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Surface Use Plan  
James 29 Federal #40  
Cimarex Energy Co.  
UL: A, Sec. 29, 23S, 32E  
Lea Co., NM

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The following surface use plan of operations will be followed and carried out once the APD is approved. No other disturbance will be created other than what is submitted in this surface use plan without approval. If any other disturbance is needed after the APD is approved, a BLM approved sundry notice or right of way application will be submitted for approval prior to any new surface disturbance.

### 1. Existing Roads:

Area access roads and general road maps:

- Exhibit B: General Highway Map
- Exhibit C: USGS Topographic Map
- Exhibit C-1: Public Access Road Map
- Exhibit C-2: Existing and proposed access roads plat

The maximum width of the driving surface will be 14'. The road will be crowned and ditched with a 2% slope from the tip of the crown to the edge of the driving surface. The ditches will be 1' deep with 3:1 slopes. The driving surface will be made of 6" rolled and compacted caliche.

Existing access road route to the proposed project is depicted on the public access point map if applicable. Improvements to the driving surface will be done where necessary. No new surface disturbance will be done, unless otherwise noted in the New or Reconstructed Access Roads section of the surface use plan.

From Hwy 128 at mile marker 19 go northeast 2.2 miles, turn northwest and go 0.3 miles, turn west and go 1.2 miles to proposed location.

If existing roads are used, the operator will improve or maintain existing roads in a condition the same as or better than before the operations began. The operator will repair pot holes, etc. All existing structures on the entire access route such as cattleguards, other range improvement projects, culverts, etc. will be properly repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use.

The operator will prevent and abate fugitive dust as needed, whether created by vehicular traffic, equipment operations, or other events. The operator will obtain written BLM approval prior to the application of surfactants, binding agents, or other dust suppression chemicals on the roadways.

### 2. New or Reconstructed Access Roads:

A new road will be constructed for this project.

Cimarex Energy plans to construct 250.2' of new on-lease access road to service the well. The planned access road does not cross lease boundaries, a right of way grant will not be acquired from the BLM.

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Proposed and existing access road route to the proposed wellsite is depicted on Exhibit C-2. Improvements to the driving surface will be done where necessary. No new surface disturbance will be done without prior approval from the BLM.

The operator will prevent and abate fugitive dust as needed, whether created by vehicular traffic, equipment operations, or other events.

### 3. Planned Electric Line:

No new electric lines are planned.

### 4. Location of Existing Well in a One-Mile Radius -Exhibit A:

- Water Wells - None known
- Disposal Wells - None known
- Drilling Wells - None known
- Producing Wells - As shown on Exhibit A.
- Abandoned Wells - As shown on Exhibit A

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**5. Location of Existing or Proposed Production Facilities:**

If on completion this well is a producer, a tank battery will be used and the necessary production equipment will be installed and production will be sent to the James 29 Federal #20 Battery. Cimarex Energy proposes to install two 4 inch buried HP polylines down existing lease road to the James 29 Federal #20 Battery battery.

Cimarex Energy plans to construct on lease flowlines to service the well.

Specifications of Polyline: 1 HP polyline for oil, gas, and water production. 1 HP polyline for gas lift.

Both lines will be buried 25'-35' North of the access road.

Length: 3070'

MAOP: 1500 psi. Anticipated working pressure: 200-300 psi.

Allocation will be based on well test. Route is on lease, please see Exhibit G. Any changes to on lease route will be submitted via sundry notice. If route is off lease, a right of way will be submitted to the BLM for approval.

**6. Location and Type of Water Supply:**

Water will be purchased locally from a commercial source and trucked over the access roads.

**7. Source of Construction Material:**

If possible, native caliche will be obtained from the excavation of drill site. The primary way of obtaining caliche will be by "turning over" the location. This means caliche will be obtained from the actual well site. A caliche permit will be obtained from BLM prior to pushing up any caliche. 2400 cu yds is the max amount of caliche needed for pad and roads. Amount will vary for each pad. The procedure below has been approved by BLM personnel:

- The top 6 inches of topsoil is pushed off and stockpiled along the side of the location.
- An approximate 120' x 120' area is used within the proposed well site to remove caliche.
- Subsoil is removed and piled alongside the 120' by 120' area within the pad site.
- When caliche is found, material will be stockpiled within the pad site to build the location and road.
- Then subsoil is pushed back in the hole and caliche is spread accordingly across entire location and road.
- Once well is drilled, the stockpiled top soil will be used for interim reclamation and spread along areas where caliche is picked up and the location size is reduced. Neither caliche nor subsoil will be stockpiled outside of the well pad. Topsoil will be stockpiled along the edge of the pad as depicted in Exhibit D – Rig Layout Diagram.

In the event that no caliche is found onsite, caliche will be hauled in from a BLM-approved caliche pit.

**8. Methods of Handling Waste**

- Drilling fluids, produced oil, and water from the well during drilling and completion operations will be stored safely and disposed of properly in a NMOCD approved disposal facility.
- Garbage and trash produced during drilling and completion operations will be collected in a trash container and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility. All trash on and around well site will be collected for disposal.
- Human waste and grey water will be properly contained and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal site.
- After drilling and completion operations, trash, chemicals, salts, frac sand and other waste will be removed and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal site.
- The well will be drilled utilizing a closed loop system. Drill cuttings will be properly disposed of into steel tanks and taken to an NMOCD approved disposal facility.

**9. Ancillary Facilities:**

No camps or airstrips to be constructed.

**10. Well Site Layout:**

- Exhibit "D" shows location and rig layout.
- Mud pits in the closed circulation system will be steel pits and the cuttings will be stored in steel containment pits.
- Cuttings will be stored in steel pits until they are hauled to a state-approved disposal facility.
- If the well is a producer, those areas of the location not essential to production facilities will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements.

**11. Plans for Restoration of Surface:**

Rehabilitation of the location will start in a timely manner after all drilling operations cease. The type of reclamation will depend on whether the well is a producer or a dry hole.

In areas planned for interim and final reclamation, surfacing materials will be removed and returned to a mineral pit or recycled to repair or build roads and well pads.

Drainage systems, if any, will be reshaped to the original configuration with provisions made to alleviate erosion. These may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the location's pad and surface facilities. After the area has been shaped and contoured, topsoil from the spoil pile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Revegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards.

If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road area will be recountoured to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be spread to the extent possible. Revegetation will comply with BLM standards.

Should the well be producer, those areas of the location not essential to production facilities and operations will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements. Please see Production Facilities Layout Diagram, exhibit D-1

**12. Other Information:**

- Topography consists of a sloping plane with loose tan sands. Vegetation is mainly yucca, mesquite and shin oak.
- The wellsite is on surface owned by Bureau of Land Management. The land is used mainly for farming; cattle ranching, recreational use, and oil and gas production.
- In lieu of an archaeological survey report, Cimarex will be submitting an MOA application for this well pad and access road since they are within the MOA boundary.
- There are no known dwellings within 1½ miles of this location.

**13. On Site Notes and Information:**

Onsite: 8/29/13. Barry Hunt, Jesse Rice, and Basin Surveys on location. OK where staked. V-Door East. Frac pad Northwest corner (North): Top soil north. Interim reclamation: All sides. Access road southeast corner south. Pipelines to follow road and then west down same existing road (north side) rerouting around Harvard well (south side) then back on north side to battery at #20.