

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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GOVERNOR

March 27, 1990

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Blackwood & Nichols Co.  
P.O. Box 1237  
Durango, CO 81302

Attention: William F. Clark

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**OIL CON. DIV.]**  
**DIST. 3**

Administrative Order NSL-2601-A

Dear Mr. Clark:

By Administrative Order NSL-2601, dated November 8, 1988, the Division granted Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. authority to drill the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 429 at an unorthodox coal gas well location 160 feet from the North line and 1555 feet from the East line (Unit B) of Section 17, Township 30 North, Range 7 West, NMPM, Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico.

It is now our understanding, by your application of February 21, 1990, that Blackwood & Nichols Co. Ltd., is seeking to drill a replacement well for the No. 429 well due to low production resulting from undesirable completion techniques for this area. The replacement well is within the same quarter-quarter section as the original well No. 429 and is therefore restricted on location placement as the original well.

By the authority granted me under the provision of Rule 8 of the Special Rules and Regulations for the Basin-Fruitland Coal Gas Pool, as promulgated by Order No. R-8768, your application for an unorthodox coal gas well location for the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 429R to be drilled 225 feet from the North line and 1600 feet from the East line (Unit B) of said Section 17, is hereby approved. The existing standard 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit comprising the N/2 of said Section 17 shall be dedicated to the well.

HOWEVER, should the No. 429R well be placed on production, the Northeast Blanco Unit Well No. 429 shall cease production from the subject pool, whereby it will either be converted to a pressure observation well or plugged and abandoned.

Sincerely,

William J. LeMay  
Director

WJL/MES/ag

cc: Oil Conservation Division - Aztec  
US Bureau of Land Management - Farmington  
US Bureau of Reclamation - Durango



STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
AZTEC DISTRICT OFFICE

ARREY CARRUTHERS  
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1000 MID OHIAZOS ROAD  
AZTEC, NEW MEXICO 87410  
(505) 334-6178

Date: 2-26-90

Oil Conservation Division  
P.O. Box 2088  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-2088

Re: Proposed MC \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed DHC \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed NSL X \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed SWD \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed WFX \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed PMX \_\_\_\_\_

Gentlemen:

I have examined the application dated 2-23-90

for the Blackwood & Nichols Co. Ltd. N.E.B.U. #42919  
Operator Lease & Well No.

B-17-30N-2W and my recommendations are as follows:  
Unit, S-T-R

Approve  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Yours truly,

Ernie Bosch

0500

**BLACKWOOD & NICHOLS Co., LTD.**  
P.O. BOX 1237  
DURANGO, COLORADO 81302-1237  
(303) 247-0728

February 21, 1990

Mr. William LeMay  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
P.O.Box 2088  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

**RECEIVED**  
FEB 23 1990  
**OIL CON. DIV.**  
**DIST. 3**

Re: Unorthodox Gas Well Location  
Northeast Blanco Unit No. 429R  
225'FNL - 1640'FEL, Sec.17, T30N, R7W  
Rio Arriba Co., New Mexico

Dear Mr. LeMay;

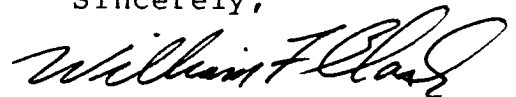
Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. requests administrative approval of an exception to the footage requirements of Rule 7, R-8768 for the subject well, located in the Basin Fruitland Coal Pool.

This request is for exception due to topography. A Vicinity Map and C-102 are attached for your reference. Blackwood & Nichols staked this location at the non - standard footage in order to use as much of the existing pad as possible. This well pad is offset in all directions by archeological sites which necessitates the use of the existing pad. The area on the bench below (South) of the present location has the same problem with archeology. This area was investigated earlier in an attempt to stake a Mesa Verde location. The nearest Fruitland Coal well is 2400' away.

The north half of Section 17, T30N, R7W, will be dedicated to this well. Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd. owns or operates all the offset proration units.

Your prompt consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



William F. Clark  
Operations Manager  
Blackwood & Nichols  
Co., Ltd.

Submit to Administrator  
District Office  
State Lease - 4 copies  
Fee Lease - 3 copies

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-102  
Revised 1-1-89

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

P.O. Box 2088

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088

DISTRICT I

P.O. Box 1980, Hobbs, NM 82240

DISTRICT II

P.O. Drawer DD, Artesa, NM 82210

DISTRICT III

1000 Rio Arriba Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

Operator Blackwood & Nichols Co., LTD.			Lease Northeast Blanco Unit			Well No. 429 R		
Unit Letter B	Section 17	Township 30 North	Range 7 West	County NMNM		Rio Arriba		
Actual Footage Location of Well: 225 feet from the North line and 1640 feet from the East line								
Gross level Elev. 6265'		Producing Formation Fruitland Coal		Pool Basin Fruitland Coal		Dedicated Acreage 320 Acres		

1. Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or lacquer marks on the plat below.

2. If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).

3. If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, etc.?

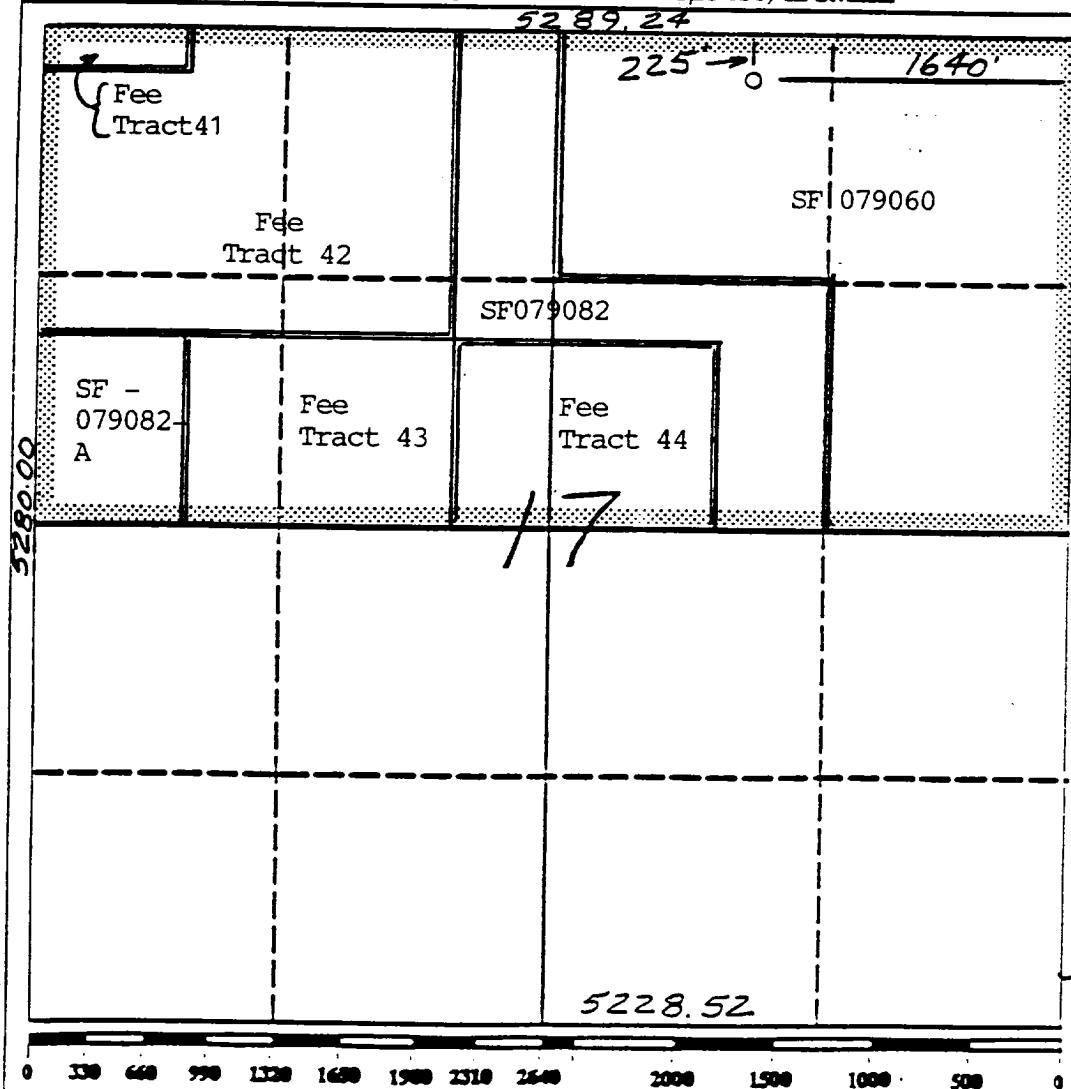
☒ Yes

☐ No

If answer is "yes" type of consolidation Unitization

If answer is "no" list the owners and tract descriptions which have actually been consolidated. (Use reverse side of this form if necessary.)

No allowable will be assigned to the well until all interests have been consolidated (by communitization, unitization, forced-pooling, or otherwise) or until a non-standard unit, encompassing such interest, has been approved by the Division.



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature

*William F. Clark*

Printed Name

William F. Clark

Position

Operations Manager

Company

Blackwood & Nichols Co.

Date

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes, actual surveys made by me or under supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date Surveyed

1-26-98

Signature of Surveyor

NEALE C. EDWARDS

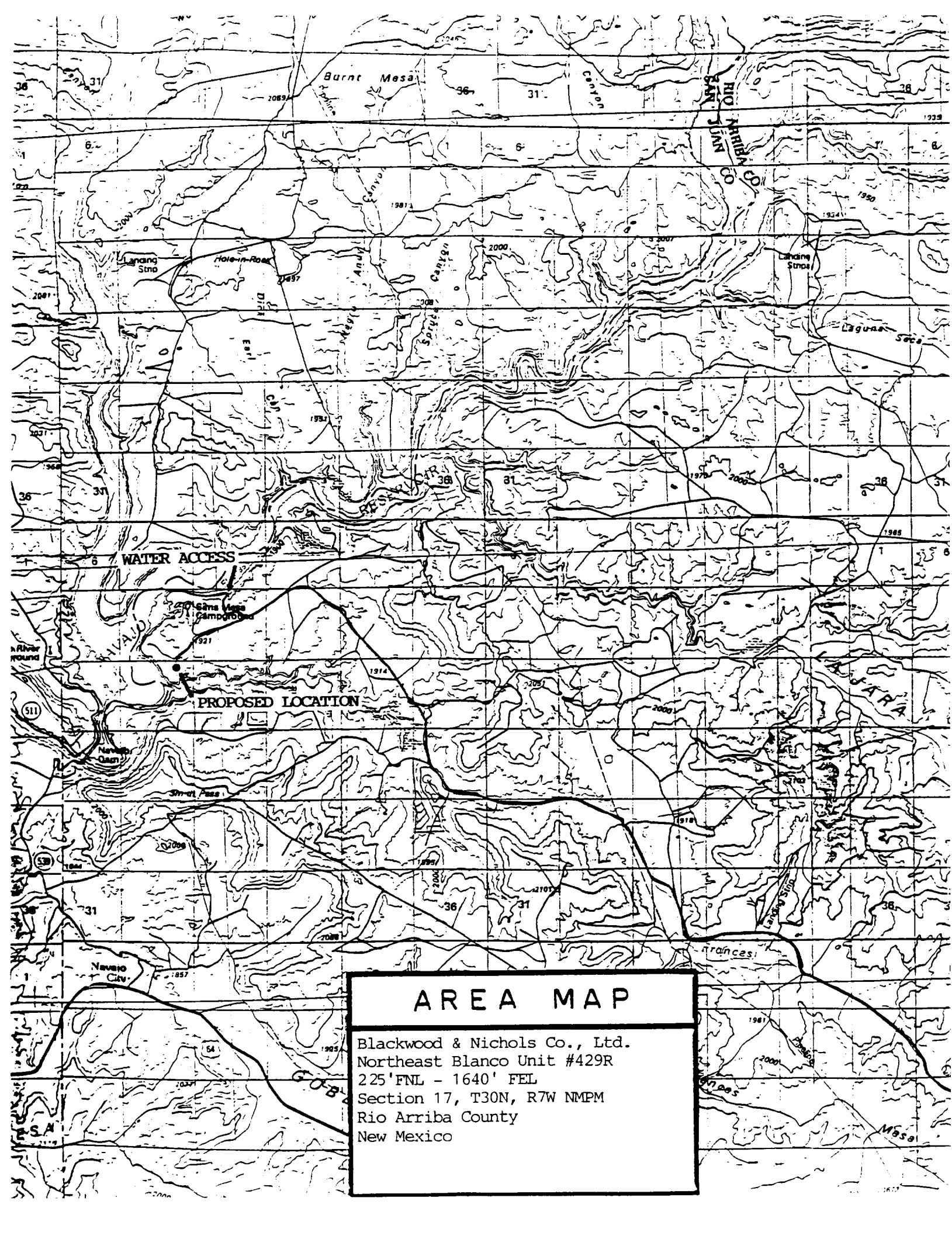
Professional Surveyor

REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR

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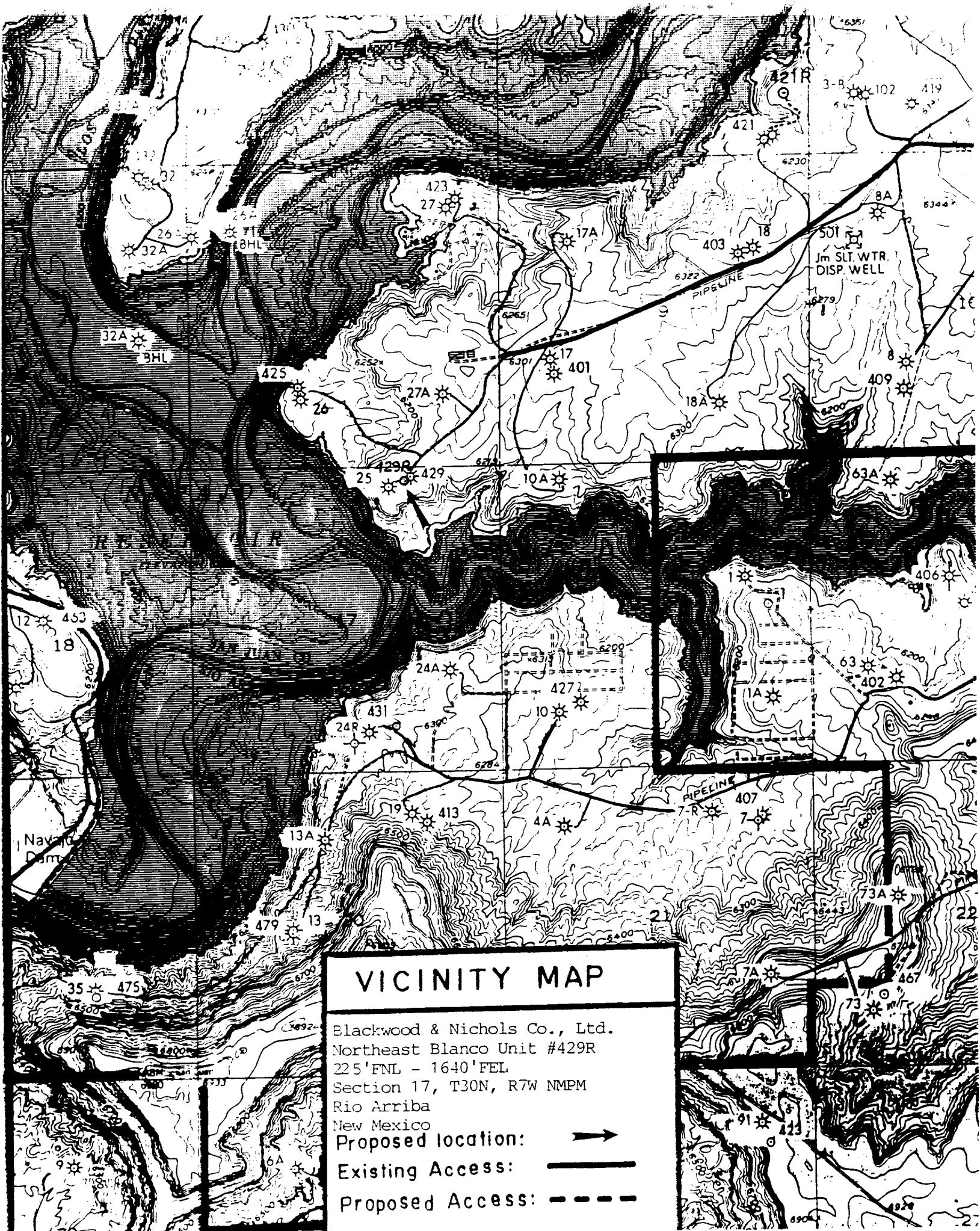
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## AREA MAP

Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd.  
Northeast Blanco Unit #429R  
225' FNL - 1640' FEL  
Section 17, T30N, R7W NMPM  
Rio Arriba County  
New Mexico



## VICINITY MAP

Blackwood & Nichols Co., Ltd.  
 Northeast Blanco Unit #429R  
 225'FNL - 1640'FEL  
 Section 17, T30N, R7W NMPM  
 Rio Arriba  
 New Mexico

Proposed location: →

Existing Access: ———

Proposed Access: - - - -