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AltaRock Energy Inc.  
Attention: Joe Iovenitti  
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Dear Mr. Iovenitti:

On October 26, 2010, the Bureau of Land Management Humboldt River Field Office received your Notice of Intent (NOI) to conduct Geothermal Resource Exploration Operations. This NOI included four different geophysical surveys. Our review found the NOI to incomplete. In addition, we requested each survey be submitted as a separate NOI. A separate NOI for a proposed geology survey was received on November 19, 2010. This NOI proposes to conduct a geology survey, review of rock types and structure, in the following locations:

T. 25 N., R. 34 E., Sections 1-3, 10-15, 22-27 & 34-36;  
T. 25 N., R. 35 E., Sections 1-21, & 28-30;  
T. 25 N., R. 36 E., Sections 1-30;  
T. 25 N., R. 37 E., Sections 1-30;  
T. 25 N., R. 38 E., Sections 1-30;  
T. 25 N., R. 39 E., Sections 3-10, 15-22, & 27-30;  
T. 26 N., R. 34 E., Sections 25 1-3, 10-15, 22-27, & 34-36;  
T. 26 N., R. 35 E., Sections 1-36;  
T. 26 N., R. 36 E., Sections 1-36;  
T. 26 N., R. 37 E., Sections 1-36;  
T. 26 N., R. 38 E., Sections 1-36;  
T. 26 N., R. 39 E., Section 3-10, 15-22, & 27-34;  
T. 27 N., R. 36 E., Sections 31-36;  
T. 27 N., R. 37 E., Sections 31-36;  
T. 27 N., R. 38 E., Sections 1-36; and  
T. 27 N., R. 39 E., Sections 31-34, MDB&M.

The NOI also states that no surveys will be conducted in T. 25 N., R. 35 E., Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 due to apparent conflicts with cultural resources. The site specific activities described in your NOI ordinarily lead to no significant disturbance of Federal lands or resources. After reviewing your NOI submittal, this office has determined your project, as described, to be

casual use in accordance with 43 CFR 3200.1. Therefore a NOI is not required and you may proceed with the geology survey as described in your NOI application. It should be noted that access to possible geology survey locations within the Augusta Mountains Wilderness Study Area must be limited to pedestrian foot traffic, unless within pre-existing road boundaries.

If you have any questions, please contact Raquel Minky, Geologist, at (775) 623-1582.

Sincerely,

**MICHAEL TRUDEN**

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Humboldt River Field Office