for Chaney-Lisk Federal Well Development

To: Interested Party

I am writing to invite you to comment during the 30-day Notice and Comment period for the draft environmental analysis on three federal well development projects being proposed on the Marietta Unit of the Athens Ranger District, Wayne National Forest. In the interest of saving publication costs, a hard copy of this document is not being mailed to the entire mailing list at this time. A brief description of the project is included in this letter and maps of the project area are enclosed. The full draft environmental analysis for this project is available on the Wayne National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9wayne> or by calling (740)753-0101. Ask for the Chaney Lisk project.

This notice meets the requirement in 36 CFR Part 215.6 Notice, Comment, and Appeal Procedures for National Forest Systems, in which the deciding officer may determine the most effective timing for publishing the legal notice of the proposed action and opportunity to comment (as published in Federal Register June 4, 2003). This will be your only opportunity to comment on this project.

Development of federal minerals – Carlton Oil Corporation is proposing to develop a group of oil and gas wells on the Marietta Unit, as listed in the following table.

Well Name	Legal	Description of Project
Chaney #2 OHES051967	T2N R5W Section 28 Grandview Township Washington County	Well located off top of ridge 1800 feet of access road on NF land
Lisk #1 OHES51968	T2N R5W Section 35 Benton Township Monroe County	Well located on sideslope just below ridge top 3000 ft of access on un-maintained Township Road 98 1217 feet of new road construction on FS
Lisk #2 OHES51968	T2N R5W Section 35 Benton Township Monroe County	Well located on ridge top Uses un-maintained Township Road 98

Activities common to all wells - The lease road right-of-way for each well will need to be 25 feet in width to build a road that will accommodate drilling and fracturing equipment. The well pads are proposed to be 200 by 150 feet to meet State spacing and BLM drilling requirements and to accommodate the size of the drilling rig. Trees cut for clearing of the access road or well pad will be cut at the stump, then sold (if they have commercial value) or cut into firewood and removed by a local contractor. Appropriate permits will be acquired from the Forest Service for the sale of trees. Stumps would be removed and stockpiled for burying in the pits during reclamation. Other brush and tree tops would be windrowed around the site for wildlife habitat. Topsoil would be skimmed from the surface, stock piled and used during the reclamation process. Drilling and maintenance equipment will be washed before entering the site from outside Monroe and Washington counties.

Each well site will need an open pit to temporarily store drilling fluids approximately 40 feet by 70 feet with a 5 foot depth. Each pit will be lined with a minimum 4 millimeter plastic pit liner. The pit liner



will remain in place through the drilling, fracturing and completion of the well. After drilling, the pit will be pumped out and refuse transported to a disposal well. The pit liner will be folded over, chopped up with the backhoe bucket and packed into the bottom of the pit. Tree stumps from site clearing will be buried and compacted into the pit. Each site will be graded back to original contour after filling the pit. The well site and access roads will be seeded with Forest-recommended seed mixtures. All equipment remaining on the site will be painted a standard forest green.

If crude oil of sufficient quantities is found, a pump jack will be installed on 8' by 12' timbers or 12 inch concrete dog bones. Electric (if available) or gas engines will be used to run the pump jacks.

Brine water will be collected for use in dust control on township and county roads. Carlton has brine spreading permits from Washington County, Monroe County and Newport Township. Area water wells will be protected by running surface casing to a depth of 350 feet. Gels and accelerators will be used to set cement up quickly in the bore hole.

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected at any of these wells. No methane or coal gas is expected. Natural gas may be encountered, but at a low, controllable pressure.

Natural gas will be transported from each well site through 1-1/2 inch or 2 inch plastic pipe to the closest intersection with Carlton's current pipeline system. Crude oil will be stored in a tank on location and transported by a crude oil purchaser. There will be a 2-inch steel flow line running from the well head to the tank site. Carlton's proposal is to place all natural gas piping and flow line on top of the ground except where the line would cross a traveled road or trail.

Individual Project Descriptions

Chaney #2

There are no trees to be removed from the access road to this well as it is on an existing farm road. Trees will be removed from the well site located on a knoll at the end of an old field. A 3 to 4-foot cut will be made to level the 200' x 150' well pad. The natural gas sales line will be 1-1/2 inch black plastic laying on the surface for 1,842 feet southwest to private property.

Lisk #1

Access for Lisk #1 and #2 wells will be from the un-maintained Benton Township Road 98 right-of-way. This Lisk #1 access road follows the un-maintained Twp Road 98 right-of-way until it ends at a Forest Service gate. It continues off-lease on an existing ridge top road for another 1000 feet, then diverts through forest land NE for 1217 feet. Carlton is not proposing any stone improvements on the access road unless it is later determined necessary for crude oil trucks. Few trees of value will be cut for the access road; there are trees of value on the well site. If crude oil production warrants, a storage tank will be placed on private property north of the well location, with a 2" plastic surface line covering this distance. The gas sales line will travel 1,174 feet on the surface NE to the tie-in on private property.

Lisk #2

Lisk #2 is immediately adjacent to the Road 98 right-of-way. No. 2 will require a 2 to 3-foot cut to level the location. Some trees will be cut to clear the well pad. A diversion ditch will be cut around the location for rain water run off and to protect an ephemeral drainage 300 feet down slope. The natural gas sales line will be 1-1/2 inch black plastic going in a due north direction for about 896 feet tying into the Lisk No. 1 sales line.

Your comments - Please make your comments to me at the above address and specifically to the Notice and Comment Period for the Chaney-Lisk project. In order for your comments to be considered, they must directly relate the proposed action to a resource impact and they must be submitted within 30 days

of this notice being officially posted in the Athens Messenger. Please include your name, address, phone number, and signature. You may also call to discuss this project (see number above) or submit comments electronically at **comment-eastern-wayne@fs.fed.us**. A copy of this scoping notice and the draft environmental analysis are available on the Wayne National Forest website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/wayne>.

Thank you for your interest in the Wayne National Forest.

Sincerely,

/s/Dan B. Kincaid

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Maps Enclosed

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27 (d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and, if denied, the Agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within five days.