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Osage County Oil and Gas EIS

BIA Osage Agency

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RE: Osage County Oil and Gas Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

My family has been ranching in Osage County since 1901, and I believe that the only way our livelihood can continue to exist is to protect our natural resources, the environment, human health, livestock, and wildlife. Over the years I have seen oil and gas development damage surface land, pollute waterways, pollute the air, kill livestock and wildlife, and cause wildfires. Most recently, our ranching business was affected by a salt water spill that leaked for 2 years. The brine spill was very detrimental to our income. It forced us to remove our cattle from the affected property and it also caused the city of Pawhuska to have to obtain household water from another source. A few years ago, there were several horizontal wells near our land that were venting and flaring H2S gas. My family was forced to conduct our ranching operation while breathing this harmful gas. These events are just a few reasons why I am strongly supporting Alternative 4 in the draft EIS.

I feel it is also very important that these things be included in the EIS.

a. Best Management Practices must be enforced and regulated, and producers who don't comply should be fined or shut down.

b. Landowners must be notified and have an agreement made with the producer for access, surface damage (remediation of soil, grass, and water) and power lines prior to entry.

c. Waterway and air pollution regulations must be strictly enforced to prevent harm to humans, livestock, and wildlife.

d. Any and all environmental protection regulations and requirements must have adequate personnel enforcing such measures.

Osage County is a great place to live and conduct my ranching business and I feel the only way it can continue this way is for Enhanced Resource Protection found in Alternative 4 of the draft. The tallgrass prairie region, fresh water, and clean air must be protected to allow future generations to continue to live and ranch here.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

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