

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

**APPLICATION OF XTO PERMIAN OPERATING LLC.  
FOR APPROVAL OF EXPANSION OF THE JAMES  
RANCH UNIT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICATION**

XTO Permian Operating LLC., (“XTO”) (OGRID No. 373075) through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division to expand the geographic area of the James Ranch Unit (“Unit”) by 2,400 acres of land. In support of this application, XTO states:

1. Applicant is the designated operator of the Unit.
2. The Unit currently consists of 28,318.09 acres of Federal, State and Fee lands in

Eddy County, comprised of the following acreage:

**Township 21 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.**

- Section 25: All
- Section 26: All
- Section 27: S/2
- Section 31: Lots 1-8; E/2W/2; E/2
- Section 32: All
- Section 33: All
- Section 34: W/2; NE/4; SE/4

**Township 22 South - Range 29 East N.M.P.M.**

- Section 1: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2
- Section 11: All
- Section 12: All
- Section 13: All
- Section 14: All

**Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.**

Section 3: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2  
Section 4: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2  
Section 5: Lots 1-4; S/2N/2; S/2  
Section 6: Lots 1-7; SE/4NW/4; E/2SW/4; SE/4; S/2NE/4  
Section 7: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2  
Section 8: All  
Section 9: All  
Section 10: All  
Section 12: N/2SE/4; SW/4SE/4; S/2SW/4;  
Section 13: NE/4NW/4; W/2W/2  
Section 14: All  
Section 15: All  
Section 16: All  
Section 17: E/2; E/2W/2; W/2SW/4; W/2NW/4  
Section 18: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2  
Section 19: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2  
Section 20: All  
Section 21: All  
Section 22: All  
Section 23: All  
Section 24: W/2NW/4  
Section 26: All  
Section 27: All  
Section 28: All  
Section 29: All  
Section 30: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2  
Section 33: E/2  
Section 34: All  
Section 35: All  
Section 36: All

**Township 22 South - Range 31 East N.M.P.M.**

Section 7: Lot 2  
Section 31: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2

**Township 23 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.**

Section 1: Lots 1-4; S/2NE/4; SE/4  
Section 2: Lots 1-4

**Township 23 South - Range 31 East N.M.P.M.**

Section 5: Lot 4; SW/4NW/4; W/2SW/4

Section 6: Lots 1-7; SE/4NW/4; E/2SW/4; S/2NE/4; SE/4

Section 7: Lots 1-4; E/2W/2; E/2

Section 8: W/2

Section 17: NW/4

Section 18: Lots 1, 2; E/2NW/4; NE/4

3. The unitized interval for the James Ranch Unit includes all depths.
4. XTO has met with Bureau of Land Management and the State Land Office about expanding the James Ranch Unit to include additional Federal and State lands.
5. The Unit Area will now consist of approximately 30,718.09 acres. The expansion area consists of approximately 2,400 acres, comprised of the following Federal and State lands in Eddy County, New Mexico:

**Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.**

Sec. 12: SE/4 SE/4 (40 acres)

Sec. 13: E/2, SE/4 NW/4, E/2 SW/4 (440 acres)

Sec. 24: E/2, E/2 W/2, W/2 SW/4 (560 acres)

Sec. 25: N/2, SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (640 acres)

**Township 23 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.**

Sec. 1: S/2 NW/4, SW/4 (240 acres)

Sec. 2: S/2 N/2, W/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, NE/4 SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (480 acres)

6. The unitized interval for the expanded James Ranch Unit remains all depths.
7. XTO will remain the designated operator under the revised Unit Agreement.
8. XTO has received preliminary approval of the Unit Agreement for the expanded James Ranch Unit from the Bureau of Land Management and the State Land Office. Final approval requires joinder by a sufficient percentage of the interest owners within the proposed expanded Unit Area.

9. The Unit Agreement, and the unitized operation and management of the Unit Area, are in the best interest of conservation, the prevention of waste, and the protection of correlative rights.

WHEREFORE, XTO requests that this Application be set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation on November 2, 2023, and after notice and hearing as required by law, the Division enter its order granting this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR XTO PERMIAN OPERATING  
LLC.**

CASE \_\_\_\_\_: **Application of XTO Permian Operating LLC. for Approval of Expansion of the James Ranch Unit, Eddy County, New Mexico.** Applicant in the above-styled cause seeks an order expanding their James Ranch Unit to include 2,400 acres of additional Federal and State lands in Eddy County, comprised of the following acreage:

**Township 22 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.**

- Sec. 12: SE/4 SE/4 (40 acres)
- Sec. 13: E/2, SE/4 NW/4, E/2 SW/4 (440 acres)
- Sec. 24: E/2, E/2 W/2, W/2 SW/4 (560 acres)
- Sec. 25: N/2, SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (560 acres)

**Township 23 South - Range 30 East N.M.P.M.**

- Sec. 1: S/2 NW/4, SW/4 (240 acres)
- Sec. 2: S/2 N/2, W/2 SW/4, SE/4 SW/4, N/2 SE/4, NE/4 SW/4, S/2 SE/4 (480 acres)

The unitized interval for the expanded James Ranch Unit remains all depths. This area is located approximately 16 miles east of Carlsbad, New Mexico.