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BLM Carlsbad Field Office Announces that Trace Energy has Begun Seismic Survey in the Dark Canyon Area

Carlsbad, NM – Private oil companies, Chesapeake Energy and Devon Energy, have contracted with Trace Energy Services, Inc., to conduct seismic surveys in the area around Dark Canyon located southwest of Carlsbad. The survey data will indicate where oil and gas reserves may be located; data collection will take approximately one month.

As part of the survey, shot holes are being drilled. The holes are loaded with a small amount of explosives for detonation. Locals and visitors in the area may hear low-level explosions. However, the charges are buried and very small, no damage to the surface will take place.

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