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This is to comment on the South Revilla Draft EIS. An analysis of the economics of the unit pool shows a large deficit, verified in the draft. With this amount of deficit units, it will be a challenge to get enough volume to sustain the industry. An effort must be made to improve the economics.

This area over the years has been offered in various configurations and has not drawn any bidders. Your current evaluation verifies the deficit nature of the area. Given the above would point to the need to amend or modify the 2016 TLMP before there is any hope to produce positive sales. Provisions must be made to adjust areas and inter adjacent areas to help in prove economics. The stated annual cut of 46 MMBF is below the minimum volume needed to sustain the current industry. Current plans have overstated volume resulting in fall downs of as much as 70% to 80%. This makes it in possible for industry to make decisions on needs for the future. The view shed modification is a step in the right direction but is not enough to bring the Draft out of deficit.

Sincerely: