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Dear Interested Party:

The Mary's River Exploration Wells Project is proposed by Noble Energy (Noble), who is looking to drill oil and gas exploration wells in the Tabor Flats area, west of Wells, NV. Noble is proposing to drill a maximum of 20 oil and gas exploration wells on federal lands over a two year period. During the first year of the project, Noble will drill two to four test wells, with additional test wells as needed to define the potential oil and gas resource. Hydraulic Fracturing will be used in the proposed exploration drilling. Along with drill pad construction, new roads may need to be constructed as well as maintenance or upgrades to existing roads to allow for drill rig and support vehicle traffic.

Operations will take place during the late summer and fall to ensure minimum disturbance occurs. The project description and map can be viewed at www.blm.gov/rv5c under 'NEPA, projects under National Environmental Policy Act review.'

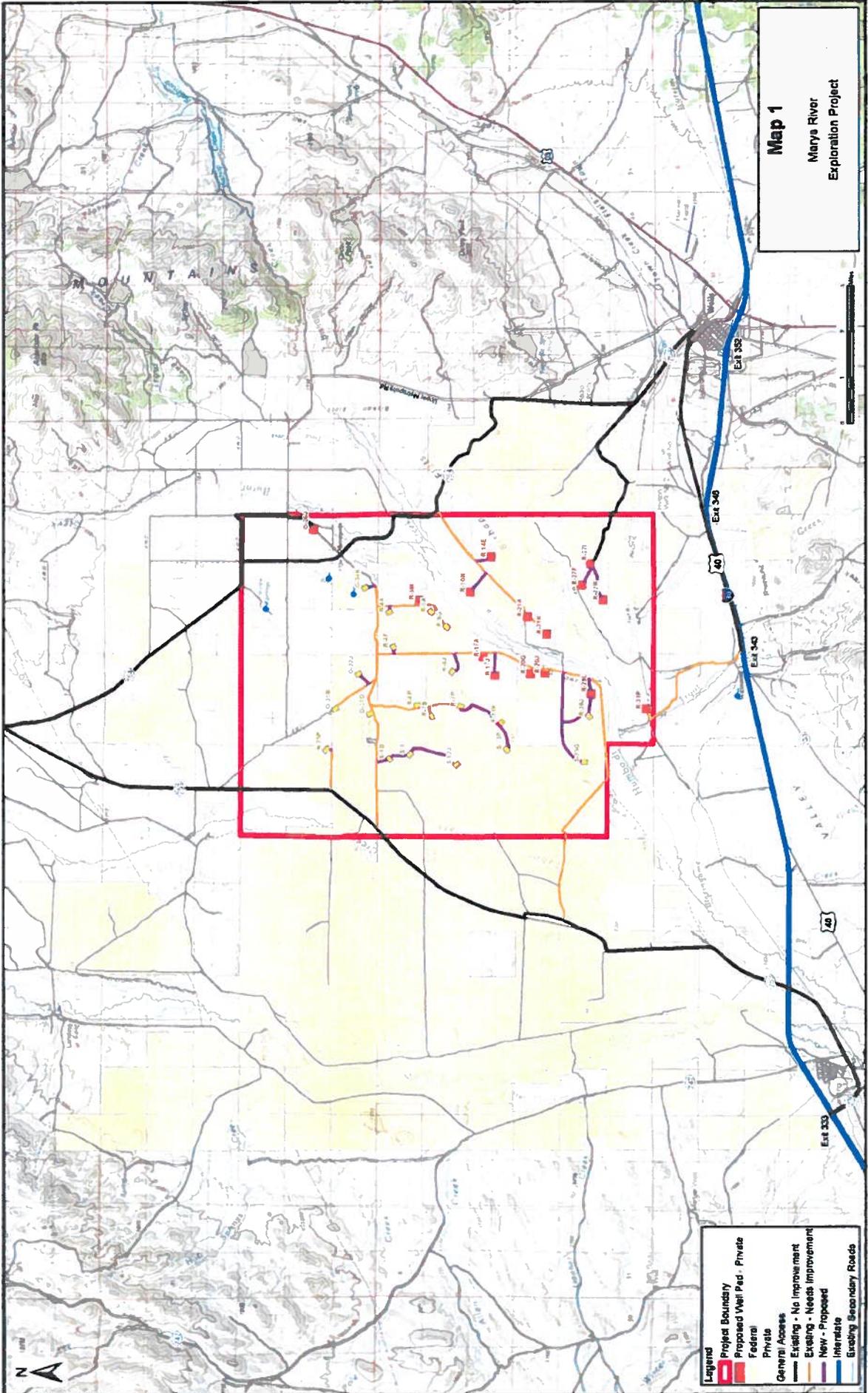
The BLM is seeking comments on the project and is also soliciting input on potential issues, impacts, and alternatives that the commentor thinks should be addressed in an environmental assessment. Comments and input should be submitted to the BLM as described below by January 4th, 2012.

Written comments on the Marys River Exploration Wells Project should be mailed to: BLM Elko District, Attn: Whitney Wirthlin, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801, or via email to: wwirthli@blm.gov. Upon completion, the environmental assessment for this project will be posted to the BLM website noted above for review for 15-30 days before a decision will be completed.

If you have questions, please contact Whitney Wirthlin, Wells Field Office Geologist, at (775) 753-0342, or via email: wwirthli@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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Map 1
 Marys River
 Exploration Project

- Legend**
- Project Boundary
 - Proposed Well Pad - Private
 - Federal
 - Private
 - General Access
 - Existing - No Improvement
 - Existing - Needs Improvement
 - New - Proposed
 - Interstate
 - Existing Secondary Roads