Pipeline Reclamation Workshop
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Sidney, Montana

Bureau of Land Management
Miles City Field Office
2.8 Million Surface Acres
And
11.7 Million Federal Mineral Acres
(Includes mixture of All Minerals, O &G and Coal Only acres)
The
11.7 Million Federal Mineral Acres
Includes 5.8 Million O & G Mineral Acres
(remainder is mostly coal ownership)
Approximately 1,520 Federal leases (1.3 million acres)

437 Producing Federal leases
Approximately 4,015 producing wells in MCFO area (MBOGC, 2009)

891 Federal oil wells
1,253 Federal gas wells
133 Indian oil wells
19 Indian gas wells
CONSTRUCTION
Best Management Practices
(What Works for BLM)
Pre Construction Field Visit, BLM, Proponent, Landowners, Const. Co.

Proposed Construction, Review Resources such as Vegetation, Soils, Hydrology, Topography, Wildlife, Archaeology, General Suitability
Make Adjustments – if possible. Develop Mitigation
• Conduct Environmental Analysis
• EA or EIS
• Mitigation Developed
• Decision Made to Approve or Disapprove
• If Approved Permit is Issued with Mitigation Requirements for Protection of Resources
• Timing of Activity for Protection of Wildlife (Sage Grouse, Mule Deer)
• Avoidance of Cultural Resources
• Construction Requirements
• Reclamation Requirements (Topsoil, Seeding Sagebrush & Forbs)
• Conditions of Approval and or Stipulations
What Doesn’t Work for BLM

Not Following Our Process
For Permitting
Conducting Timely Inspections
Anticline Sagebrush Restoration Project