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Hello Stuart,

From the pictures you have provided, I feel comfortable telling you that the
Corps would not regulate the subject feature. If you would like a Department
of the Army reference code and letter of no jurisdiction, please provide me a
PCN, at least pages 1-6, complete so that I can enter the project into our
database.

Best regards,

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From: Stuart Hall [mailto:shall@oaconsulting.com]
Sent: Friday, January 07, 2011 1:51 PM
To: Morse, W. Travis SPK
Subject: Laramie Energy Intermittent Drainage Question

Travis- As per our phone conversation on Tuesday, I have included some
photographs and maps depicting the area of concern. Laramie Energy is
looking to put in a natural gas pad North of DeBeque. During the initial
site visit with the BLM, Westwater and the surveyor there was no observation
of any jurisdictional drainages within the project area. Once the
topographic maps were made, it was realized that an intermittent drainage is
shown on a map bisecting the proposed pad. Although there was an
intermittent drainage going through the area at one time, the drainage no
longer exists due to irrigation ditches constructed sometime during the
1970's-80's. The land was once pastureland, but has not been used since the
80's. I have tried to include as many pictures of the site that I could find
to demonstrate that there is not a drainage within the area. In some of the
pictures the irrigation ditches can be seen, but since they have not been
used in over 20 years, they do not display any characteristics of ordinary
high water marks. The aerial map of the site depicts the intermittent
drainage running North to south towards Kimball Creek. The drainage runs
under County Road 202 and has a clearly defined channel until it

reaches an
irrigation ditch running west to east. After that point the intermittent drainage is no longer discernable. The construction drawing that I have included marks the point at which the intermittent drainage ends in relation
to the location of the pad. Laramie Energy would like input from the Army
Corps about what is the proper way to proceed on this project. Does the
Corps have jurisdiction over this drainage, although it no longer exists? There is currently approximately 2 feet of snow on the ground at this location, so an onsite is not possible at this time. Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Thank You,

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