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Comments: 1. Eight producing oil and gas fields coincide with or are contiguous with Custer National Forest property in Harding County, South Dakota. A map of Harding County oil and gas field boundaries was published in the BLM's 2009 Reasonable Foreseeable Development Scenario for Oil and Gas Activities on Bureau Managed Lands in the South Dakota Study Area, and is available at

https://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/mt/field_offices/south_dakota/rmp/rfd.Par.85058.File.dat/Fig5_Harding_FI_E LDS.pdf. A more up-to-date map depicting current (2016) oil and gas field boundaries for Harding County, South Dakota is attached (the map shows the fields in relation to Custer National Forest property.) Specific information regarding existing oil and gas development in northwest South Dakota is an important aspect of "Existing Conditions" that should be incorporated into the Assessment. Upon request, the SD DENR can provide geodata defining oil and gas field boundaries for use in the Renewable and Nonrenewable Energy and Mineral Resources section of the Assessment.

2. The BLM's 2009 Reasonable Foreseeable Development Scenario for Oil and Gas Activities on Bureau Managed Lands in the South Dakota Study Area considers areas within and immediately adjacent to USFS land in northwest SD to have "high" or "moderate" potential for development-a map depicting the BLM's projections is available at

https://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/mt/field_offices/south_dakota/rmp/rfd.Par.64380.File.dat/Fig29_ConventionalPotential.pdf. Specific information regarding the potential for oil and gas development on and in the vicinity of Custer National Forest property is an important aspect of "Existing Conditions" that should be incorporated into the Assessment.