Appendix – A: Interview Protocol

Field Interviews
Impacts of Oil and Gas

Date: Time:
Interviewee:
Interviewee Address:
Interviewer:

Intro Questions
1. To what extent were you aware of this/these incident(s)
   a. Tell us how you learned about it
   b. Tell us what you know about the clean-up or remediation
   c. Tell us the degree to which you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way it was handled
   d. To what extent was the responsible company responsive to your needs?

2. To what extent is an incident like this common - either on your property or in this area?

3. Where does responsibility lie for ensuring industry operates in the best possible manner?
   a. To what extent are you satisfied with the role of board of oil and gas commission in MT? Are you willing to use their authority to resolve your issues with the oil and gas companies?
   b. If that is still not satisfactory are you willing to challenge the BOG commission – and how would you do that?

4. To what extent do you think these situations can be fully remedied?
   a. Can they be prevented?
   b. To what extent is nature able to handle these events

5. To what extent should these types of situations be regulated?
   a. Who should be in charge of the regulation – federal, state or local entities or the industry itself?

6. To what extent are landowner rights and interests protected?

7. Do you think the oil and gas industry has too many or too few regulations?

8. To what degree would more regulations on oil and gas activity decrease industry’s ability to produce products that we all use?

9. To what degree would more regulations on oil and gas reduce the risk of long-term environmental problems?
10. Do you perceive any health risks in your community, or in your family, related to oil and gas industry? Explain
   a. To what degree would more regulations on oil and gas reduce the potential for health-related risks?

[First community questions, then individual]

11. What are 3 or 4 things that oil and gas industry does that benefits your community?

12. What percent of community receives income comes from oil and gas?
   a. What percent of your income comes from oil and gas?

13. What are 3 or 4 things that oil and gas industry does that are stressful for your community?
   a. For each, rank those on scale of 1-10 (10 being most stressful)

14. On balance, has your community been positively or negatively impacted by oil and gas development?

15. To what extent does oil and gas development introduce stress into your life/your family's life?
   a. Think of the most stressful thing(s) that has happened to you or your family, as a “10”? On this same scale, how would you rate this [spill] incidence 1-10?
   b. On balance, have you and your family been positively or negatively impacted by oil and gas development?

Individualism Questions
16. To what degree do you believe continued growth in the oil and gas industry is the answer to improved quality of life in your community? For you individually?

17. To what extent do you agree with the prioritization of the mineral estate over the land estate?

18. To what extent are you satisfied with the way impact fees are handled?

19. What connects you to this community?

Other

20. Anything else?