

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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FORM APPROVED
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SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS JUN 29 2012

Do not use this form for proposals to drill or reenter an abandoned well. Use Form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.

Farmington Field Office
Bureau of Land Management

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side

1 Type of Well

☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other

2 Name of Operator

Elm Ridge Exploration Co., LLC

3a Address

PO Box 156, Bloomfield, NM 87413

3b Phone No (include area code)

505-632-3476

4 Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T, R, M, or Survey Description)

1980' FNL X 660' FWL

SEC.26-T25N-R12W (SW/NW, Unit E)

5. Lease Serial No

NM 25451

6 If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

7 If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No

8 Well Name and No

Lee Hixon #1

9 API Well No

30-045-26532

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area

Bisti Lower Gallup

11 County or Parish, State

San Juan County, NM

12 CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize <input type="checkbox"/> Deepen <input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Alter Casing <input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation <input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete <input type="checkbox"/> Other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change Plans <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon <input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon
	<input type="checkbox"/> Convert to Injection <input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back <input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal

13 Describe Proposed or Completed Operations (clearly state all pertinent details, including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recompleat horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once Testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)

This well is incapable of production. Elm Ridge Exploration requests approval to plug and abandon this well according to the attached procedure.

Notify NMOCD 24 hrs
prior to beginning
operations

RCVD JUL 5 '12
OIL CONS. DIV.

* Add mancos plug from 3634'-3734'

DIST. 3

14 I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

Name (Printed/Typed)

Amy Mackey

Title

Administrative Manager

Signature

Date

June 28, 2012

THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE USE

Approved by

Original Signed: Stephen Mason

Title

Date

JUL 03 2012

Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

Office

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

(Instructions on reverse)

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
FARMINGTON DISTRICT OFFICE
6251 COLLEGE BLVD.
FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO 87402**

Attachment to notice of
Intention to Abandon:

Re: Permanent Abandonment
Well: 1 Lee Hixon

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Plugging operations authorized are subject to the attached "General Requirements for Permanent Abandonment of Wells on Federal and Indian Lease."
2. Farmington Office is to be notified at least 24 hours before the plugging operations commence (505) 564-7750.
3. The following modifications to your plugging program are to be made:
 - a) Bring the top of the Gallup plug to 4500'.
 - b) Place the Fruitland plug from 795' – 695'.
 - c) Place the Surface plug from 345' to surface inside and outside the 5 ½" casing.

You are also required to place cement excesses per 4.2 and 4.4 of the attached General Requirements.

Office Hours: 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.