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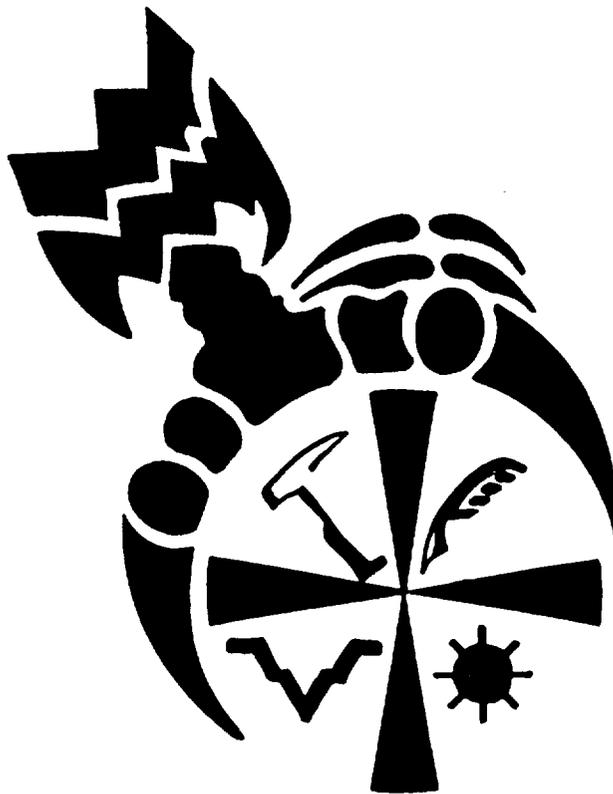
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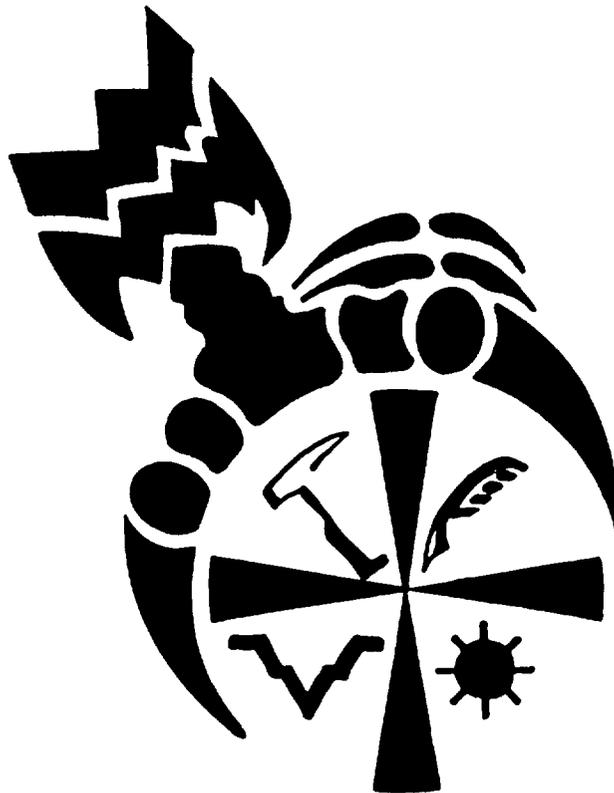
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**BLANCO FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 29-30 N., R. 8-9 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

By: T. Lynn Malone  
El Paso Natural Gas Company

**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** San Juan Basin, northwest New Mexico  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Nacimiento and San Jose Formations  
**Explorations Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology, plug-back of Pictured Cliffs test  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 15 to 35 feet of sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Channel deposits  
**Other Significant Shows:** Dakota Sandstone, Mesaverde Group, and Pictured Cliffs Sandstone  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Tenneco Oil Co. No. 1 Florence  
**Location:** SE ¼ sec. 29, T. 30 N., R. 8 W., NMPM  
**Elevation (KB):** 6,180 feet  
**Date of Completion:** March 1, 1968  
**Total Depth:** 3,010 feet; plugged back to 2,860 feet  
**Production Casing:** 8 5/8" at 123 feet; 3 1/2" at 3,002 feet  
**Perforations:** 2,580 to 2,585 feet; 2,599 to 2,607 feet  
**Stimulation:** Sand water-fracture with 30,000 gallons water, 20,000 lbs. sand; breakdown pressure 2,030 psi; injection rate 29 bbls./minute  
**Initial Potential:** Flow 2,077 MCFGD; calculated absolute open flow 2,136 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** Shut in casing pressure 1,008 psi

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

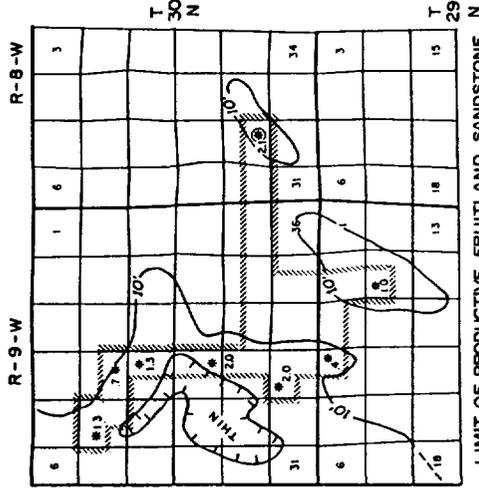
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**RESERVOIR DATA**

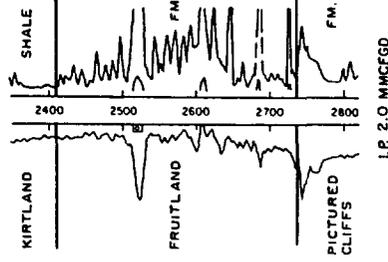
**Productive Area:**  
Proved (as determined geologically): 1,280 acres  
Unproved: 4,480 acres  
Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
No. of Producing Wells: 8  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 20 feet  
**Porosity:** 8 to 15 percent  
**Permeability:** 3.8 millidarcies (calculated from logs)  
**Water Saturation:** 40 percent  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 950 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** 1,121 Btu; (in molecular percentage): methane 88.68, ethane 7.18, propane 2.33; specific gravity 0.641  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Unknown  
**Estimated Recovery:** 11,400,000 MCFG  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 525 MCFGD  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Company

**BLANCO FRUITLAND  
(GAS)**

SAN JUAN CO., N.M.



TENNECO OIL CO.  
#3 RIDGLE COM.  
SE/4 SEC. 21-T30N-R9W

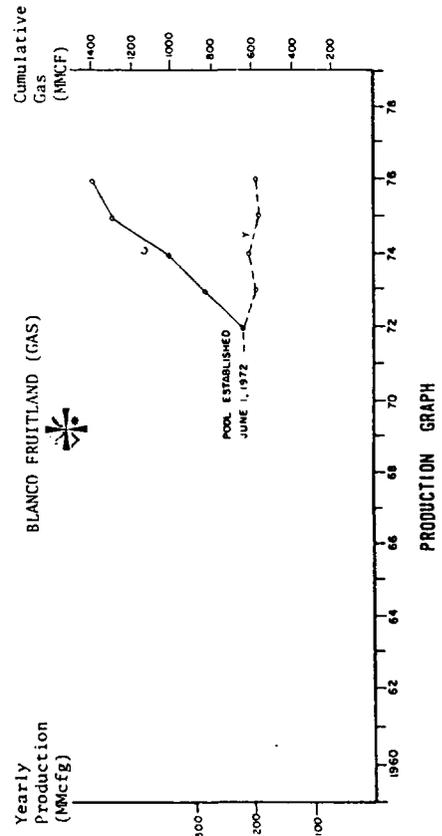


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Drafting: J. L. Hopkins

Geology: T. L. Malone

NUMBER OF WELLS AT YEARS END			- PRODUCTION - OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF	
YEAR	TYPE	PROD. S.I./ABN.	ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1960	Gas			
	Oil			
1961	Gas			
	Oil			
1962	Gas			
	Oil			
1963	Gas			
	Oil			
1964	Gas			
	Oil			
1965	Gas			
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1967	Gas			
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1968	Gas			
	Oil			
1969	Gas			
	Oil			
1970	Gas			
	Oil			
1971	Gas			
	Oil			
1972	Gas	8	212,227	632,228
	Oil		3,995	10,619
1973	Gas	8	189,017	821,245
	Oil		2,471	13,090
1974	Gas	8	200,239	1,021,484
	Oil		1,543	14,633
1975	Gas	8	187,326	1,208,810
	Oil		1,396	16,029
1976	Gas	8	191,404	1,400,214
	Oil		1,438	17,467



BLANCO FRUITLAND (GAS)



**CONNER FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

By: T. Lynn Malone  
El Paso Natural Gas Company

**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Cretaceous, Kirtland Shale  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology, plug-back of abandoned Dakota Sandstone well  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 20 feet of fluvial sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Channel sandstone deposits  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone and Dakota Sandstone  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Odessa No. 1 Little Federal (Formerly, Shar Alan Oil No. 3 Dick Hunt Federal)  
**Location:** NE SW (1920' FSL and 1565' FWL) sec. 1, T. 30 N., R. 14 W., NMPM  
**Elevation (KB):** 5,746 feet  
**Date of Completion:** December 28, 1976  
**Total Depth:** Original total depth, 6,275 feet; plugged back to 1,406 feet  
**Production Casing:** 8 5/8" at 250 feet; 4 1/2" at 1,406 feet  
**Perforations:** 1,171 feet to 1,179 feet; 1,181 feet to 1,185 feet; 1,191 feet to 1,194 feet  
**Stimulation:** Sand-water fracture with 23,000 gallons of water and 25,000 lbs sand  
**Initial Potential:** 297 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** Shut-in casing pressure 419 psi

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

Set surface casing, drill to base of the Fruitland Formation, run logs, set casing at total depth, perforate selected intervals, break-down formation and sand-water fracture.

**RESERVOIR DATA**

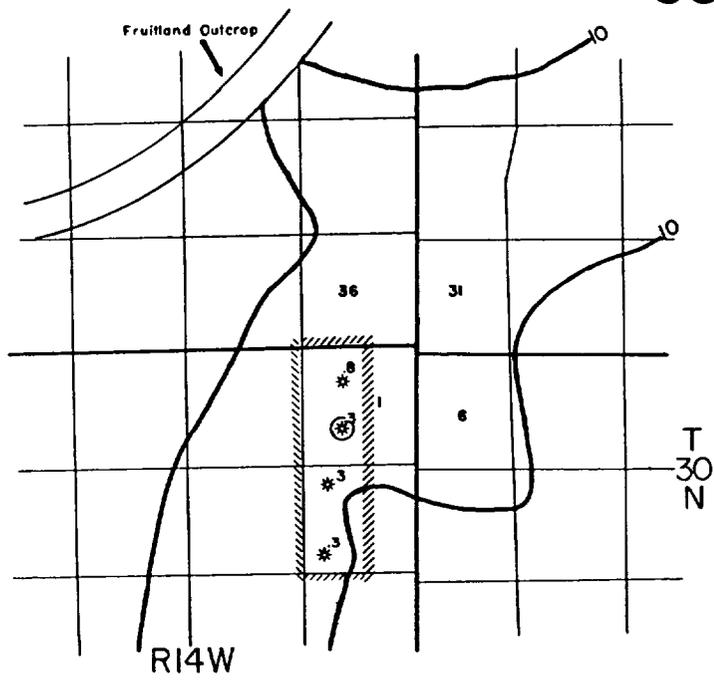
**Productive Area:**  
Proved (as determined geologically): 640 acres  
Unproved: 0 acres  
Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
No. of Producing Wells: 4  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 15 feet  
**Porosity:** 12 to 16 percent  
**Permeability:** Unknown  
**Water Saturation:** 30 percent  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 450 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** 1,059 Btu/cu. ft.; (in molecular percentage) methane 94.14, ethane 4.21, propane 0.62; specific gravity 0.60  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Very little produced water  
**Estimated Recovery:** 200,000 MCFG  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 30 MCFGD  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Company

**PRODUCTION**

Conner Fruitland first produced in May, 1977. Cumulative production through December 1977 was 7,971 MCFG with production declining rapidly.

# CONNER FRUITLAND (GAS)

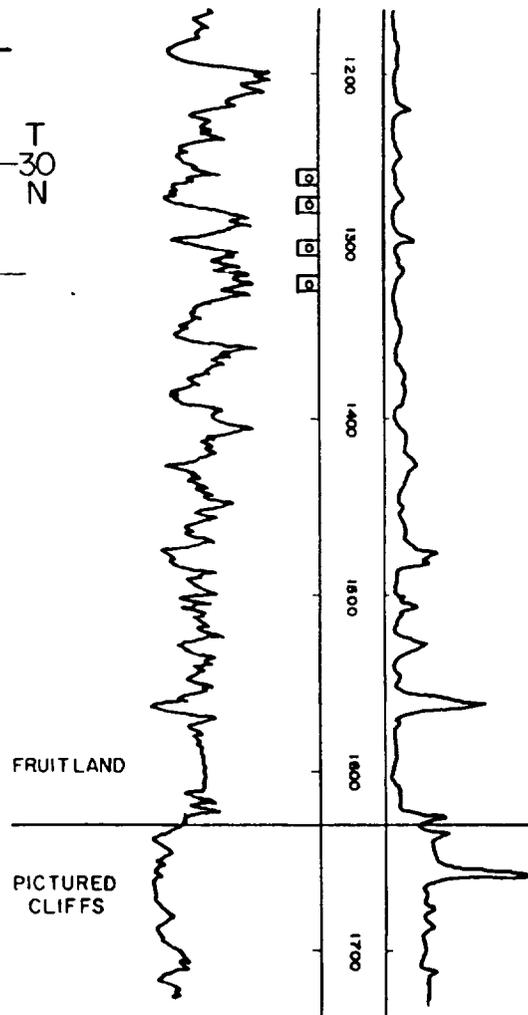
SAN JUAN CO., N.M.



Limit of Productive Fruitland Sandstone

(Thickness > 10 feet)

- \* Fruitland Wells
- ⊛ Discovery Well
- ⊙ 3 I.P. in Mmcf



ODESSA NATURAL CORP.

No. 5 Little Federal

NW 12-30N-14W

I.P. 0.3 Mmcf/gd

Geology : T.L. Malone

Drafting: M.D. Chambers

**FLORA VISTA FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 30 N., R. 12 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

By: T. Lynn Malone  
El Paso Natural Gas Company

**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Nacimiento Formation  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology; plug-back of Pictured Cliffs Sandstone well  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 10 to 50 feet of sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Channel fluvial deposits  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone, Mesaverde Group, and Dakota Sandstone  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Northwest Production Corporation, No. 3 Blanco 30-12 A  
**Location:** NW SW (1510' FSL and 990' FWL) sec. 10, T. 30 N., R. 12 W.  
**Elevation (KB):** 5,723 feet  
**Date of Completion:** December 29, 1956  
**Total Depth:** 4,568 feet, plugged back to 1,786 feet  
**Production Casing:** 10 3/4" at 228 feet; 5 1/2" at 4,568 feet  
**Perforations:** 1,754 feet to 1,774 feet  
**Stimulation:** Sand-water fracture with 20,550 gallons of water, 20,000 lbs sand; break-down pressure, 1,000 psi, injection rate 62.3 bbls/min  
**Initial Potential:** 4,528 MCFGD; calculated absolute open flow 9,047 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** Shut-in tubing pressure 602 psi

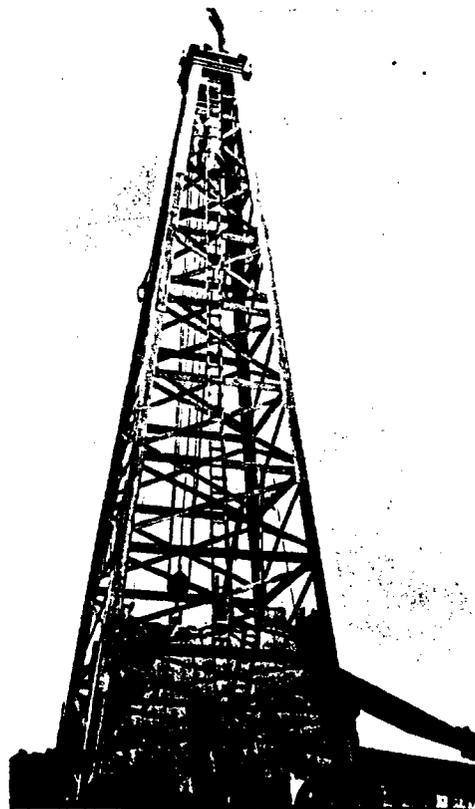
**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

Set surface casing, drill to base of Fruitland Formation, run logs, run 2 7/8" casing to total depth, perforate selected intervals, break-down and sand-water fracture.

The Fruitland Formation in this area could possibly be dually completed with the Pictured Cliffs Sandstone or the Mesaverde Group.

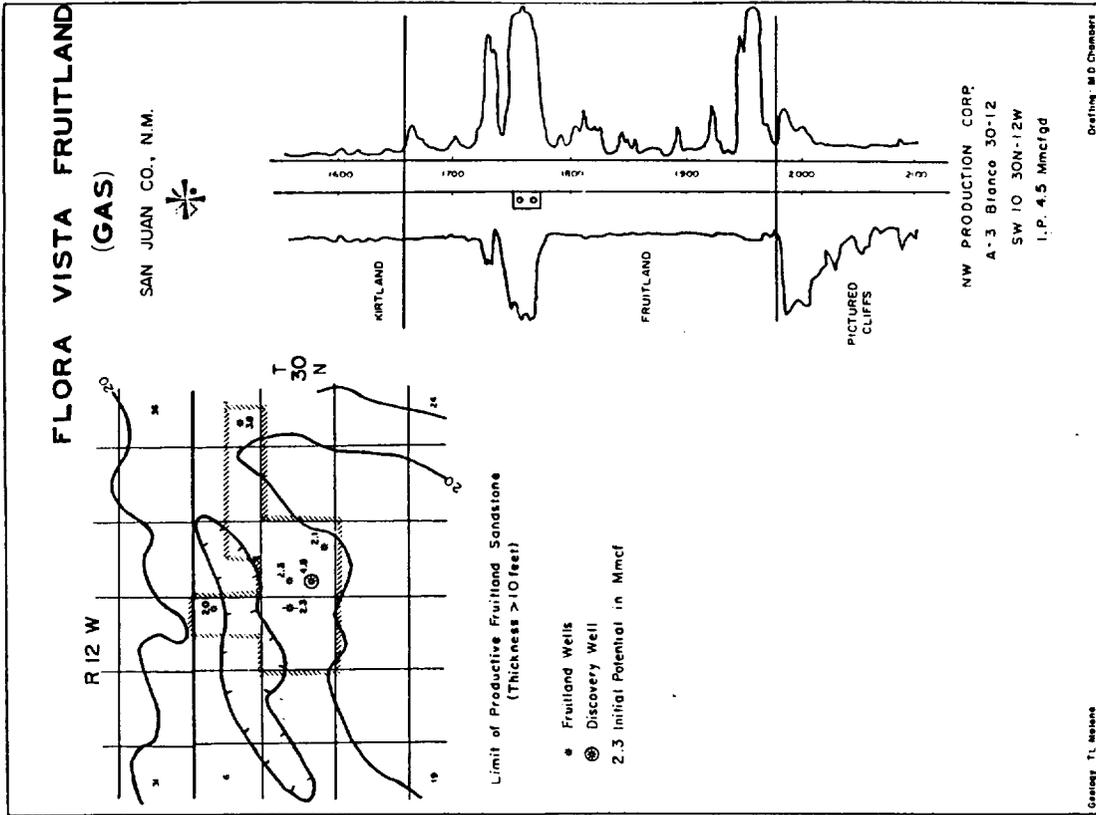
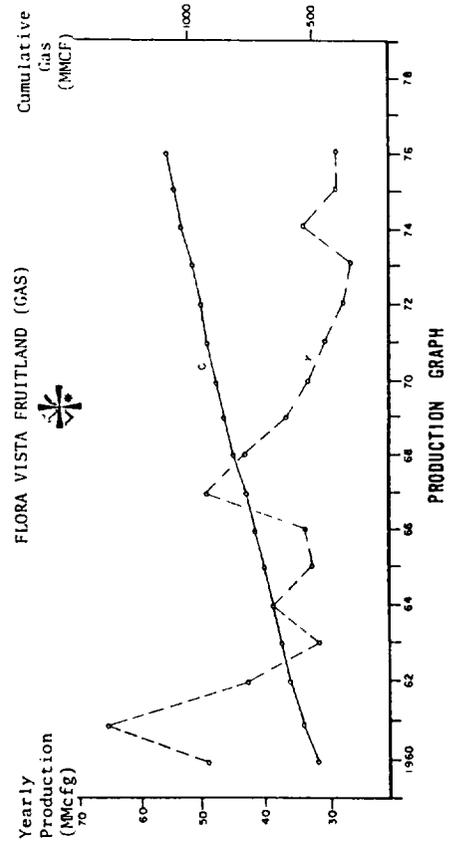
**RESERVOIR DATA**

**Productive Area:**  
Proved (as determined geologically): 960 acres  
Unproved: 1,280 acres  
Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
No. of Producing Wells: 5  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 1  
No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 30 feet  
**Porosity:** 8 to 16 percent  
**Permeability:** Not available  
**Water Saturation:** 40 percent  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 650 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Btu 1,122; (in molecular percentage) methane 88.93, ethane 4.80, propane 3.04; specific gravity 0.651  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** little produced water  
**Estimated Recovery:** 1,700,000 MCFG  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Company



Wooden derrick in early drilling days near Farmington, New Mexico. (Photo courtesy of Tom Dugan)

NUMBER OF WELLS AT YEARS END			- PRODUCTION - OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF	
YEAR	TYPE	PROD. S.I./ABN	ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1960	Gas	5	49,485	491,349
	Oil			
1961	Gas	5	66,068	557,617
	Oil			
1962	Gas	5	42,845	600,462
	Oil			
1963	Gas	5	30,147	630,609
	Oil			
1964	Gas	5	38,096	668,705
	Oil			
1965	Gas	5	32,382	701,087
	Oil			
1966	Gas	5	33,186	734,273
	Oil			
1967	Gas	5	49,445	783,718
	Oil			
1968	Gas	5	44,191	827,909
	Oil			
1969	Gas	5	36,781	864,690
	Oil			
1970	Gas	5	32,484	897,174
	Oil			
1971	Gas	4	30,160	927,334
	Oil			
1972	Gas	4	27,618	954,952
	Oil			
1973	Gas	4	25,852	980,804
	Oil			
1974	Gas	5	34,779	1,332,211
	Oil			
1975	Gas	5	27,920	1,360,161
	Oil			
1976	Gas	5	28,160	1,388,321
	Oil			



**GALLEGOS FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 27 N., R. 11 W., NMPM

San Juan County, New Mexico

By: P. S. Hopson

Gulf Oil Exploration and Production Company

**GEOLOGY****Regional Setting:** San Juan Basin**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Nacimiento Formation**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface mapping**Type of Trap:** Lenticular sandstone bodies**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 20 feet, sandstone**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Isolated lenticular sandstone bodies**Other Significant Shows:** None**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone**DISCOVERY WELL****Name:** British-American No. 2 Douthit (Gulf Oil, present operator)**Location:** NW NW (990' FNL and 990' FWL) sec. 27, T. 27 N., R. 11 W.**Elevation (KB):** 6,360 feet**Date of Completion:** March 16, 1952**Total Depth:** 2,042 feet; plugged-back to 1,910 feet**Production Casing:** 5½" at 1,956 feet**Perforations:** 1,672 feet to 1,682 feet with 24 shots**Stimulation:** None**Initial Potential:** 1,300 MCFGD**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 800 psi**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES****Surface casing:** 10¾" at 100 feet with 90 sacks of cement**Production String:** 5½" at 1,956 feet with 85 sacks of cement**RESERVOIR DATA****Productive Area:**

Proved (as determined geologically): 160 acres

Unproved: 0 acres

Approved Spacing: None

No. of Producing Wells: One

No. of Abandoned Wells: 0

No. of Dry Holes: 0

**Average Net Pay:** 12 feet**Porosity:** No porosity logs run**Permeability:** Unknown**Water Saturation:** Unknown**Initial Field Pressure:** 757 psi (shut-in tubing pressure)**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Unknown**Oil Characteristics and Analysis:** Unknown**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Unknown**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** None**Estimated Ultimate Recovery:** Unknown**Present Daily Average Production:** 19.7 MCFGD (December, 1977)**Market Outlets:** Gas Company of New Mexico**FIELD COMMENTARY**

The No. 2 Douthit was originally drilled by British-American as a development well in the South Kutz Pictured Cliffs gas field. While tripping at 1,778 feet the well blew out, requiring 10.6 pound mud to kill the well. Logs indicated the blow-out zone to be a sandstone at 1,670 feet, identified as a stray sand in the Fruitland Formation. At the time there was considerable skepticism whether the sand was just another high pressure-low volume reservoir; after 26 years of continuous production and 800 million cubic feet of gas, the skepticism is no longer mentioned.

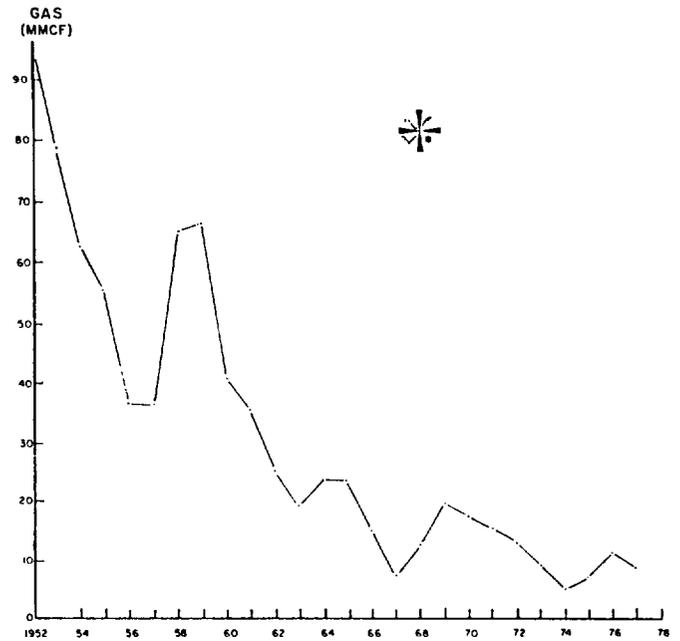
The producing zone is a lenticular sandstone within the Fruitland shale section having approximately 12 feet of porosity in the discovery well; the west offset (NE NE of sec. 28) has approximately 13 feet of porosity. The sandstone lense in isopach appears to be a northeast trending sandstone body approximately 1½ miles long and ½ mile wide. The No. 2 Douthit is the only well that has been completed in this Fruitland sandstone. All other wells in the immediate vicinity are either Pictured Cliffs or Dakota Sandstone gas wells.

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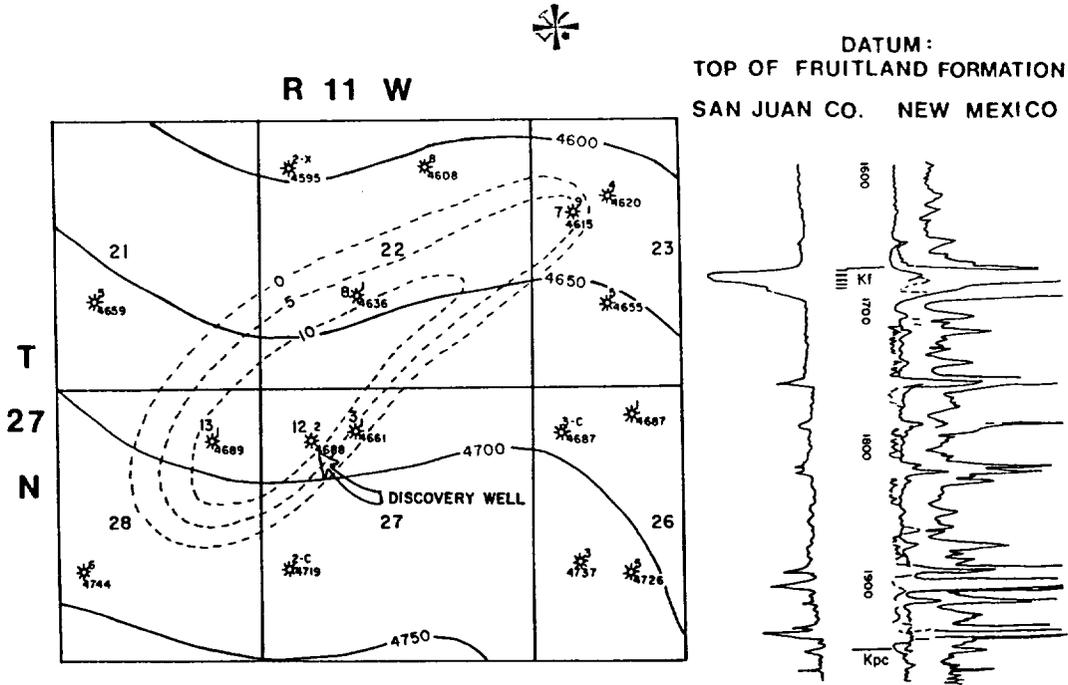
State of New Mexico monthly and annual production report.

NUMBER OF WELLS AT YEARS END				PRODUCTION OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF	
YEAR	TYPE	PROD	S I/ABN	ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1952	GAS	1	0	94,816	94,816
53	GAS	1	0	78,585	173,401
54	GAS	1	0	62,135	235,537
55	GAS	1	0	55,796	291,333
56	GAS	1	0	36,631	327,964
57	GAS	1	0	36,334	364,298
58	GAS	1	0	64,620	428,918
59	GAS	1	0	66,331	495,249
60	GAS	1	0	41,129	536,398
61	GAS	1	0	35,635	572,013
62	GAS	1	0	25,073	597,086
63	GAS	1	0	19,290	616,372
64	GAS	1	0	23,827	640,203
65	GAS	1	0	23,735	663,938
66	GAS	1	0	14,817	678,755
67	GAS	1	0	7,958	686,713
68	GAS	1	0	12,167	698,880
69	GAS	1	0	19,229	718,109
70	GAS	1	0	17,668	735,777
71	GAS	1	0	15,798	751,575
72	GAS	1	0	12,753	764,328
73	GAS	1	0	8,650	772,978
74	GAS	1	0	5,248	778,226
75	GAS	1	0	6,776	785,002
76	GAS	1	0	11,419	796,421
77	GAS	1	0	8,228	804,649



**GALLEGOS FRUITLAND FIELD  
STRUCTURE MAP**

WITH 5' NET SAND CONTOURS SUPERIMPOSED



British American No.2 *Douthitt*  
990' FNL 990 FWL  
Sec. 27, T-27-N R-11-N  
San Juan County, New Mexico  
Elev. 6360 KB  
T.D. 2042 P.B. 1910 Completed 3-16-52

**GALLEGOS FRUITLAND, SOUTH**

(Gas)

T. 26-27 N., R. 11-12 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

By: John Bircher  
Wexpro Company

**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** Southwest flank San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Ojo Alamo Sandstone  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Recompletion in the Fruitland Formation of a depleted "Gallup" sandstone oil well  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** Approximately 40 feet of channel sandstones and 15 feet of interbedded siltstones and coals  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Lenticular channel sandstones, and uniform interbedded siltstones and coals  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Farmington Sandstone Member of the Kirtland Shale  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Jurassic, Morrison Formation

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Skelly Oil No. 1G Navajo  
**Location:** SW NE SW (1770' FSL and 1770' FWL) sec. 12, T. 26 N., R. 12 W.  
**Elevation (KB):** 5,949 feet  
**Date of Completion:** May 27, 1968 (Fruitland Formation)  
**Total Depth:** 5,115 feet (plug-back depth 1,150 feet)  
**Production Casing:** 5½" at 5,114 feet with 125 sacks of cement  
**Perforations:** 1,100 feet to 1,113 feet (52 shots)  
**Stimulation:** Treated perforations with 500 gallons mud acid, fractured with 12,852 gallons water and 10,000 pounds 20-40 sand, maximum treating pressure 1,080 psi, minimum treating pressure 800 psi, average injection rate 38 barrels per minute  
**Initial Potential:** Flow 1,767 MCFGD, no water, flowing tubing pressure 111 psi, casing pressure 163 psi  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 350 psi

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

The first wells in the Gallegos Fruitland, South field were recompleted "Gallup" oil wells. A sandstone in the Lower Fruitland was perforated and fractured with a range of 7,000 to 40,000 gallons of water and 8,500 to 35,000 pounds of 20-40 sand. Injection rates averaged 40 barrels per minute. Breakdown pressures were 1,600 to 1,700 psi.

Current wells are drilled using the slim-hole technique with drilling mud as the circulating medium. Two joints of 5½" pipe are set for surface casing with 10 sacks of cement. If the well is found to be capable of production, 2 7/8" tubing is set at total depth with approximately 75 sacks of cement. After fracturing, the wells are produced through 1¼" tubing.

Fracture treatments for the more recent wells consist of approximately 3,200 gallons of water, 16,500 pounds of 10-20 sand, 87,500 standard cubic feet of nitrogen, and 24 gallons of Adafom. Average injection pressures are around 1,800 psi, and injection rates are around 20 barrels per minute. Prior to fracturing, the Fruitland perforations are treated with about 300 gallons of 15 percent hydrochloric acid.

**RESERVOIR DATA****Productive Area:**

Proved: 2,500 acres  
Unproved: 1,800 acres  
Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
No. of Producing Wells: 14  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
No. of Dry Holes: 1

**Average Net Pay:** 12 feet**Porosity:** Not available**Permeability:** Not available**Water Saturation:** Not available**Initial Field Pressure:** 350 psi (shut-in tubing pressure on discovery well)

**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Composition by molecular percent: carbon dioxide 0.03, nitrogen 1.04, methane 97.16, ethane 1.39, propane 0.23, butane 0.10, pentane 0.01, hexane plus 0.04, Btu 1,022, specific gravity 0.571, liquids 0.488 gallons per MCFG

**Oil Characteristics and Analysis:** None

**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** None reported. Only one well on the eastern boundary of the field produces a very small amount of water along with the gas.

**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** None**Estimated Primary Recovery:** 10,000,000 MCFG (85 percent)**Type of Secondary Recovery:** None planned**Estimated Ultimate Recovery:** 10,000,000 MCFG (85 percent)**Present Daily Average Production:** 1,754 MCFGD (December, 1977)**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Company**FIELD COMMENTARY**

The Gallegos Fruitland, South field is located 13.5 miles south-southeast of Farmington, New Mexico, and 3.3 miles northwest of the Carson Trading Post in San Juan County. Geologically, the field is situated on the southwest flank of the San Juan Basin. Regional dip is to the northeast at approximately 100 feet per mile. The field was discovered in 1968 when Skelly Oil Company recompleted a depleted "Gallup" well (Navajo No. 1G) in a Fruitland channel sandstone. The initial potential for the Fruitland completion was

1,767 MCFGD, with a shut-in tubing pressure of 350 psi. Within the same year, several other depleted "Gallup" wells were recompleted in this Fruitland channel. Additional wells, drilled to the Pictured Cliffs, have been completed in several other intervals of the Fruitland Formation.

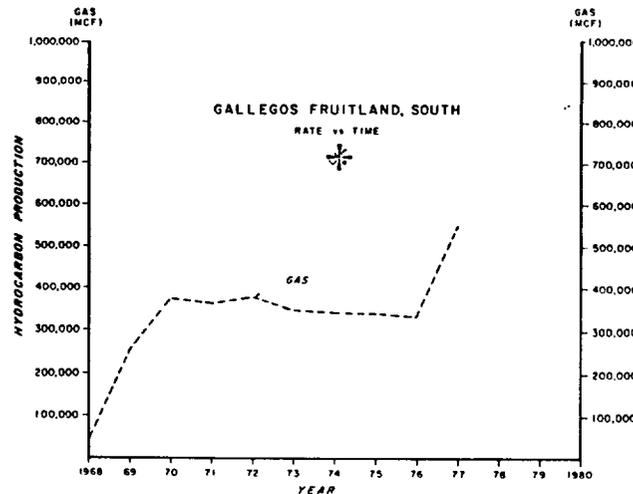
Gallegos Fruitland, South production is obtained from three separate sandstone intervals and an interval of interbedded siltstones and coals. The sandstones are channel or channel associated and laterally discontinuous. The discovery was completed in the middle sandstone. This sandstone trends eastward across the central part of the field, and terminates near the eastern boundary. The upper sandstone, producing in the Nassau No. 5R (NE NE sec. 36, T. 27 N., R. 12 W.) and the Western Federal No. 6 (NW SE sec. 7, T. 26 N., R. 11 W.) wells, appears to have a south-southeast trend. At the southern end of the field, the Chaco Plant No. 8 (SW SE sec. 25, T. 26 N., R. 12 W.) well is completed in a third sandstone just above the lower Fruitland coal. The trend of this sandstone appears to be southeast. The interbedded siltstones and coals produce a substantial amount of gas and have a greater areal extent. Production from the interbedded siltstone and coal sequence is located in the northeastern part of the field.

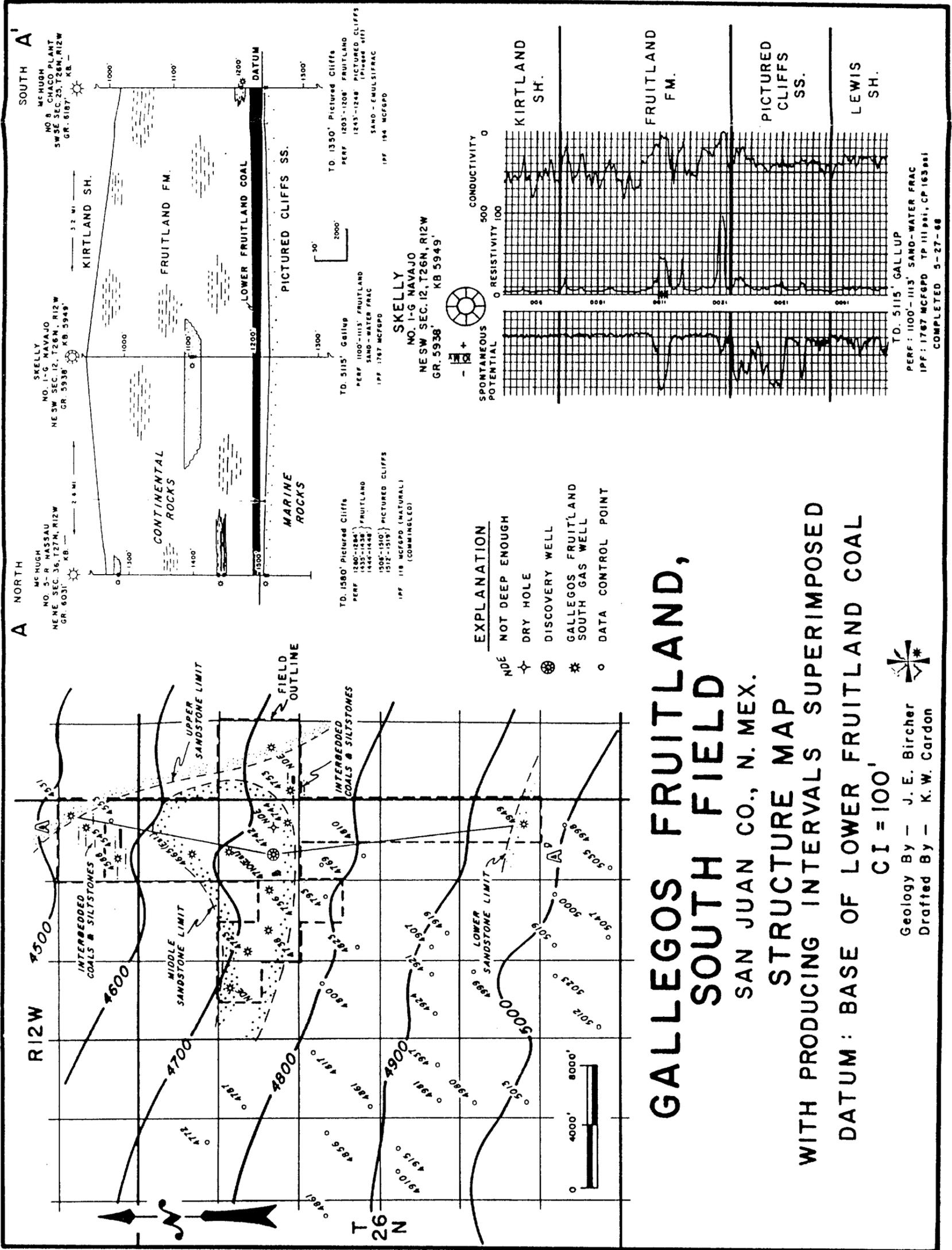
The other zone of interest in the Gallegos Fruitland, South field is the Farmington Sandstone Member of the Kirtland Shale. This sandstone was perforated and tested in the Ben Franklin No. 1 (NE NE sec. 10, T. 26 N., R. 12 W.) on the western side of the field. The production and potential of this interval is discussed in the Gallegos Farmington, South field paper elsewhere in this publication.

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NO. OF WELLS @ YR. END				HYDROCARBON PRODUCTION	
YEAR	TYPE	PROD.	SI/ABN	OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF	
				ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1968	OIL				
	GAS	1		40,186	40,186
1969	OIL				
	GAS	3		253,898	294,084
1970	OIL				
	GAS	4		375,478	669,562
1971	OIL				
	GAS	4		364,674	1,034,236
1972	OIL				
	GAS	5		380,333	1,414,569
1973	OIL				
	GAS	5		349,003	1,763,572
1974	OIL				
	GAS	6		343,064	2,106,636
1975	OIL				
	GAS	6		341,722	2,448,358
1976	OIL				
	GAS	8		334,106	2,782,464
1977	OIL				
	GAS	13		551,216	3,333,680



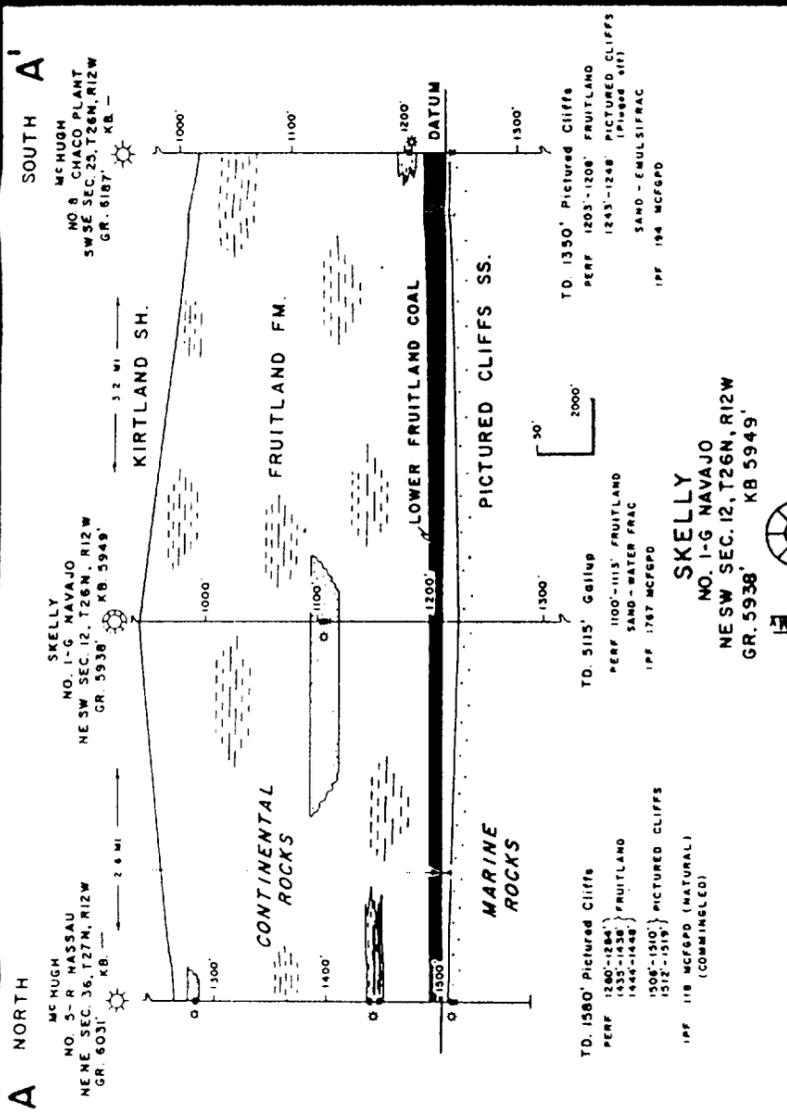


# GALLEGOS FRUITLAND, SOUTH FIELD

SAN JUAN CO., N. MEX.

STRUCTURE MAP  
WITH PRODUCING INTERVALS SUPERIMPOSED  
DATUM: BASE OF LOWER FRUITLAND COAL  
CI = 100'

Geology By - J. E. Bircher  
Drafted By - K. W. Cardon



- EXPLANATION**
- ND5 NOT DEEP ENOUGH
  - ★ DISCOVERY WELL
  - DATA CONTROL POINT



TD. 5115' GALLUP  
PERF: 1100'-1113' SAND-WATER FRAC  
IPF: 1767 MCF6PD TP III 991, CP 163961  
COMPLETED 5-27-68

**A NORTH**  
MC HUGH  
NO. 5-R MASSAU  
NE NE SEC. 36, T27N, R12W  
GR. 6031' KB.

**A SOUTH**  
MC HUGH  
NO. 8 CHACO PLANT  
SW SE SEC. 25, T26N, R12W  
GR. 6187' KB.

TD. 1580' Pictured Cliffs  
PERF 1200'-1244' FRUITLAND  
1444'-1448' FRUITLAND  
1500'-1501' PICTURED CLIFFS  
1512'-1519' PICTURED CLIFFS  
IPF 118 MCF6PD (NATURAL)  
(COMMINUTED)

TD. 5115' Gallup  
PERF 1100'-1113' FRUITLAND  
1444'-1448' SAND-WATER FRAC  
IPF 1767 MCF6PD

TD. 1350' Pictured Cliffs  
PERF 1203'-1206' FRUITLAND  
1243'-1248' PICTURED CLIFFS  
(PIGMENT SHIT)  
SAND - EMULSIFRAC  
IPF 194 MCF6PD

**SKELLY**  
NO. 1-G NAVAJO  
NE SW SEC. 12, T26N, R12W  
GR. 5938' KB 5949'

**LA JARA FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 30 N., R. 5-6 W., NMPM  
Rio Arriba County, New Mexico

By: T. Lynn Malone  
El Paso Natural Gas Company

**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, San Jose Formation  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology, blow-out while drilling well to Mesaverde Group  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation (did not produce)  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** Thin coals and sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Noncontinuous  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Mesaverde Group and Dakota Sandstone  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** El Paso Natural Gas Co. No. 1 Abraham  
**Location:** NW NE (990' FNL and 1450' FEL) sec. 13, T. 30 N., R. 6 W., NMPM  
**Elevation (KB):** 6,417 feet  
**Date of Completion:** June 15, 1955 (shut-in)  
**Total Depth:** 3,485 feet  
**Production Casing:** 9 5/8" at 176 feet; 7" at 3,485 feet  
**Perforations:** 3,092 feet to 3,110 feet  
**Stimulation:** Natural  
**Initial Potential:** 2,530 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 1,368 psi

**PRODUCTION**

The La Jara Fruitland pool never produced; the discovery well was deepened to the Mesaverde Group and renamed the San Juan 30-6 Unit No. 39. It was completed for 1,948 MCFGD on June 16, 1955. The Fruitland gas responsible for the blow-out probably was from overpressured fractured coals. These reservoirs are generally noncommercial and have a limited volume.

**RESERVOIR DATA**

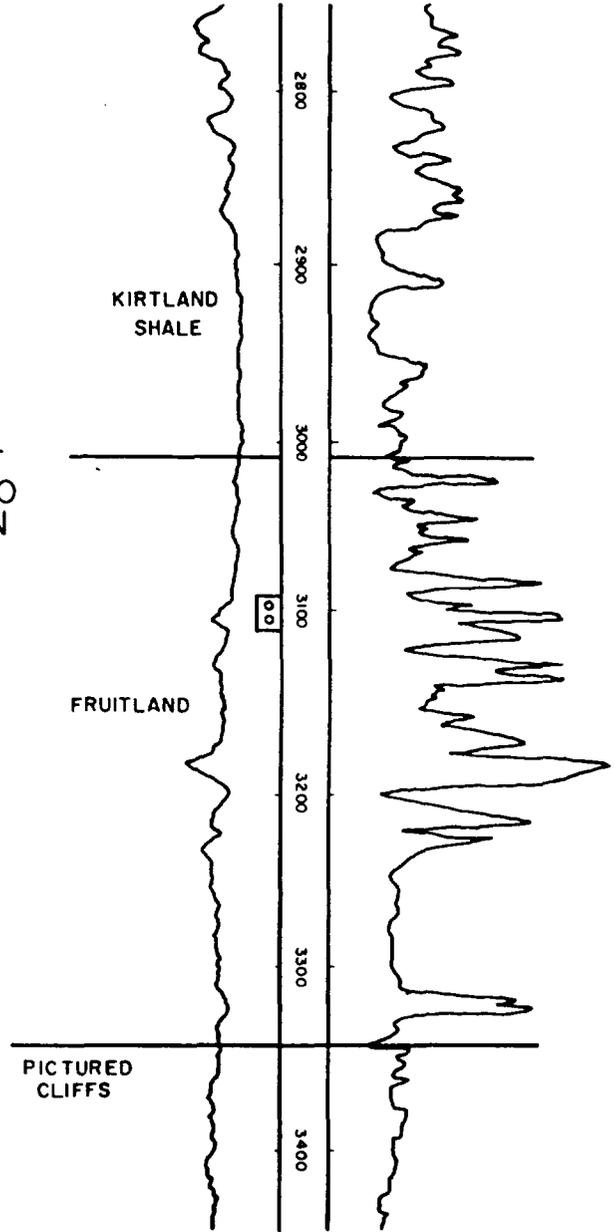
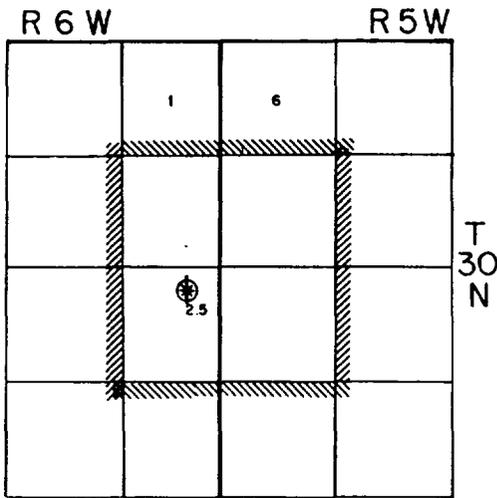
**Productive Area:**  
Proved (as determined geologically): 0 acres  
Unproved: 2,560 acres  
Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
No. of Producing Wells: 0  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 1  
No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 10 feet  
**Porosity:** Not available  
**Permeability:** Not available  
**Water Saturation:** Not available  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 1,368 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Not available  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Not available  
**Estimated Recovery:** Insignificant with present technology  
**Present Daily Average Production:** Abandoned  
**Market Outlets:** Northwest Energy Company Pipeline



Gas blow in early San Juan Basin well. (Photo courtesy of Tom Dugan)

# LA JARA FRUITLAND (GAS)

RIO ARRIBA CO., N.M.



- \* Abandoned Well
- ⊕ Discovery Well
- 2.5 Initial Potential in Mmcf/d

E.P.N.G. CO.

No. 1 Abraham

NE 13-30N-6W

I.P. 2.5 Mmcf

Geology: T.L. Malone

Drafting: M.D. Chambers

**PINON FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 28 N., R. 11 W., NMPM

San Juan County, New Mexico

By: **Jim Maynard**

Amoco Production Company

**GEOLOGY****Regional Setting:** Northwest San Juan Basin, east of Hogback Monocline**Surface Formations:** Cretaceous, McDermott Member of the Animas Formation**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Seismic**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 117 feet, friable sandstone with clay matrix**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Lenticular, channel sandstone**Other Significant Shows:** None**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone**DISCOVERY WELL****Name:** Amoco No. 220 Gallegos Canyon Unit**Location:** NE SE (1850' FSL and 790' FEL) sec. 13, T. 28 N., R. 12 W.**Elevation (KB):** 5,587 feet**Date of Completion:** June 14, 1966**Total Depth:** 1,332 feet**Production Casing:** 4½" at 1,332 feet with 150 sacks of cement**Perforations:** 1,242 to 1,252 feet with 4 shots per foot**Stimulation:** Acidized with 500 gallons; sand-water fractured with 30,000 lbs sand and 30,000 gallons of water**Initial Potential:** 4,300 MCFD**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 515 psi**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

Drill with mud, set casing, perforate, acidize and fracture with sand-water

**RESERVOIR DATA****Productive Area:**

Proved (as determined geologically): 1,920 acres

Unproved: 0 acres

Approved Spacing: 160 acres

No. of Producing Wells: 12

No. of Abandoned Wells: 2

No. of Dry Holes: 0

**Average Net Pay:** 26 feet**Porosity:** 14.6 percent**Permeability:** .1 millidarcy**Water Saturation:** 41 percent**Initial Field Pressure:** 480 psi**Type of Drive:** Volumetric**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** (Percent) CO<sub>2</sub> .13, N<sub>2</sub> .36, methane 89.96, ethane 5.66, propane 2.32, iso-butane .48, normal butane .56, iso-pentane .21, normal pentane .14, hexane plus .18; Btu 1,129**Oil Characteristics and Analysis:** Not available**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Not available**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** Unknown**Estimated Primary Recovery:** See Ultimate Recovery**Type of Secondary Recovery:** None**Estimated Ultimate Recovery:** 3,079,000 MCFG for 5 Amoco wells and 2,327,000 MCFG from other wells by ratio with daily production, total 5,406,000 MCFG**Present Daily Average Production:** 925 MCFGD**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas



## WAW FRUITLAND- PICTURED CLIFFS

(Gas)

T. 26-27 N., R. 13 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

### GEOLOGY

**Regional Setting:** Southwest flank, San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Ojo Alamo Sandstone and Nacimiento Formation  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface study  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation and Pictured Cliffs Sandstone  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 15 feet, sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Lenticular sandstone bodies  
**Other Significant Shows:** None  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone

### DISCOVERY WELL

**Name:** Dugan Production Corporation No. 1 WAW  
**Location:** NW SW (1500' FSL and 950' FWL) sec. 32, T. 27 N., R. 13 W.  
**Elevation (KB):** 6,175 feet  
**Date of Completion:** June 30, 1970  
**Total Depth:** 1,411 feet  
**Production Casing:** 2 7/8" set at 1,400 feet with 50 sacks of cement  
**Perforations:** 1,325 to 1,329 feet  
**Stimulation:** Sand-water fracture, 10,000 lbs sand and 360 barrels water  
**Initial Potential:** 603 MCFGD (absolute open flow)  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 200 psia

### DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES

The discovery well was sand-water fractured but it has subsequently been learned that fracturing does not greatly enhance producibility from these wells. Dugan Production now spuds a 7 7/8" hole and sets one joint of 5 1/2" casing cemented to surface. A 4 3/4" hole is then drilled with water or minimum mud to a total depth of approximately 125 feet into the Pictured Cliffs Sandstone. An Induction Electrical log is then run to total depth, and 2 7/8" tubing is run for production casing and cemented with a lightweight cement slurry with lost circulation material to avoid formation damage. The drilling rig is then released and after waiting at least 48 hours, a swabbing unit is moved in. A gamma-ray correlation and collar log is run, and the 2 7/8" casing is swabbed down to within 300 to 400 feet of the interval to be perforated. After perforating with 2 1/8" glass jet charges of selected intervals, the casing is swabbed down. If commercial production is indicated at this point 1 1/4" tubing is run and the well completed ready for production. If natural production is not indicated or of very

By: K. Fagrelus  
Dugan Production Corporation

slight amount, a small job of 250 gallons of 15 percent regular HCl acid followed by enough water to displace the acid into the formation is performed. The well is then swabbed in and tubing run. This field is located in an area of relatively flat terrain making it possible to use truck-mounted shot-hole rigs and requires a minimum of road and location building.

### RESERVOIR DATA

**Productive Area:**  
Proved (as determined geologically): 8,960 acres (August 1, 1978)  
Unproved: 1,920 acres  
Approved Spacing: None  
No. of Producing Wells: 30 (plus 7 wells drilling)  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 10  
No. of Dry Holes: 7  
**Average Net Pay:** 10 feet  
**Porosity:** 18 percent  
**Permeability:** 1 to 100 millidarcies (estimate)  
**Water Saturation:** 50 percent  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 250 psia  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Btu 1,050, 90 percent methane  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Not available  
**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** Unknown  
**Estimated Primary Recovery:** 4,000,000 MCFG  
**Type of Secondary Recovery:** Not available  
**Estimated Recovery:** Unknown  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 750 MCFGD (January 1, 1978)  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Co.

### FIELD COMMENTARY

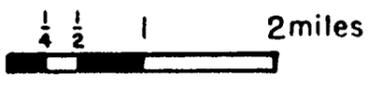
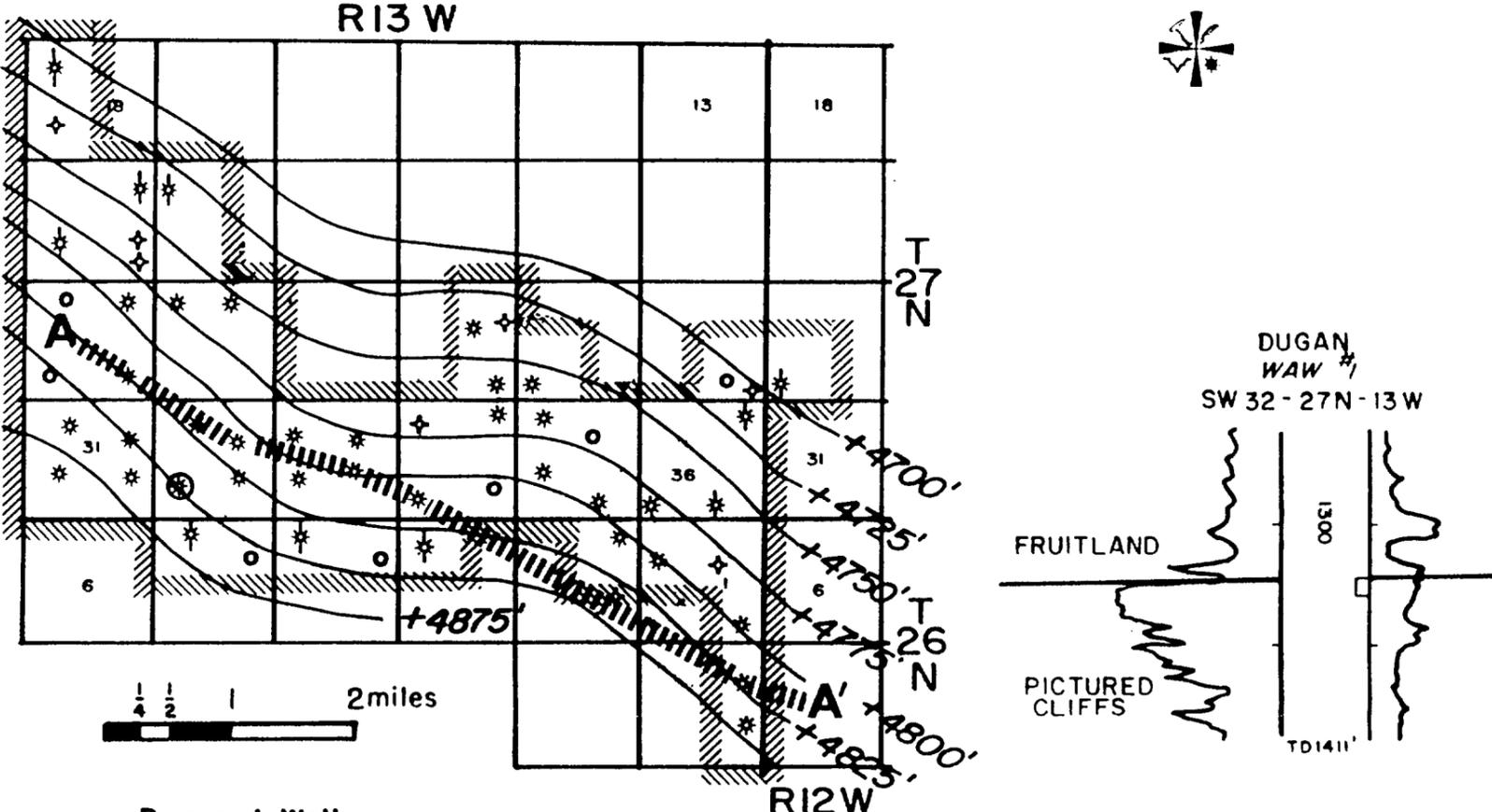
The WAW Pictured Cliffs Pool was discovered by the drilling of the Dugan Production Corp. WAW No. 1 well. This well was spudded May 19, 1970, on a farmout from Aztec Oil and Gas Company, hence the well name "WAW" (Wild Aztec Well). A 7 7/8" hole was drilled to 14 feet and 5 1/2" casing run and cemented to surface with 5 sacks of cement; a 4 3/4" hole was then drilled to a total depth of 1,411 feet with water and minimum mud; an electric log was run; and 2 7/8" tubing run and cemented for casing. The well was perforated from 1,325 to 1,329 feet. This well was sand-water fractured with 10,000 pounds of sand and 260 barrels of water; 1 1/4" tubing was set at 1,303 feet. The well tested on a one point back pressure test for an absolute open flow of 603 MCFGD on June 30, 1970 with a seven-day shut-in pressure of 193 psig.

Because of the remote location of the discovery well from existing gas gathering facilities, a contract could not be



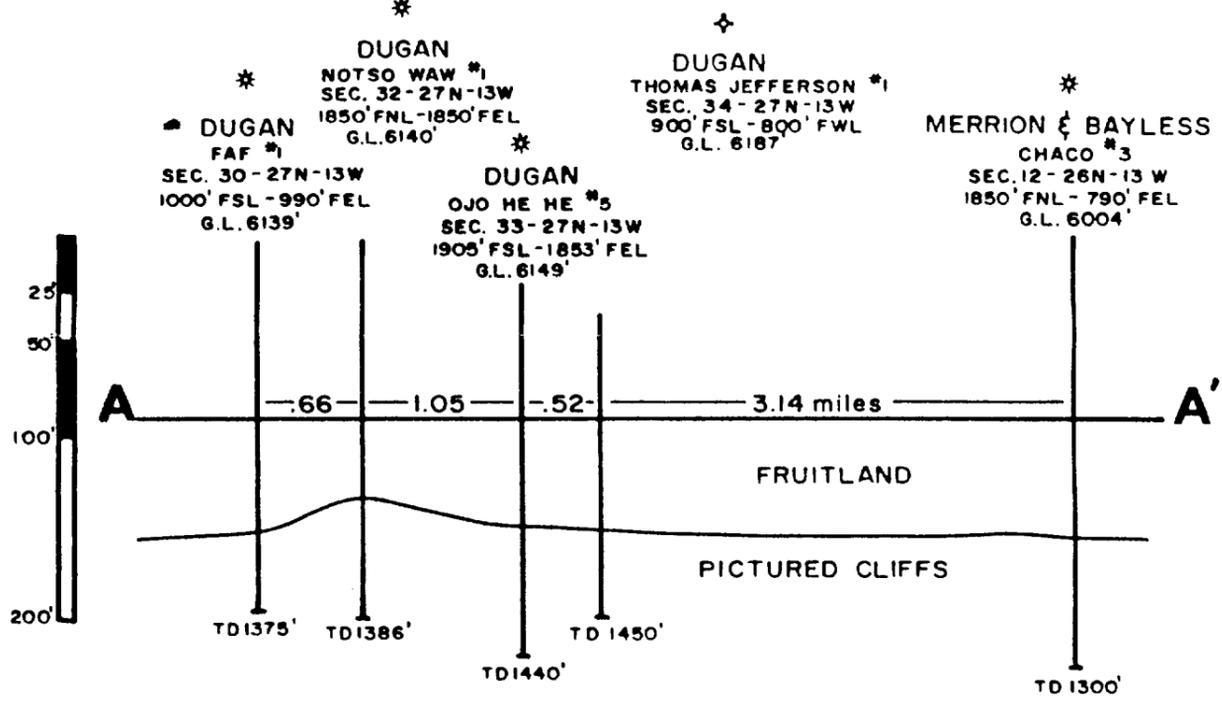
# WAW FRUITLAND PICTURED CLIFFS

SAN JUAN CO., N.M.



- Proposed Wells
- \* Abandoned Wells
- ⊗ Discovery Well
- \* Producing Wells
- ⊕ Dry Holes

DATUM: Top Pictured Cliffs Fm.  
C.I. = 25'



Geology: K. Fogrelus

Drafting: M.D. Chambers

# HARPER HILL FRUITLAND AND PICTURED CLIFFS

(Gas)

T. 29 N., R. 14 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

## GEOLOGY

**Regional Setting:** West-central edge, San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Cretaceous, Kirtland Shale  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone and Fruitland Formation commingled  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 200 feet, silicious sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Uniform throughout field; tabular  
**Other Significant Shows:** None  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone

## DISCOVERY WELL

**Name:** Dugan Production Corporation No. 4 Federal I  
**Location:** NE NW (1100' FNL and 1600' FWL), sec. 1, T. 29 N., R. 14 W.  
**Elevation (GL):** 5,552 feet  
**Date of Completion:** February 24, 1969  
**Total Depth:** 1,274 feet  
**Production Casing:** 2 7/8" at 1,268 feet with 75 sacks of cement  
**Perforations:** 860 to 865 feet and 1,203 to 1,208 feet with 2 shots per foot  
**Stimulation:** Sand-water fracture  
**Initial Potential:** Single point back pressure test; absolute open flow 1,069 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 367 psig

## DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES

Surface casing 5 1/2" set at 44 feet with 25 sacks of cement; 2 7/8" production string set at 1,268 feet cemented with 75 sacks of cement. Fruitland and Pictured Cliffs zones perforated with 2 shots per foot and sand-water fractured.

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Dugan Production Corporation

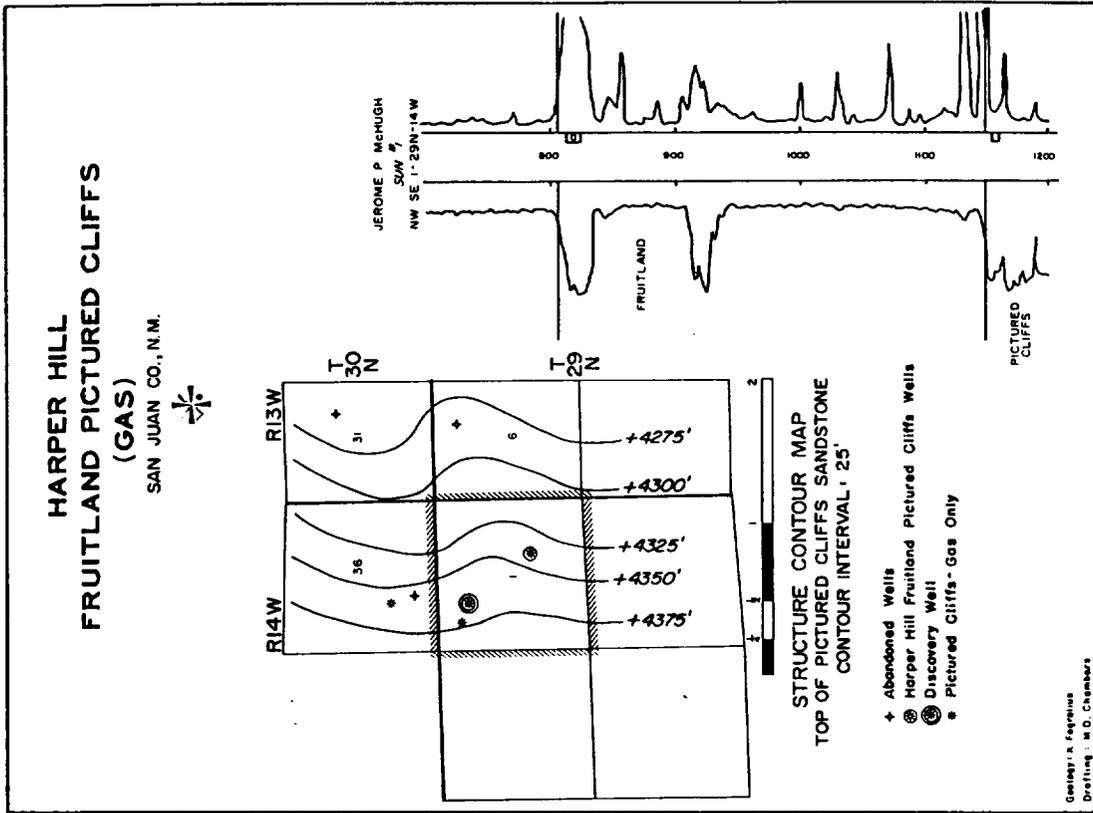
## RESERVOIR DATA

**Productive Area:**  
Proved (as determined geologically): 320 acres  
Unproved: 1,280 acres  
Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
No. of Producing Wells: 2  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 10 feet  
**Porosity:** 15 percent (estimate)  
**Permeability:** 5 to 25 millidarcies (estimate)  
**Water Saturation:** 48 percent (estimate)  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 365 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** (Dry basis at 14.73 psi and 60°F) Btu 1,101; specific gravity .635; composition (molecular percent): CO<sub>2</sub> 0.47, H<sub>2</sub>S .0, N<sub>2</sub> .34, methane 95.84, ethane 2.15, propane .67, butane .27, pentane .10, hexane .16; liquids 2.01 gallons per MCFG  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Unknown  
**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** Unknown  
**Estimated Primary Recovery:** 3,900,000 MCFG  
**Type of Secondary Recovery:** None  
**Estimated Recovery:** 3,900,000 MCFG  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 270 MCFGD  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Co. Pipeline

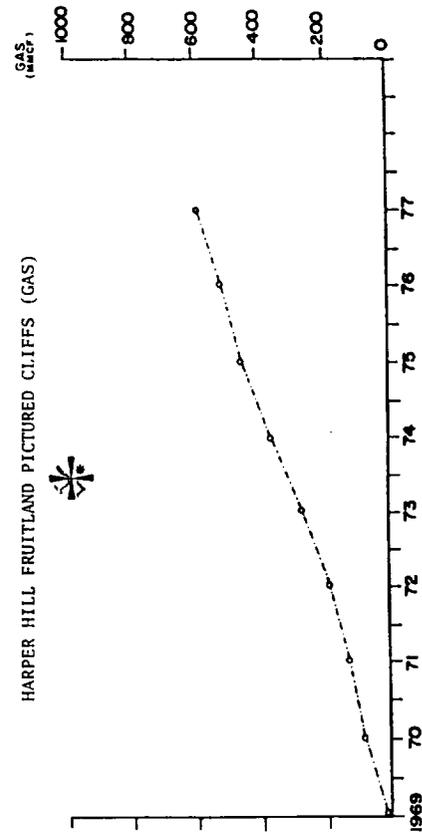
## FIELD COMMENTARY

The Harper Hill Pictured Cliffs-Fruitland pool is located on the northwest outskirts of Farmington, New Mexico. The Federal I No. 4, the discovery well, was drilled after a study of the logs from several Dakota wells in the area indicated possible production from the Fruitland Formation and Pictured Cliffs Sandstone. It was necessary to set 7" casing through surface boulders with a cable tool rig; a small rotary seismograph-type rig was used to drill a 4 3/4" hole through the Pictured Cliffs Sandstone. An open hole log was not run on the Federal I No. 4 because of its proximity to the Federal I No. 3.

The Pictured Cliffs Sandstone was perforated and stimulated with 15,000 gallons of water and 10,000 lbs of 10-20 sand. Next, the Fruitland Formation was perforated, the Pictured Cliffs Sandstone was balled off, and the Fruitland was stimulated with 15,000 gallons of water and 10,000 lbs of 10-20 sand. The well kicked off after fracturing without swabbing and gauged 2,700 MCFGD with a heavy spray of water. Later a bridge plug was set between the Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland to isolate the zones. The Fruitland Formation tested 394 MCFGD with no water. A request was made and approval received from the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission to commingle both zones in the wellbore. The bridge plug was removed and the well was completed.



NUMBER OF WELLS AT YEARS END		- PRODUCTION - OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF			
YEAR	TYPE	PROD	SI/ABN	ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1969	Gas	2		13,710	13,710
1970	Gas	2		61,550	75,260
1971	Gas	2		48,983	124,203
1972	Gas	2		73,932	198,135
1973	Gas	2		81,570	279,705
1974	Gas	2		83,188	362,893
1975	Gas	2		86,493	449,386
1976	Gas	2		70,922	520,308
1977	Gas	2		79,158	599,466



**JASIS CANYON FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 28-29 N., R. 7-8 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New Mexico

By: David P. Hamilton  
Mesa Petroleum Company

**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** Central San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, San Jose Formation  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Old well work-over, subsurface geology  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic, lateral permeability and porosity pinch-out  
**Producing Formation:** Unnamed sandstone member of Cretaceous Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 46 feet, fine-grained sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Northwest trending fluvial sandstone body  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone, Mesaverde Group, and Dakota Sandstone (all gas)  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Jurassic, Morrison Formation at about 7,500 feet

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Mesa Petroleum Company No. 39 State Comm.  
**Location:** NE NW (990' FNL and 1850' FWL) sec. 36, T. 29 N., R. 8 W., NMPM  
**Elevation (KB):** 6,175 feet  
**Date of Completion:** June 6, 1976  
**Total Depth:** 2,980 feet  
**Production Casing:** 3 1/2" at 2,960 feet with 400 sacks of cement  
**Perforations:** Fruitland: 2,594 feet to 2,618 feet; 24 feet with 2 holes per foot  
**Stimulation:** Acidize perforations; fracture with 27,000 gallons of water and 25,000 lbs of sand  
**Initial Potential:** 965 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 1,132 psig

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

Set 8 5/8" surface casing at 140 feet with 90 sacks of cement; 3 1/2" production string set at 2,700 feet with 400 sacks of cement; perforate with 2 holes per foot and sand-water fracture the Fruitland sandstone.

**RESERVOIR DATA**

**Productive Area:**  
Proved (as determined geologically): 160 acres  
Unproved: 750 acres as determined by net sandstone isopach  
Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
No. of Producing Wells: 1  
No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** Approximately 20 feet  
**Porosity:** 13.5 percent, average  
**Permeability:** Unknown  
**Water Saturation:** 28 percent (calculated using resistivity of 0.25 ohm)  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 1,144 psia  
**Type of Drive:** Volumetric gas reservoir  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Dry, sweet; Btu 1,140; 64° API gravity  
**Oil Characteristics and Analysis:** No oil produced  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** No formation water produced  
**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** No gas-water contact  
**Estimated Primary Recovery:** 400,000 MCFGD (by analogy)  
**Type of Secondary Recovery:** None  
**Estimated Ultimate Recovery:** Same as primary  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 100 MCFGD  
**Market Outlets:** Gas gatherer, El Paso Natural Gas Company

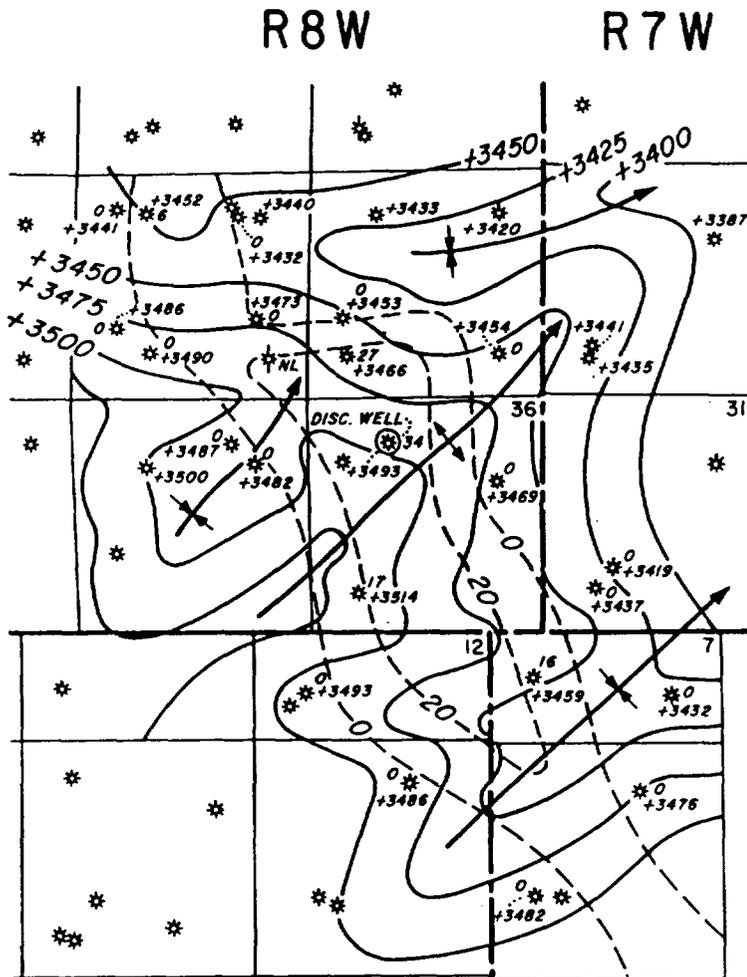
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NO. OF WELLS * YR. END				PRODUCTION OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF	
YEAR	TYPE	PROD.	SI/ABN	ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1976	Oil				
	Gas	1		75,392	75,392(6 mos.)
1977	Oil				
	Gas	1		34,549	109,941 (to 9-1-77)
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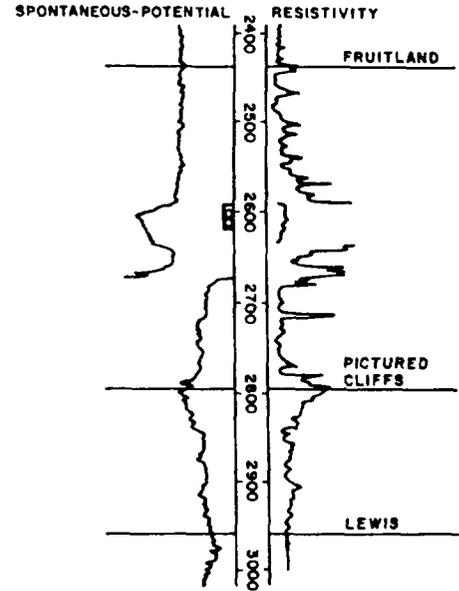
**TYPE LOG**

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 SAN JUAN CO., NEW MEXICO  
 Sec. 36 Twp. 29 N Rge. 8 W  
 990' FNL & 1850' FWL  
 Elev.: K.B. 6175' G.L. 6163'



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**JASIS CANYON FRUITLAND FIELD**

SAN JUAN CO., NEW MEXICO

— +3400 — STRUCTURE MAP: FRUITLAND MARKER: C.I. = 25'

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GEOLOGY BY: D.P. HAMILTON

SCALE: 1" = 4000'

**KUTZ FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 28 N., R. 10-11 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New MexicoBy: T. Lynn Malone  
El Paso Natural Gas Company**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Nacimiento Formation  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology, plug-back of Pictured Cliffs well  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 10 to 35 feet, sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Channel sandstones  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Farmington Sandstone Member of Kirtland Shale, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone, and Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** R & G Drilling Company No. 25 Schlosser (dual completion, Pictured Cliffs-Fruitland)  
**Location:** NW SE (1850' FSL and 1850' FEL) sec. 27, T. 28 N., R. 11 W., NMPM  
**Elevation (KB):** 5,628 feet  
**Date of Completion:** October 30, 1956  
**Total Depth:** 1,610 feet  
**Production Casing:** 8 5/8" at 95 feet; 5 1/2" at 1,609 feet  
**Perforations:** Pictured Cliffs, 1,535 to 1,545 feet and 1,557 to 1,572 feet; Fruitland, 1,330 to 1,345 feet  
**Stimulation:** Sand-water fracture at 1,535 to 1,572 feet with 10,000 gallons water, 10,000 lbs sand, injection rate 40 barrels per minute, break-down pressure 2,000 psi; sand-water fracture at 1,330 to 1,345 feet with 10,000 gallons water, 10,000 lbs sand, breakdown pressure 2,250 psi.  
**Initial Potential:** Pictured Cliffs 2,000 MCFGD; Fruitland, 5,000 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** Shut-in casing pressure 670 psi

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

A single completion Fruitland well: set surface casing, drill to base of Fruitland Formation, run logs, run 2 7/8" casing to total depth, perforate selected intervals, breakdown and sand-water fracture (in this area the Fruitland could possibly be dually completed with the Farmington Sandstone or Pictured Cliffs Sandstone).

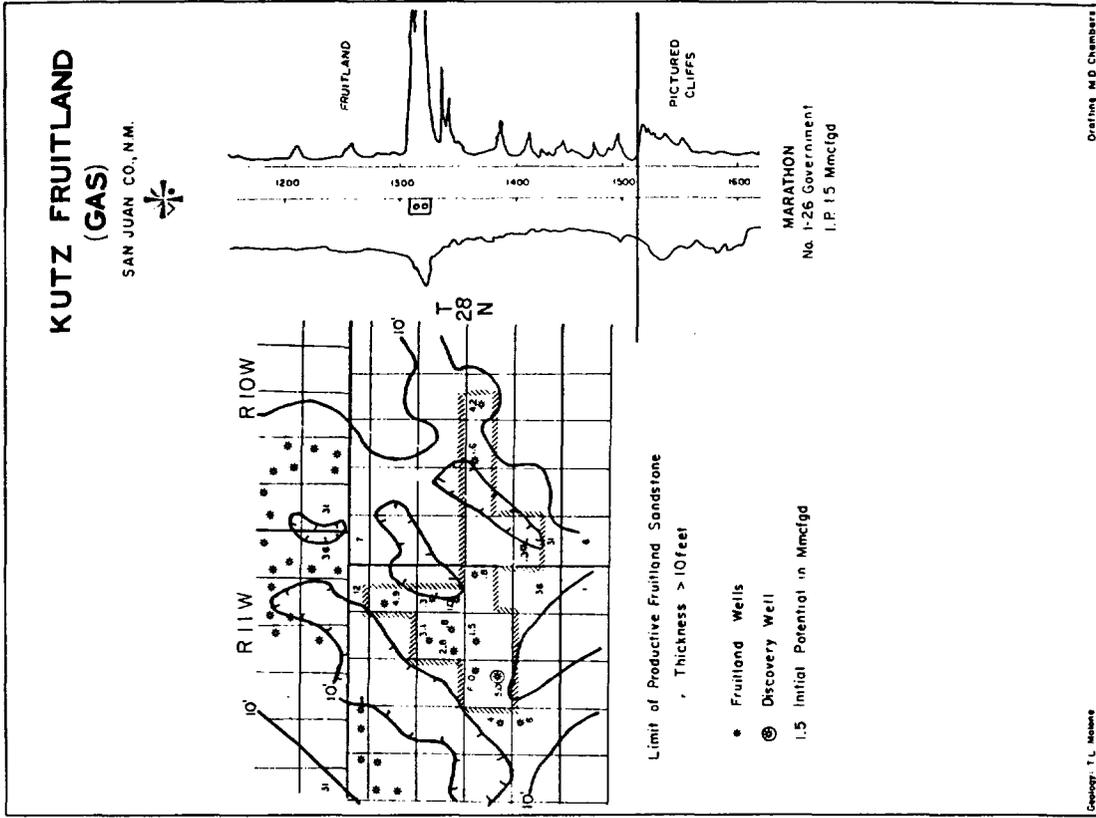
**RESERVOIR DATA**

**Productive Area:**  
 Proved (as determined geologically): 2,080 acres  
 Unproved: 2,560 acres  
 Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
 No. of Producing Wells: 13  
 No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
 No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 20 feet  
**Porosity:** 10 to 16 percent  
**Permeability:** Not available  
**Water Saturation:** 40 percent  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 650 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Btu 1,133; in molecular percentage: methane 88.73, ethane 6.11, propane 3.06; specific gravity 0.647  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Resistivity .38 ohm at 74°F; total dissolved solids, 17,448 ppm  
**Estimated Recovery:** 16,000,000 MCFG  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 1,328 MCFGD (January 1, 1977)  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Company, Southern Union Gas Company

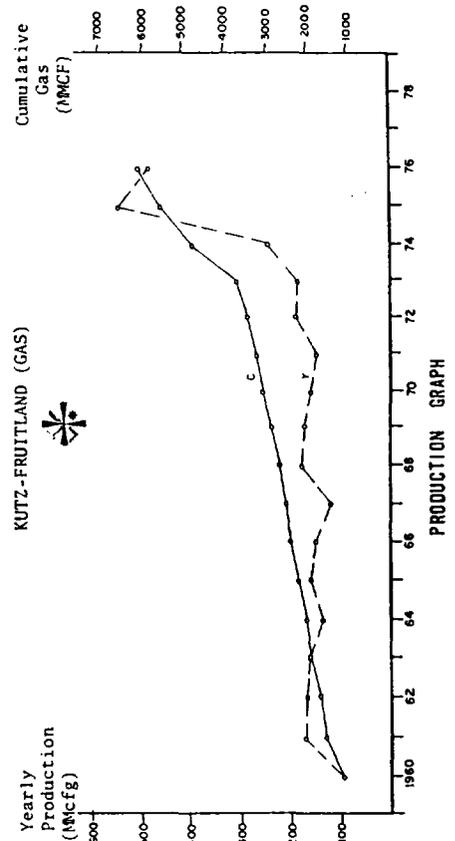


*Collapsed rig on wildcat well 1 1/2 miles northeast of the Hospah field, 1927. (Photo courtesy of Tom Dugan)*

KUTZ FRUITLAND



NUMBER OF WELLS AT YEARS END			- PRODUCTION - OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF	
YEAR	TYPE	PROD. S.I./ASB.	ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1960	Gas	2	85,055	317,451
	Oil			
1961	Gas	4	170,174	1,518,197
	Oil			228
1962	Gas	4	165,018	1,683,218
	Oil			228
1963	Gas	4	160,733	1,843,948
	Oil		684	912
1964	Gas	4	133,148	1,977,096
	Oil			912
1965	Gas	4	155,149	2,132,245
	Oil			912
1966	Gas	4	148,405	2,280,650
	Oil			912
1967	Gas	4	141,974	2,422,624
	Oil			912
1968	Gas	4	172,644	2,595,268
1969	Gas	5	169,652	2,764,920
1970	Gas	5	152,530	2,917,450
	Oil			506
1971	Gas	5	146,004	3,063,454
	Oil			506
1972	Gas	7	187,013	3,250,467
	Oil			115
1973	Gas	7	186,582	3,437,049
	Oil			695
1974	Gas	8	241,845	3,678,894
	Oil			349
1975	Gas	11	547,790	4,226,684
	Oil			1,020
1976	Gas	13	484,603	4,711,287
	Oil			750



**FARMER FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 30 N., R. 11 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New MexicoBy: D. B. Fortner and R. W. Jentgen  
Bureau of Land Management  
and  
A. Allen Middleman  
Southland Royalty Co.**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** North-central San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Nacimiento Formation  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Discovered while drilling to Pictured Cliffs Sandstone in Aztec field  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Upper Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 0 to 18 feet; sandstone  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Farmington Sandstone member of Kirtland Shale and Pictured Cliffs Sandstone  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**Porosity:** 12 percent (average of 3 wells)  
**Permeability:** Unknown  
**Water Saturation:** 27 percent; 41 percent, average of 3 wells  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 722 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** None  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Co. pipeline

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** No. 1 Bobbie Herrera  
**Location:** NE SW (1,830' FSL, 1,620' FWL) sec. 4, T. 30 N., R. 11 W., NMPM  
**Elevation (GL):** 5,743 feet  
**Date of Completion:** February 14, 1979  
**Total Depth:** 2,350 feet (plugged back to 2,312 feet)  
**Production Casing:** 2<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" at 2,312 feet with 300 sacks of cement  
**Perforations:** 1,950 to 1,956 feet and 2,053 to 2,055 feet (with 1 shot per foot)  
**Stimulation:** Sand-water fracture  
**Initial Potential:** 830 MCFGD after 3 hours (back-pressure testing method)  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 722 psi (shut-in pressure casing)

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

The discovery well was drilled to 78 feet with a cable tool rig and 7 inch surface casing was set and cemented with 80 sacks of cement. The remainder of the 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" hole was drilled with a rotary drilling rig to a total depth of 2,350 feet. 2<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" production casing was run to 2,312 feet and cemented with 300 sacks of cement. The pay zones in the Fruitland and Pictured Cliffs were selected from open hole logs (I-SFL, FDC-GR) and were perforated. Both zones were sand-water fractured separately. 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" tubing was run to 2,229 feet and a compression packer was set at 2,068 feet. The Pictured Cliffs produces up the tubing and the Fruitland produces up the annulus in this dual completion.

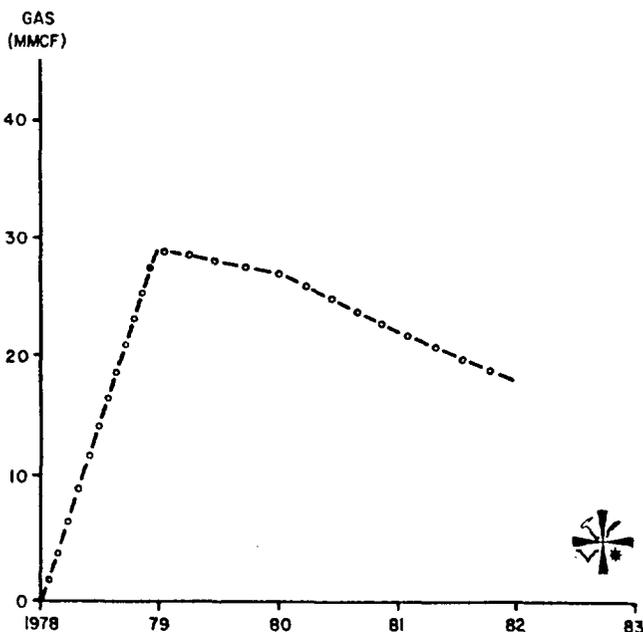
**RESERVOIR DATA**

**Productive Area:**  
 Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
 No. of Producing Wells: 4  
 No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
 No. of Dry Holes: 0  
 Shut-in Wells: 2  
**Average Net Pay:** Two pay zones totaling 8 feet

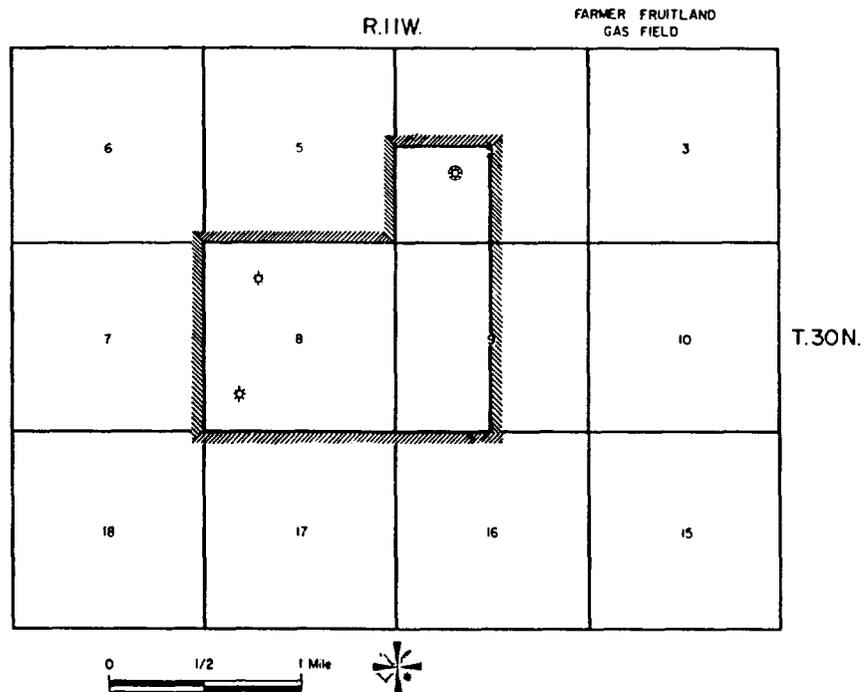
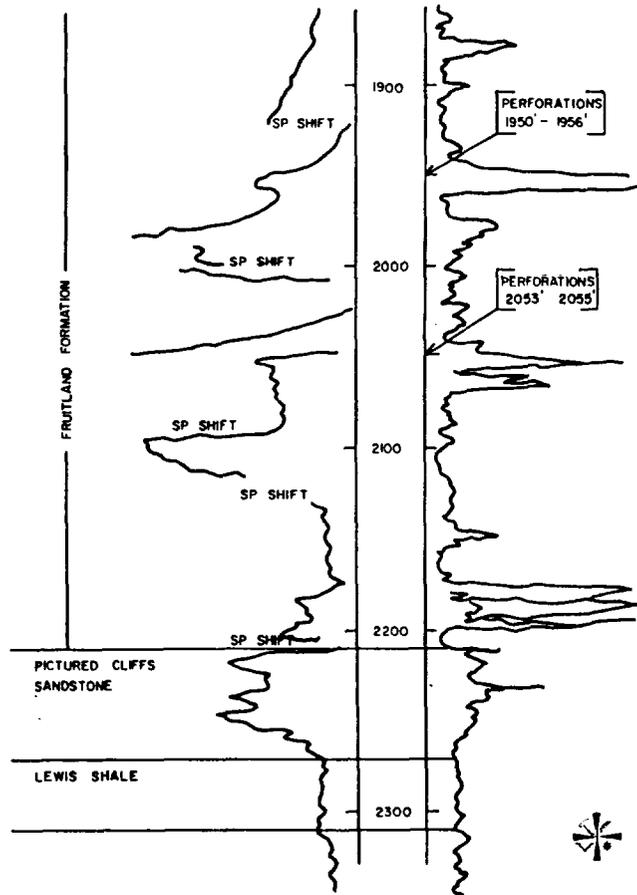
**FIELD COMMENTARY**

The Farmer Fruitland field is located adjacent to, and within the city limits of Aztec, New Mexico. The field produces from the Fruitland Formation which represents sedimentation that occurred along a deltaic plain covered by numerous swamps and drained by streams. Gas production is from distributary channel sandstones and overbank deposits. The erratic distribution of the sandstone sequences makes correlation of beds and confident mapping difficult. The discovery well, the Manana No. 1 Bobby Herrera, was completed in two intervals of the Fruitland: the upper zone is a well developed fining-upward channel sequence capped by a coal and may represent an abandoned river meander which eventually silted up and was covered by swamp deposits.

The C & E No. 8 Aztec (SW sec. 8) and the C & E No. 8-A Fee (NW sec. 8) appear to be completed in the same sandstone interval. The No. 1 Bobby Herrera (SW sec. 4) and the C & E No. 9 Aztec (SW sec. 9) appear to be completed at the same stratigraphic level but in a different sandstone bed from the two wells mentioned previously. Three of the four wells in this field produce gas from the Fruitland commingled with Pictured Cliffs production and are listed under the Aztec Pictured Cliffs field, even though they are within the boundaries of the Farmer Fruitland field.



FARMER FRUITLAND



**AZTEC FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 29-30 N., R. 10-11 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New MexicoBy: T. Lynn Malone  
El Paso Natural Gas Company**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** San Juan Basin, northwest New Mexico  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Nacimiento Formation  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology, plug-back of Pictured Cliffs well  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 10 to 60 feet of sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Discontinuous fluvial deposits  
**Other Significant Shows:** Farmington Sandstone Member of Kirtland Shale, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone, "Chacra" sandstones, Mesaverde Group, and Dakota Sandstone  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Francis L. Harvey No. 1 Hare  
**Location:** SE SE (770' FSL and 1270' FEL) sec. 14, T. 29 N., R. 11 W., NMPM  
**Elevation:** 5,540 feet  
**Date of Completion:** June 20, 1952  
**Total Depth:** 1,880 feet; plugged back to 1,747 feet  
**Production Casing:** 8 5/8" at 100 feet; 5 1/2" at 1,786 feet  
**Perforations:** 1,563 to 1,587 feet; 1,593 to 1,605 feet  
**Stimulation:** Natural  
**Initial Potential:** 500 MCFGD, gauge with pitot tube  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** Shut in casing pressure, 638 psi

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

For single completion, set surface casing, drill to base of Fruitland Formation, run wireline logs, run 2 7/8" casing to total depth, perforate selected intervals, break down and sand-water fracture. The Fruitland could possibly be dually completed with the Pictured Cliffs, "Chacra," or Mesaverde in this area.

**RESERVOIR DATA**

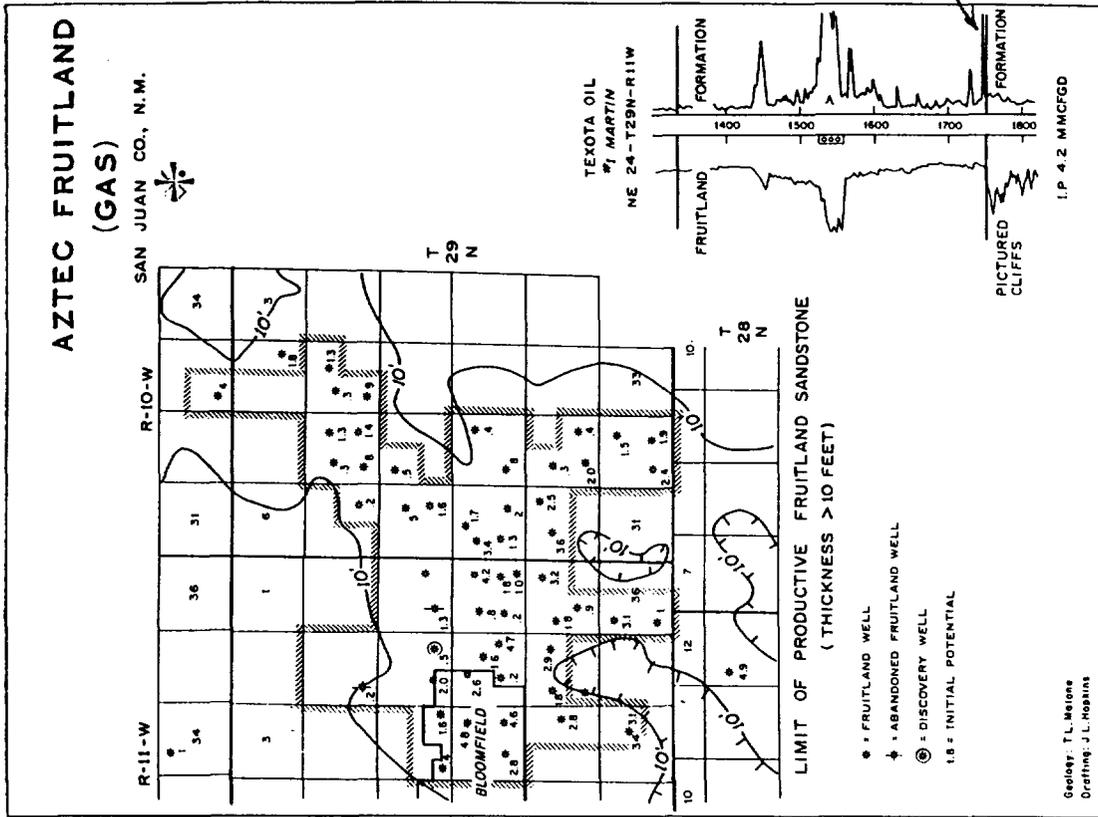
**Productive Area:**  
 Proved (as determined geologically): 8,160 acres  
 Unproved: 2,720 acres  
 Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
 No. of Producing Wells: 49  
 No. of Abandoned Wells: 2  
 No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 30 feet  
**Porosity:** 10 to 18 percent  
**Permeability:** Not known  
**Water Saturation:** 40 percent  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 650 psi  
**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** 1,146 Btu; in molecular percentage: methane 87.72, ethane 6.90, propane 2.88; specific gravity 0.650  
**Associated Water Characteristics:** Rw .38 ohm, total dissolved solids 17,480 ppm  
**Estimated Recovery:** 33,600,000 MCFG  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 2,473 MCFGD  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas Company

**FIELD COMMENTARY**

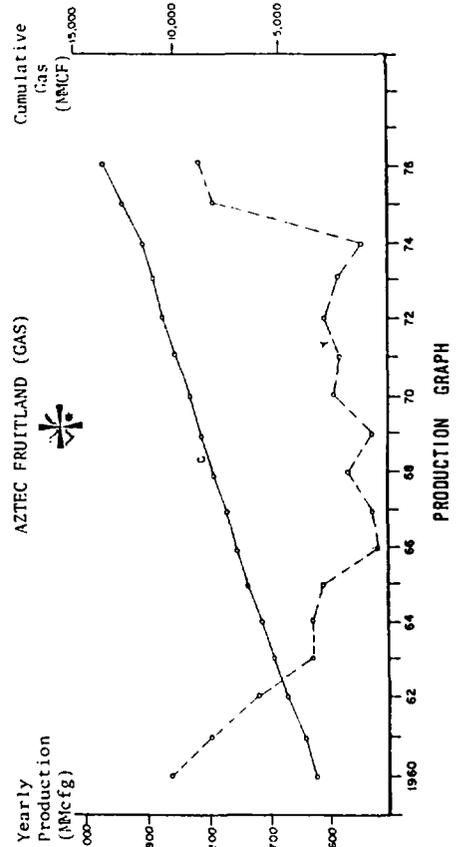
Cretaceous strata above the Pictured Cliffs comprising the Fruitland and Kirtland Formations are nonmarine and contain sandstones with limited lateral extent. Close control is needed to delineate the stratigraphic trends in these upper formations.

A transition zone lay between the Pictured Cliffs sea and the continental conditions to the west. The sediments which were deposited in this transitional environment now comprise the Fruitland Formation. Lush vegetation which existed in this swampy area is now represented in the rock record as coal and carbonaceous shale. Much of the floor of the swamp was covered with still-standing waters. Small sluggish streams flowed through these waters, perpendicular to the Pictured Cliffs strandline.

A massive coal bed is often present near the base of the Fruitland. Overlying this coal is a shale-silt sequence approximately 50 feet thick which is overlain by a 200-foot section of the Fruitland which contains the sandstones of economic potential. The upper portion of the Fruitland Formation is comprised of siltstone and shale and grades into the overlying Kirtland Shale.



NUMBER OF WELLS AT YEARS END				- PRODUCTION - OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF	
YEAR	TYPE	PROD.	S.I./ABN.	ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1960	Gas	20		355,187	3,495,124
	Oil				2,114
	Gas	31		789,315	4,272,335
1961	Oil				2,114
	Gas	32		706,351	4,978,586
1962	Oil				2,114
	Gas	32		626,248	5,605,107
1963	Oil				2,114
	Gas	32		623,021	6,227,785
1964	Oil				2,114
	Gas	32		606,361	6,834,146
1965	Oil				2,114
	Gas	33		519,338	7,353,484
1966	Oil				2,114
	Gas	33		524,711	7,878,195
1967	Oil				2,114
	Gas	33		565,981	8,444,176
1968	Oil				2,114
	Gas	33		520,720	8,964,896
1969	Oil				
	Gas	33		588,541	9,553,437
1970	Oil				
	Gas	33		571,312	10,124,749
1971	Oil				
	Gas	34		599,743	10,784,655
1972	Oil				
	Gas	34		573,674	11,358,329
1973	Oil				
	Gas	37		538,070	11,896,399
1974	Oil				
	Gas	48		780,818	12,703,143
1975	Oil				
	Gas	49		799,608	13,607,752
1976	Oil				



**KUTZ FRUITLAND, WEST**

(Gas)

T. 29 N., R. 12-13 W.

San Juan County, New Mexico

By: Michael F. Conlon  
Energy Reserves Group**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** West-central San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Ojo Alamo Sandstone; Cretaceous, Kirtland Shale  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 20 feet, sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Elongate, lenticular, sandstone lense; northwest depositional strike  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone and Dakota Sandstone produce in the area  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Locke-Taylor Drilling Co. No. 1 Tycksen  
**Location:** NE NE (990' FNL and 990' FEL) sec. 23, T. 29 N., R. 13 W.  
**Elevation (KB):** 5,300 feet (estimate)  
**Date of Completion:** October 22, 1952  
**Total Depth:** 1,230 feet  
**Production Casing:** 5" at about 900 feet  
**Perforations:** Open hole completion, 900 to 975 feet  
**Stimulation:** Nitroglycerine  
**Initial Potential:** 370 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 350 psi

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

Well is drilled into the Pictured Cliffs where 5½" casing is set and a completion is attempted. If the Pictured Cliffs is nonproductive, the well is plugged back and perforated in the Fruitland. Treatment is a sand-water fracture consisting of 21,000 gallons of water and 30,000 lbs of sand.

**RESERVOIR DATA**

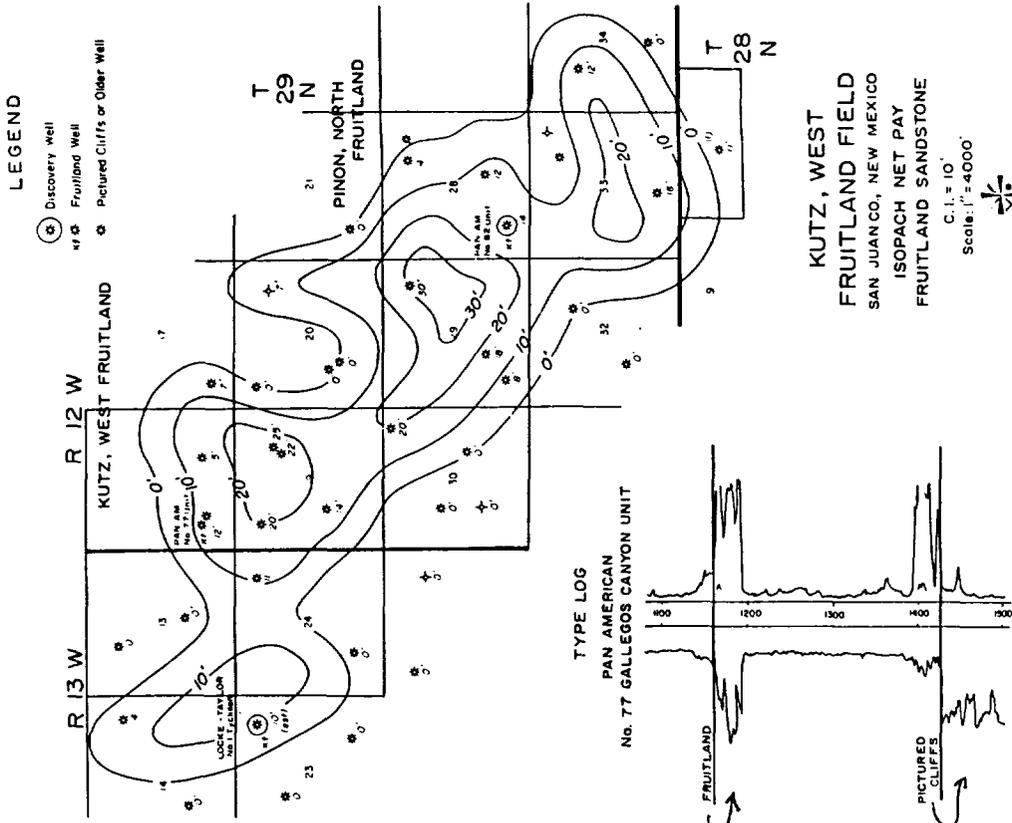
**Productive Area:**  
 Proved (as determined geologically): 500 acres  
 Unproved: 2,000 acres (The boundary between Kutz, West, and Pinon, North is not defined. Combined total unproved area for both fields is 3,300 acres.)  
 Approved Spacing: None  
 No. of Producing Wells: 2  
 No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
 No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 12 feet  
**Porosity:** 16 percent (estimated)  
**Permeability:** Unknown  
**Water Saturation:** 40 percent (estimated)  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 382 psia  
**Type of Drive:** Pressure depletion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Specific gravity 0.664  
**Oil Characteristics and Analysis:** None  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** 3,000 to 5,000 ppm NaCl  
**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** Unknown  
**Estimated Primary Recovery:** 1,370,000 MCFG (80 percent)  
**Type of Secondary Recovery:** None  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 115 MCFGD  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas

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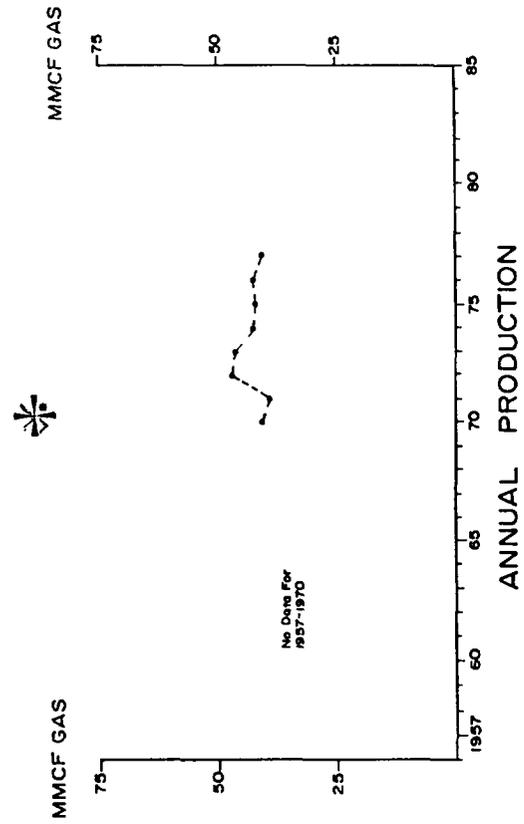
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YEAR	NO. OF WELLS @ YR. END		PRODUCTION OIL IN BARRELS GAS IN MCF CUMULATIVE	
	TYPE	PROD.	SI/ABN	ANNUAL
1957-	OIL	1		
1958	GAS	1		No Data
1959-	OIL	2		No Data
1969	GAS	2		
1970	OIL	2		40,475
	GAS	2		173,487
1971	OIL	2		58,431
	GAS	2		511,918
1972	OIL	2		47,427
	GAS	2		559,345
1973	OIL	2		47,231
	GAS	2		606,576
1974	OIL	2		43,021
	GAS	2		619,600
1975	OIL	2		42,680
	GAS	2		692,280
1976	OIL	2		43,016
	GAS	2		735,296
1977	OIL	2		41,290
	GAS	2		776,586



KUTZ, WEST  
FRUITLAND FIELD  
SAN JUAN CO., NEW MEXICO  
ISOPACH NET PAY  
FRUITLAND SANDSTONE  
C.I. = 10'  
Scale: 1" = 4000'

**PINON FRUITLAND, NORTH**

(Gas)

T. 29 N., R. 12 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New MexicoBy: Michael F. Conlon  
Energy Reserves Group**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** West central San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Ojo Alamo Sandstone; Cretaceous, Kirtland Shale  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface geology  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic  
**Producing Formation:** Cretaceous, Fruitland Formation  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** 20 feet, sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Elongate lenticular sandstone with northwest depositional strike  
**Other Significant Shows:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone and Dakota Sandstone produce in the area  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Dakota Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Pan American No. 82 Gallegos Canyon Unit  
**Location:** SW SW (790' FSL and 1190' FWL) sec. 28, T. 29 N., R. 12 W.  
**Elevation (KB):** 5,334 feet  
**Date of Completion:** Plugged and abandoned January, 1961; re-entered and completed in Fruitland August, 1966  
**Total Depth:** 1,304 feet  
**Production Casing:** 5½" to 1,304 feet with 200 sacks of cement  
**Perforations:** 950 to 964 feet  
**Stimulation:** Sand-water fracture; 18,400 gallons water, 20,000 lbs sand  
**Initial Potential:** 900 MCFGD, ¾" choke  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** 399 psia

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

Well is drilled into the Pictured Cliffs where 5½" casing is set and a completion is attempted. If the Pictured Cliffs is non-productive, the well is plugged back and perforated in the Fruitland. Treatment is a sand-water fracture consisting of 18,400 gallons of water and 20,000 lbs of sand.

**RESERVOIR DATA**

**Productive Area:**  
 Proved (as determined geologically): 320 acres  
 Unproved: 1,300 acres (The boundary between Pinon, North and Kutz, West is not defined. Total combined unproved area for both fields is 3,300 acres.)  
 Approved Spacing: None  
 No. of Producing Wells: 1  
 No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
 No. of Dry Holes: 0  
**Average Net Pay:** 14 feet  
**Porosity:** 16 percent (estimated)  
**Permeability:** Unknown  
**Water Saturation:** 40 percent (estimated)  
**Initial Field Pressure:** 399 psia  
**Type of Drive:** Pressure depletion  
**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Unknown  
**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** 3,000 to 5,000 ppm NaCl  
**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** Unknown  
**Estimated Primary Recovery:** 180,000 MCFGD 75 percent of gas in place  
**Type of Secondary Recovery:** None  
**Present Daily Average Production:** 20 MCFGD  
**Market Outlets:** El Paso Natural Gas

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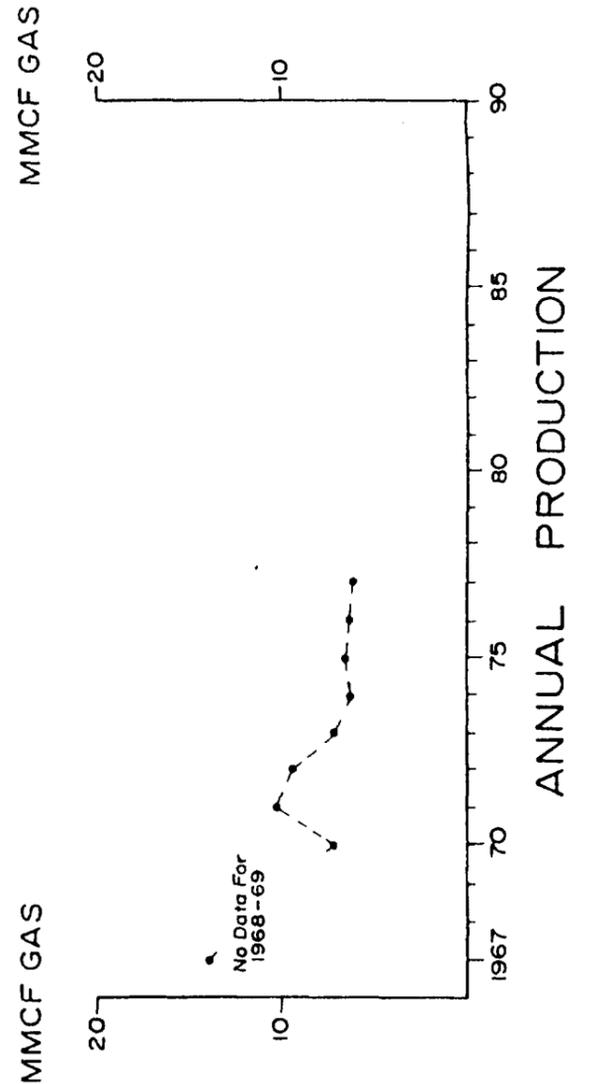
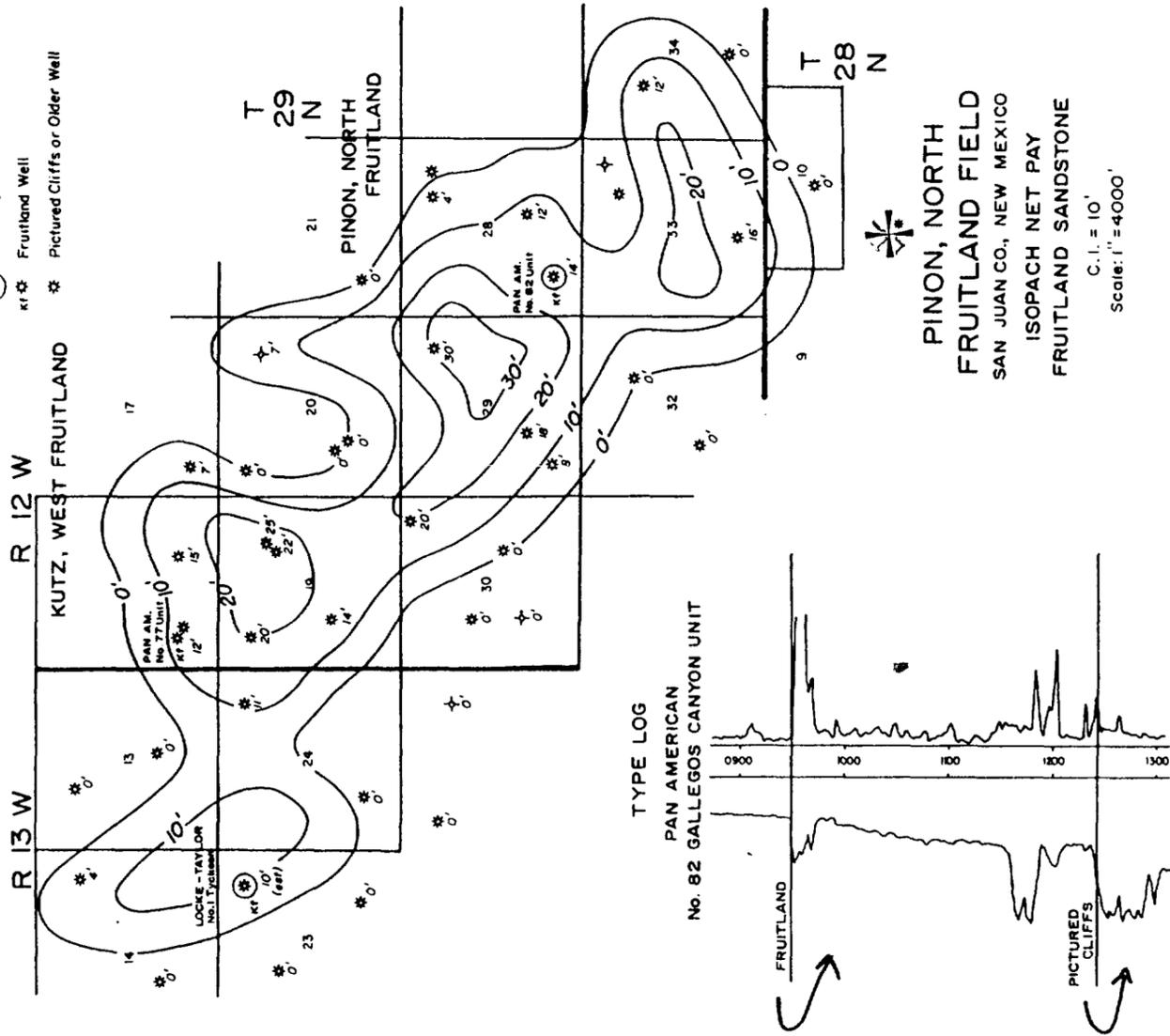
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YEAR	NO. OF WELLS @ YR. END			PRODUCTION	
	TYPE	PROD.	SI/ABN	OIL IN BARRELS ANNUAL	GAS IN MCF CUMULATIVE
1967	OIL	1		14,037	14,037
1968	GAS	1		No Data	
	OIL	1		No Data	
1969	GAS	1		No Data	
	OIL	1		No Data	
1970	GAS	1		7,220	40,965
	OIL	1			
1971	GAS	1		10,400	51,365
	OIL	1		9,703	61,068
1972	GAS	1		7,031	68,099
	OIL	1		6,472	74,571
1973	GAS	1		6,805	81,376
	OIL	1		6,600	87,976
1974	GAS	1		6,240	94,216
	OIL	1			

Oil and Gas Fields of the Four Corners Area]

LEGEND

- ⊙ Discovery Well
- \* Fruitland Well
- ⊛ Pictured Cliffs or Older Well



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**CROUCH MESA FRUITLAND**

(Gas)

T. 29 N., R. 12 W., NMPM  
San Juan County, New MexicoBy: Elliott A. Riggs  
Independent Petroleum Geologist**GEOLOGY**

**Regional Setting:** Western part, San Juan Basin  
**Surface Formations:** Tertiary, Ojo Alamo Sandstone  
**Exploration Method Leading to Discovery:** Subsurface; found on logs during deeper drilling  
**Type of Trap:** Stratigraphic, local sandstone lense  
**Producing Formation:** Well was dual completion, Fruitland Formation and Pictured Cliffs Sandstone both producing  
**Gross Thickness and Lithology of Reservoir Rocks:** Fruitland sandstone bed 10 feet, light gray sandstone; Pictured Cliffs, 25 feet, light gray, fine- to medium-grained, tight dirty sandstone  
**Geometry of Reservoir Rock:** Fruitland, erratic sandstone body encased in shale; Pictured Cliffs, typical complex sandstone varies from location to location through 50 to 75 foot thick interval  
**Other Significant Shows:** None  
**Oldest Stratigraphic Horizon Penetrated:** Cretaceous, Pictured Cliffs Sandstone

**DISCOVERY WELL**

**Name:** Devonian Gas and Oil Co. No. 1 Federal  
**Location:** SE NW sec. 4, T. 29 N., R. 12 W.  
**Elevation (KB):** 5,731 feet  
**Date of Completion:** June 26, 1959  
**Total Depth:** 1,856 feet  
**Production Casing:** 5 1/2" to 1,856 feet with 150 sacks of cement for dual completion  
**Perforations:** Fruitland 1,566 to 1,576 feet; Pictured Cliffs 1,776 to 1,800 feet  
**Stimulation:** Both zones were sand-water fractured  
**Initial Potential:** Fruitland 1,500 MCFGD; Pictured Cliffs 1,300 MCFGD  
**Bottom Hole Pressure:** Fruitland 410 psi (shut-in casing pressure); Pictured Cliffs 327 psi (shut-in casing pressure)

**DRILLING AND COMPLETION PRACTICES**

Set approximately 112 feet of 8 5/8" surface casing. Drill out with fresh water mud to total depth and run electric logs. If sandstone development on logs warrants, run 5 1/2" casing to base of Pictured Cliffs Sandstone. Selectively perforate Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland. Sand-water fracture each zone. Set production packer to isolate Pictured Cliffs and Fruitland intervals. Run 1" tubing siphon string to approximately 1,656 feet to produce Fruitland. Set 1 1/4" tubing siphon string to approximately 1,785 feet through packer to produce Pictured Cliffs Sandstone. Completion of Fruitland interval depends primarily on satisfactory appearance of the interval on electric logs.

**Productive Area:**

Proved (as determined geologically): Less than 160 acres  
 Unproved: 0

Approved Spacing: 160 acres  
 No. of Producing Wells: 1  
 No. of Abandoned Wells: 0  
 No. of Dry Holes: 0

**Average Net Pay:** 10 feet**Porosity:** Estimated 13 percent**Permeability:** Unknown**Water Saturation:** 30 percent**Initial Field Pressure:** Fruitland shut-in casing pressure at completion was 410 psi**Type of Drive:** Gas expansion**Gas Characteristics and Analysis:** Sweet, 1,100 to 1,200 Btu**Oil Characteristics and Analysis:** None**Associated Water Characteristics and Analysis:** Fresh**Original Gas, Oil, and Water Contact Datums:** None**Estimated Primary Recovery:** 124,000 MCFG**Type of Secondary Recovery (existing or planned):** None**Estimated Ultimate Recovery:** 124,000 MCFG**Present Daily Average Production:** Varies according to pipeline pressure and market conditions, averages currently 3 MCFGD**Market Outlets:** Gas is sold to both Northwest Pipeline Corp. and El Paso Natural Gas Corp.**FIELD COMMENTARY**

The Crouch Mesa Fruitland gas field is a one well field completed in the Pictured Cliffs Sandstone and the Fruitland Formation as a dual well. The Fruitland gas sandstone zone was discovered on electric logs when the original well was drilled in 1959. This is typical of Fruitland completions in the San Juan Basin, as the reservoirs tend to be limited in areal extent, discontinuous, and elusive. The sandstone bodies are traditionally so small that there is some difficulty in mapping most of them from section to section. Some seem to be bar-like; however, others give the definite impression of sinuosity and perhaps represent fluvial channels. This well was purchased by Riggs Oil and Gas Corporation in 1968 and has been operated by that firm since that time. Production has continued to decline along with reservoir pressure. The well is probably non-commercial at the present time; however, the zone's economics are assisted by Pictured Cliffs production. Further development in the area will be hampered by encroaching urban development. Structure is not a key factor in the Crouch Mesa Fruitland accumulation. There are no known gas-water contacts. There is almost no water production. Regional dip is to the northeast at 1/2 degree to 1 degree per mile.

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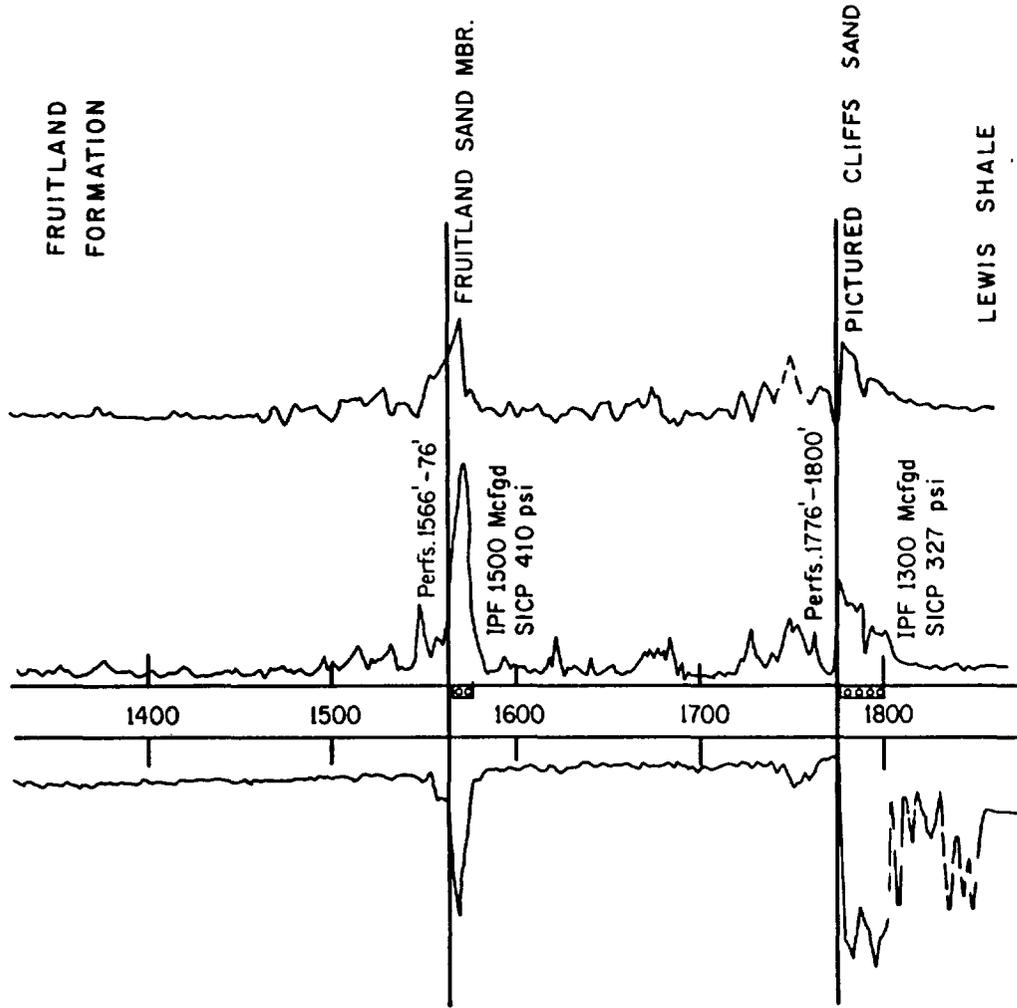
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YEAR	NO. OF WELLS @ YR. END	TYPE	PROD. SI/ABN	PRODUCTION	
				OIL IN BARRELS	GAS IN MCF
				ANNUAL	CUMULATIVE
1959		Oil		0	0
		Gas	1 SI		
1960		Gas		19,571	19,571
		Oil			
1961		Gas		9,669	29,240
		Oil			
1962		Gas		7,078	36,318
		Oil			
1963		Gas		4,484	40,802
		Oil			
1964		Gas		6,922	47,724
		Oil			
1965		Gas		5,925	53,649
		Oil			
1966		Gas		4,986	58,635
		Oil			
1967		Gas		4,216	62,851
		Oil			
1968		Gas		4,601*	67,452
		Oil			
1969		Gas		7,410	74,862
		Oil			
1970		Gas		5,498	80,360
		Oil			
1971		Gas		6,461	86,821
		Oil			
1972		Gas		5,451	92,272
		Oil			
1973		Gas		4,853	97,125
		Oil			
1974		Gas		4,172	101,297
		Oil			
1975		Gas		3,656	104,953
		Oil			
1976		Gas		3,196	108,149
		Oil			
1977		Gas		4,885	113,034
		Oil			
1978		Gas		3,095	116,129
		Oil			
1979		Gas		2,215	118,344
		Oil			
1980		Gas		1,173	120,117
		Oil			
1981		Gas		1,977	122,094
		Oil			
1982		Gas		881	122,975

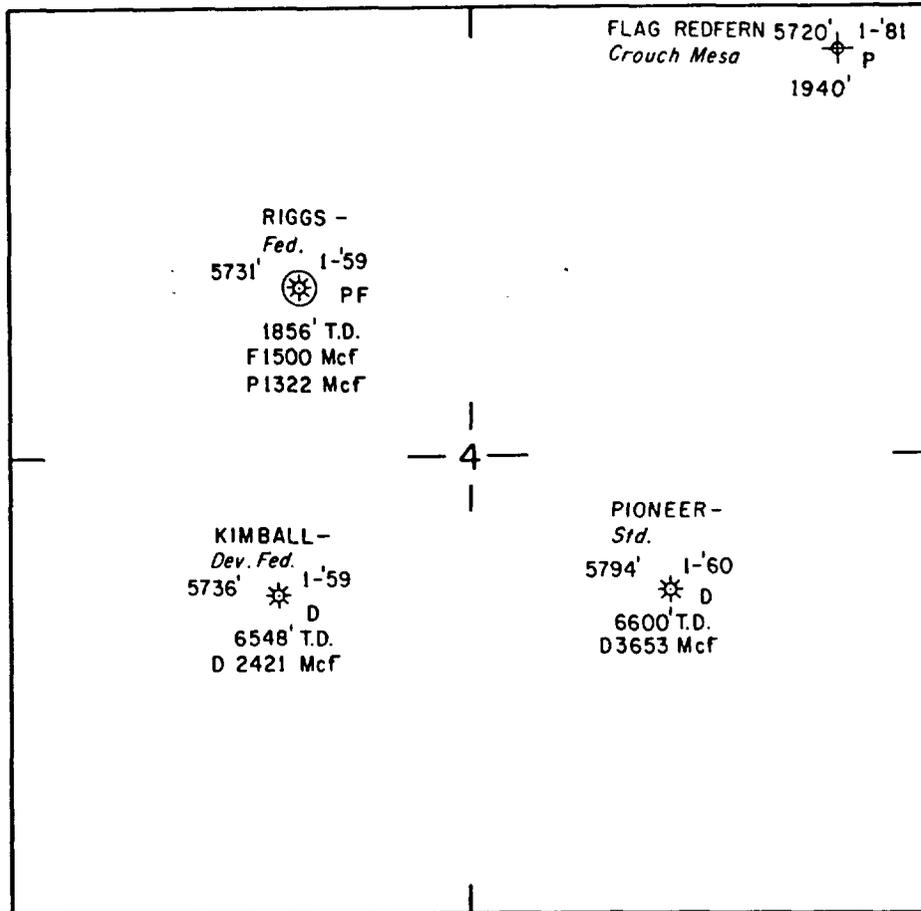
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 P = PICTURED CLIFFS "  
 D = DAKOTA "

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