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# **Surface Use Plan of Operations**

## Introduction

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 was submitted in this surface use plan. If any other surface disturbance is needed after the APD is approved, a BLM approved sundry notice or right of way application will be acquired prior to any new surface disturbance.

Before any surface disturbance is created, stakes or flagging will be installed to mark boundaries of permitted areas of disturbance, including soils storage areas. As necessary, slope, grade, and other construction control stakes will be placed to ensure construction in accordance with the surface use plan. All boundary markers will be maintained in place until final construction cleanup is completed. If disturbance boundary markers are disturbed or knocked down, they will be replaced before construction proceeds.

If terms and conditions are attached to the approved APD and amend any of the proposed actions in this surface use plan, we will adhere to the terms and conditions.

## **1. Existing Roads**

a. The existing access road route to the proposed project is depicted on EXHIBIT 1. 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 this surface use plan.

b. The existing access road route to the proposed project does not cross lease or unit boundaries, so a BLM rightof-way grant will not be acquired for this proposed road route.

c. The operator will improve or maintain existing roads in a condition the same as or better than before operations begin. The operator will repair pot holes, clear ditches, repair the crown, 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.

d. We will prevent and abate fugitive dust as needed, whether created by vehicular traffic, equipment operations, or wind events. BLM written approval will be acquired before application of surfactants, binding agents, or other dust suppression chemicals on roadways.

## 2. New or Reconstructed Access Roads

a. No new road will be constructed for this project.

## 3. Location of Existing Wells

a. EXHIBIT 2 of the APD depicts all known wells within a one mile radius of the proposed well.

b. There is no other information regarding wells within a one mile radius.

## 4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Production Facilities

a. All permanent, lasting more than 6 months, above ground structures including but not limited to pumpjacks, storage tanks, barrels, pipeline risers, meter housing, etc. that are not subject to safety requirements will be painted a non-reflective paint color, Shale Green, from the BLM Standard Environmental Colors chart, unless another color is required in the APD Conditions of Approval.

b. If any type of production facilities are located on the well pad, they will be strategically placed to allow for maximum interim reclamation, recontouring, and revegetation of the well location.

c. Production from the proposed well will be transported to the production facility named WBDU SATELLITE

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#3. The location of the facility is as follows: 32 29' 32.72"N; 103 9' 56.79"W.

d. A pipeline to transport production will be installed from the proposed well to the existing production facility.

i. We plan to install a 3 inch surface POLYETHYLENE pipeline from the proposed well to the production facility. The proposed length of the pipeline will be 1268 feet. The working pressure of the pipeline will be 50 psi or less. If the pipeline route follows an existing road or buried pipeline right-of-way, the surface pipeline will be installed no farther than 10 feet from the edge of the road or buried pipeline right-of-way. If existing surface pipelines prevent this distance, the proposed surface pipeline will be installed immediately adjacent to the outer surface pipeline. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to existing roads or right-of-ways.

ii. EXHIBIT 1A depicts the proposed production pipeline route from the well to the production facility.

iii. The proposed pipeline does not cross lease boundaries, so a right of way grant will not need to be acquired from the BLM.

If any plans change regarding the production facility or other infrastructure (pipeline, electric line, etc.), we will submit a sundry notice or right of way (if applicable) prior to installation or construction.

#### **Electric Line(s)**

a. We plan to install an overhead electric line for the proposed well. The proposed length of the electric line will be 640 feet. EXHIBIT 1B & 1C depicts the location of the proposed electric line route. The electric line will be construction to provide protection from raptor electrocution.

b. The proposed electric line does not cross lease boundaries, so a right of way grant will not need to be acquired from the BLM.

## 5. Location and Types of Water

a. The source and location of the water supply are as follows: ALL WATER\_FRESH OR OTHERWISE\_WILL BE PURCHASED FROM A COMMERCIAL SOURCE & TRUCKED TO THE LOCATION VIA EXISTING & OR PROPOSED ACCESS ROADS NO WATER SOURCE WELLS WILL BE DRILLED & NO SURFACE WATER WILL BE UTILIZED.

b. The operator will use established or constructed oil and gas roads to transport water to the well site. The operator will try to utilize the identified access route in the surface use plan.

## 6. Construction Material

a. CALICHE WILL BE HAULED/TRUCKED FROM A BLM APPROVED PIT. NO SURFACE MATERIALS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED EXCEPT THOSE NECESSARY FOR ACTUAL GRADING & CONSTRUCTION OF THE DRILL SITE & ACCESS ROAD.

## 7. Methods for Handling Waste

a. Drilling fluids and produced oil and water from the well during drilling and completion operations will be stored safely and disposed of properly in an NMOCD approved disposal facility.

b. 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 the well site will be collected for disposal.

c. Human waste and grey water will be properly contained and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility.

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d. After drilling and completion operations, trash, chemicals, salts, frac sand and other waste material will be removed and disposed of properly at a state approved disposal facility.

e. The well will be drilled utilizing a closed loop system. Drill cutting will be properly disposed of into steel tanks and taken to an NMOCD approved disposal facility.

## 8. Ancillary Facilities

a. No ancillary facilities will be needed for this proposed project.

#### 9. Well Site Layout

a. The following information is presented in the well site survey plat or diagram:

i. reasonable scale (near 1":50')

ii. well pad dimensions

iii. well pad orientation

iv. drilling rig components

v. proposed access road

vi. elevations of all points

vii. topsoil stockpile

viii. reserve pit location/dimensions if applicable

ix. other disturbances needed (flare pit, stinger, frac farm pad, etc.)

x. existing structures within the 600' x 600' archaeoligical surveyed area (pipelines, electric lines, well pads, etc.

b. The proposed drilling pad was staked and surveyed by a professional surveyor. The attached survey plat of the well site depicts the drilling pad layout as staked.

c. A title of a well site diagram is EXHIBIT 5. This diagram depicts the RIG ORIENTATION & LAYOUT.

d. Topsoil Salvaging

i. Grass, forbs, and small woody vegetation, such as mesquite will be excavated as the topsoil is removed. Large woody vegetation will be stripped and stored separately and respread evenly on the site following topsoil respreading. Topsoil depth is defined as the top layer of soil that contains 80% of the roots. In areas to be heavily disturbed, the top 6 inches of soil material, will be stripped and stockpiled on the perimeter of the well location and along the perimeter of the access road to control run-on and run-off, to keep topsoil viable, and to make redistribution of topsoil more efficient during interim reclamation. Stockpiled topsoil should include vegetative material. Topsoil will be clearly segregated and stored separately from subsoils. Contaminated soil will not be stockpiled, but properly treated and handled prior to topsoil salvaging.

#### **10. Plans for Surface Reclamation**

#### **Reclamation Objectives**

i. The objective of interim reclamation is to restore vegetative cover and a portion of the landform sufficient to maintain healthy, biologically active topsoil; control erosion; and minimize habitat and forage loss, visual impact, and weed infestation, during the life of the well or facilities.

ii. The long-term objective of final reclamation is to return the land to a condition similar to what existed prior to disturbance. This includes restoration of the landform and natural vegetative community, hydrologic systems, visual resources, and wildlife habitats. To ensure that the long-term objective will be reached

through human and natural processes, actions will be taken to ensure standards are met for site stability, visual quality, hydrological functioning, and vegetative productivity.

iii. The BLM will be notified at least 3 days prior to commencement of any reclamation procedures.

iv. If circumstances allow, interim reclamation and/or final reclamation actions will be completed no later than 6 months from when the final well on the location has been completed or plugged. We will gain written permission from the BLM if more time is needed.

v. Interim reclamation will be performed on the well site after the well is drilled and completed. EXHIBIT 6 depicts the location and dimensions of the planned interim reclamation for the well site.

#### **Interim Reclamation Procedures (If performed)**

1. Within 30 days of well completion, the well location and surrounding areas will be cleared of, and maintained free of, all materials, trash, and equipment not required for production.

2. In areas planned for interim reclamation, all the surfacing material will be removed and returned to the original mineral pit or recycled to repair or build roads and well pads.

3. The areas planned for interim reclamation will then be recontoured to the original contour if feasible, or if not feasible, to an interim contour that blends with the surrounding topography as much as possible. Where applicable, the fill material of the well pad will be backfilled into the cut to bring the area back to the original contour. The interim cut and fill slopes prior to re-seeding will not be steeper than a 3:1 ratio, unless the adjacent native topography is steeper. Note: Constructed slopes may be much steeper during drilling, but will be recontoured to the above ratios during interim reclamation.

4. Topsoil will be evenly respread and aggressively revegetated over the entire disturbed area not needed for all-weather operations including cuts & fills. To seed the area, the proper BLM seed mixture, free of noxious weeds, will be used. Final seedbed preparation will consist of contour cultivating to a depth of 4 to 6 inches within 24 hours prior to seeding, dozer tracking, or other imprinting in order to break the soil crust and create seed germination micro-sites.

5. Proper erosion control methods will be used on the area to control erosion, runoff and siltation of the surrounding area.

6. The interim reclamation will be monitored periodically to ensure that vegetation has reestablished and that erosion is controlled.

#### Final Reclamation (well pad, buried pipelines, etc.)

1. Prior to final reclamation procedures, the well pad, road, and surrounding area will be cleared of material, trash, and equipment.

2. All surfacing material will be removed and returned to the original mineral pit or recycled to repair or build roads and well pads.

3. All disturbed areas, including roads, pipelines, pads, production facilities, and interim reclaimed areas will be recontoured to the contour existing prior to initial construction or a contour that blends indistinguishably with the surrounding landscape. Topsoil that was spread over the interim reclamation areas will be stockpiled prior to recontouring. The topsoil will be redistributed evenly over the entire disturbed site to ensure successful revegetation.

4. After all the disturbed areas have been properly prepared, the areas will be seeded with the proper BLM seed mixture, free of noxious weeds. Final seedbed preparation will consist of contour cultivating

to a depth of 4 to 6 inches within 24 hours prior to seeding, dozer tracking, or other imprinting in order to break the soil crust and create seed germination micro-sites.

5. Proper erosion control methods will be used on the entire area to control erosion, runoff and siltation of the surrounding area.

6. All unused equipment and structures including pipelines, electric line poles, tanks, etc. that serviced the well will be removed.

7. All reclaimed areas will be monitored periodically to ensure that revegetation occurs, that the area is not redisturbed, and that erosion is controlled.

## **11. Surface Ownership**

a. The surface ownership of the proposed project is PRIVATE.

1. Surface Owner: MILLARD DECK ESTATE c/o BANK OF AMERICA

**Phone Number:** (432) 688-7926

Address: PO BOX 270 MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702

a. A surface use agreement was obtained from the private surface owner regarding the proposed project.

b. A good faith effort was made to provide a copy of the APD Surface Use Plan of Operations to the private surface owner.

## **12. Other Information**

a. ONSITE COMPLETED BY JEFFERY ROBERTSON ON 1/21/16. ARCHEOLOGY SURVEY WILL BE COMPLETED BY BOONE ARCH SERVICES. OPERATOR REP: DANNY LAMAN - 432-818-1022 OR 432-634-0288; OPERATOR PRODUCTION FOREMAN: RANCY HUNTER - 575-394-1503 OR 575-441-5235.

#### **13. Maps and Diagrams**

EXHIBIT 1 - Existing Road EXHIBIT 2 - Wells Within One Mile EXHIBIT 1A - Production Pipeline EXHIBIT 1B & 1C - Electric Line EXHIBIT 5 - Well Site Diagram EXHIBIT 6 - Interim Reclamation

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE 620 E. GREENE STREET CARLSBAD, NM 88220

#### **OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

I HEARBY CERTIFY THAT I, OR SOMEONE UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION, HAVE INSPECTED THE DRILL SITE AND ACCESS ROUTE PROPOSED HEREIN; THAT I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE CONDITIONS WHICH CURRENTLY EXIST; THAT I HAVE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF STATE AND FEDERAL laws applicable to this operation; that the statements made in the APD package are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed in conformity with this APD package and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. I also certify that I, or the company I represent, am responsible for the operations conducted under this application. These statements are subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of false statements.

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Agents not directly employed by the operator must submit a letter from the operator authorizing that the agent to act or file this application on their behalf.