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**Pinedale Anticline Offers Both Challenges and Opportunities to Operators**

The Pinedale Anticline presents operators with a multitude of challenges in developing the estimated 30 to 40 Tcf of natural gas reserves located there. The fourth largest onshore natural gas field in the United States also offers an unusual opportunity to utilize new technology and practices to resolve these challenges with the least impact to wildlife, the environment and the local community.

Questar Exploration and Production has actively engaged the community, as well as regulatory and conservation groups, to discuss development methodologies for its Pinedale acreage since 2003. Conversations with these stakeholders were instrumental in identifying issues from various perspectives on a number of topics including wildlife and habitat, socioeconomics, and air quality. Questar then developed a plan to address the identified concerns. That mitigation plan was the basis for Questar’s 2004 Environmental Assessment through which the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) granted the company year round access for drilling operations on the Pinedale Anticline.

The Pinedale Anticline is moving out of the evaluation stage and into the development stage. As more is learned about the natural gas resource in Pinedale, including its deep potential, future adaptation will likely be necessary. Questar is currently engaged in a unique collaboration of energy providers to develop a long-term management plan for the Pinedale Anticline through the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) process.