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State of New Mexico  
Oil Conservation Division  
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2088



**BHP**  
**Petroleum**  
(Americas) Inc

RE: Unorthodox Location, Administrative Approval Request  
Gallegos Canyon Unit #503  
SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 18 T29N R12W  
San Juan County, New Mexico

9/11/90

*Copy sent to E. Busch*

*OKed by E. Busch*

10/9/90

Gentlemen:

BHP Petroleum respectfully requests that a non standard location be administratively approved to allow the GCU #503 well to be drilled 1265' FSL and 1850' FEL to be completed in the Pictured Cliffs formation.

The non standard location is requested due to topographical reasons. A standard location is not possible due to steep terrain and an existing gravel mining operation.

The subject well is immediately adjacent to the existing Amoco well location #96 producing from the Dakota formation.

BHP Petroleum is the operator of all offsetting proration units.

Ernie Busch visited the subject location with J. C. Harris and myself on August 10, 1990 and concurred that the subject location was the most feasible.

For both economic and mechanical reasons BHP doesn't think that directionally drilling the proposed well to a standard location is feasible. Economically it is not feasible based on the extra expense of drilling a directional hole compared to the anticipated production. Our experience has shown that a rod pump will have to be installed to remove excess water form the well bore and a directionally drilled hole would greatly hinder or prohibit that.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Chuck Williams*

Chuck Williams *cm*  
Field Services Administrator

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State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Form C-101 Revised 1-1-89

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API NO. ( assigned by OCD on New Wells) 5. Indicate Type of Lease STATE [ ] FEE [X] 6. State Oil & Gas Lease No.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK 1a. Type of Work: DRILL [X] RE-ENTER [ ] DEEPEN [ ] PLUG BACK [ ] b. Type of Well: OIL WELL [ ] GAS WELL [X] OTHER [ ] SINGLE ZONE [X] MULTIPLE ZONE [ ] 2. Name of Operator BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc. 3. Address of Operator 5847 San Felipe Ste 3600 Houston TX 77057-3005 4. Well Location Unit Letter 0 : 1265 Feet From The South Line and 1850 Feet From The East Line Section 18 Township 29N Range 12W NMPM San Juan County 10. Proposed Depth 1581' 11. Formation Pictured Cliffs 12. Rotary or C.T. Rotary 13. Elevations (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.) 5524' 14. Kind & Status Plug. Bond Blanket 15. Drilling Contractor Unknown 16. Approx. Date Work will start Fall 1990 17. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENT PROGRAM

It is proposed to drill the subject well to 1581' with primary production anticipated in the Pictured Cliff.

The proposed location is staked at an unorthodox location due to its proximity to the interior 1/4 1/4 lines. It was necessary to stake it at the submitted location due to gravel mining operations in the vicinity. A request for administrative approval will be submitted.

Estimated Formation Tops:

Table with 2 columns: Formation Name, Depth. Rows: Ojo Alamo 66', Kirtland 156', Fruitland 1103', Basal Fruitland Coal 1396', Pictured Cliffs 1431', TD 1581'

BOPE will consist of 2000# Reagen Bladder type BOP, pipe rams & blind rams BOP.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: IF PROPOSAL IS TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK, GIVE DATA ON PRESENT PRODUCTIVE ZONE AND PROPOSED NEW PRODUCTIVE ZONE. GIVE BLOWOUT PREVENTER PROGRAM, IF ANY.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. SIGNATURE Chuck Williams TITLE Field Services Administrator DATE 7/26/90 TYPE OR PRINT NAME Chuck Williams TELEPHONE NO. (713) 780-5448

(This space for State Use)

APPROVED BY TITLE DATE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

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WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT  
 All Distances must be from the outer boundaries of the section

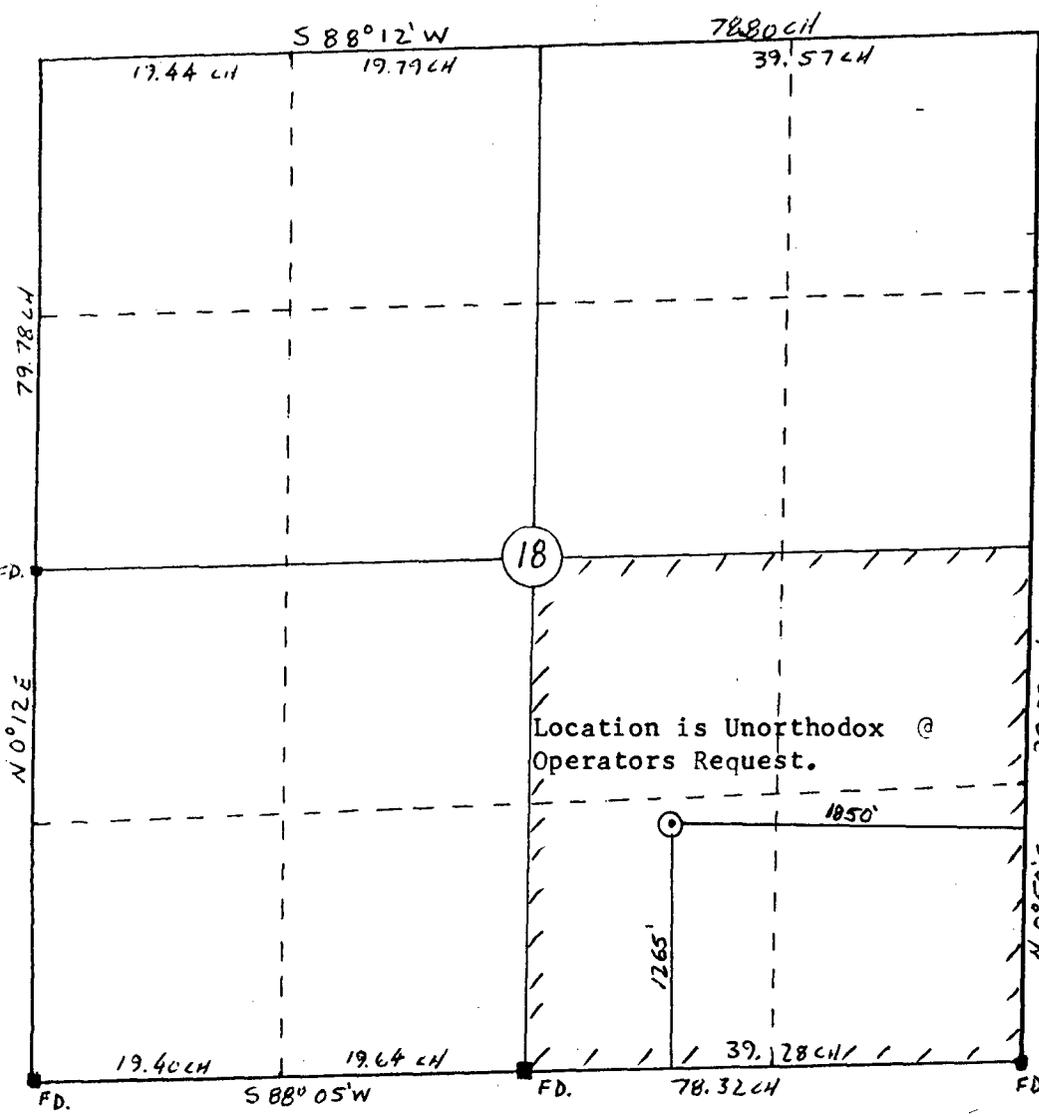
Operator BHP Petroleum (Americas) Incorporated			Lease Gallegos Canyon Unit		Well No. 503
Unit Letter 0	Section 18	Township 29N	Range 12W	County NMPM San Juan	
Actual Footage Location of Well: 1265 feet from the South line and 1850 feet from the East line					
Ground level Elev. 5524'	Producing Formation Pictured Cliffs		Pool W. Kutz Pictured Cliffs	Dedicated Acreage: 160 Acres	

- Outline the acreage dedicated to the subject well by colored pencil or hatchure marks on the plat below.
- If more than one lease is dedicated to the well, outline each and identify the ownership thereof (both as to working interest and royalty).
- If more than one lease of different ownership is dedicated to the well, have the interest of all owners been consolidated by communitization, unitization, force-pooling, etc.?
 

Yes  No If answer is "yes" type of consolidation \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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

Signature: *Chuck Williams*  
 Printed Name: Chuck Williams  
 Position: Field Services Administrator  
 Company: BHP Petroleum (Americas)  
 Date: July 30, 1990

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

Date Surveyed: 6-28-90  
 Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor: Roy A. Rush  
 Certificate No.: 8894  
 Registered Professional Land Surveyor

BHP PETROLEUM (AMERICAS) INC.  
**GALLEGOS CANYON UNIT NO. 503**  
 1265' FSL & 1850' FEL SECTION 18 T29N-R12W  
 SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
TEN POINT PROGRAM

1. Surface Formation: Nacimiento or valley fill

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3. Estimated Formation Tops:

<u>Formation</u>	<u>Top</u>	<u>Expected Production</u>
Ojo Alamo	66	
Kirtland	156	
Fruitland	1103	
Basal Fruitland Coal	1396	Gas
Pictured Cliffs	1431	Gas
Total Depth	1581	

4. Casing and Cementing Program: A string of 7" 20# K-55 casing with ST&C couplings is to be set at  $\pm 130'$  in an 8 3/4" hole and cemented to the surface in a single stage with 50 sx Class 'H' cement (yield = 1.15 ft<sup>3</sup>/sx) containing 3 % CaCl<sub>2</sub> and 1/4 #/sx celloflake. Slurry volume assumes a 100 percent excess over calculated hole volume. Centralizers will be run on the bottom two joints as long as boulders are not encountered while drilling the surface hole. If boulders are encountered while drilling the surface hole, no centralizers will be run as it has been BHP P(A)'s experience centralizers have a tendency to knock off boulders and hang up the casing while running in the hole. Minimum clearance between collars and hole is 1.094". Prior to drilling out shoe, casing and BOPE will be tested to a minimum of 2000 psi. Safety factors utilized in the design of this casing string were: Burst = 1.1, Collapse = 1.125, and Tension = 1.8 or 100,000# overpull whichever was greater.

A production string of 4 1/2" 10.5# K-55 casing with ST&C couplings will be run from the surface to total depth in a 6 1/4" hole. This string will be cemented to the surface with a minimum of 150 sx of 50-50 pozmix containing 2 % gel, 0.5 % fluid loss additive and 1/4 #/sx celloflake (yield = 1.26 ft<sup>3</sup>/sx) followed by 50 sx of Class 'G' cement containing low fluid loss additives (yield = 1.15 ft<sup>3</sup>/sx). Slurry volume assumes a 50 percent excess over calculated hole volume. Cement

volume is subject to change after review and recalculation of hole volume from the open hole calipers. Centralizers will be spaced such that a minimum of two are located above and two are located below the Basal Fruitland Coal; and, if any Ojo Alamo is present in the open hole section at the top of the hole, a minimum of one centralizer will be run just below the base and another into the base of Ojo Alamo. Minimum clearance between collars and hole is 1.25". Prior to perforating the casing for any attempted completion, the casing will be tested to a minimum of 2500 psi. Safety factors utilized in the design of this casing string were: Burst = 1.1, Collapse = 1.125, and Tension = 1.8 or 100,000# overpull whichever was greater.

A chronological log following the completion of the cementing operations detailing the pump rate, pump pressure, slurry density, and slurry volume for each job will be submitted in a Sundry Notice.

5. **Pressure Control Equipment:** (See attached schematic diagrams) A minimum of a 2M BOPE well control system will be utilized. BOP's and choke manifold will be installed and pressure tested before drilling out under surface casing and then will be checked daily as to mechanical operation condition. Ram type preventors will be tested to 70 percent of the internal yield pressure of the casing. The annular preventor will be tested to 50 percent of its working pressure.

A full opening internal blowout preventor or drill pipe safety valve will be on the drilling floor at all times and will be capable of fitting all connections.

6. **Mud Program:** A fresh water Low Solids, Non-Dispersed mud system will be used to drill this well. Sufficient materials will be on location at all times to maintain mud properties and to control any unforeseen lost circulation problems or abnormal pressures in the Farmington Sands of the Kirtland Formation. All drilling fluids will be contained in a steel pit. At the completion of drilling, the drilling fluid will be hauled off to be used for another well. The remaining accumulation of solids in the pit will be dumped into a small earthen pit beside the steel pit. As soon as this pit dries up, it will be covered up.

Mud program summary is as follows:

<u>Interval</u> <u>(feet)</u>	<u>Mud Weight</u> <u>(#/gal)</u>	<u>Viscosity</u> <u>(sec/qt)</u>
0 - 1000	8.4 or less	30 - 38
1000 - TD	9.3 or less	40 - 55

7. Auxiliary Equipment:

An upper Kelly Cock will be utilized. At a minimum, a flow sensor will be installed in the system and the mud volume constantly be visually monitored.

8. Logging Program: SP-DIL and GR-FDC-CNL logs will be run from TD to surface casing shoe.

Coring Program: No cores are planned.

Testing Program: No tests are planned.

Stimulation Program: Perf the Basal Fruitland Coal with 2 JSPF and frac with 50,000 gals of either a 70 quality nitrogen foam or a crosslinked-gelled water containing a minimum of 50,000 lbs of 20-40 mesh sand.

9. Abnormal Pressure: Although not expected, abnormal pressures are possible in the Farmington Sands of the Kirtland Formation.

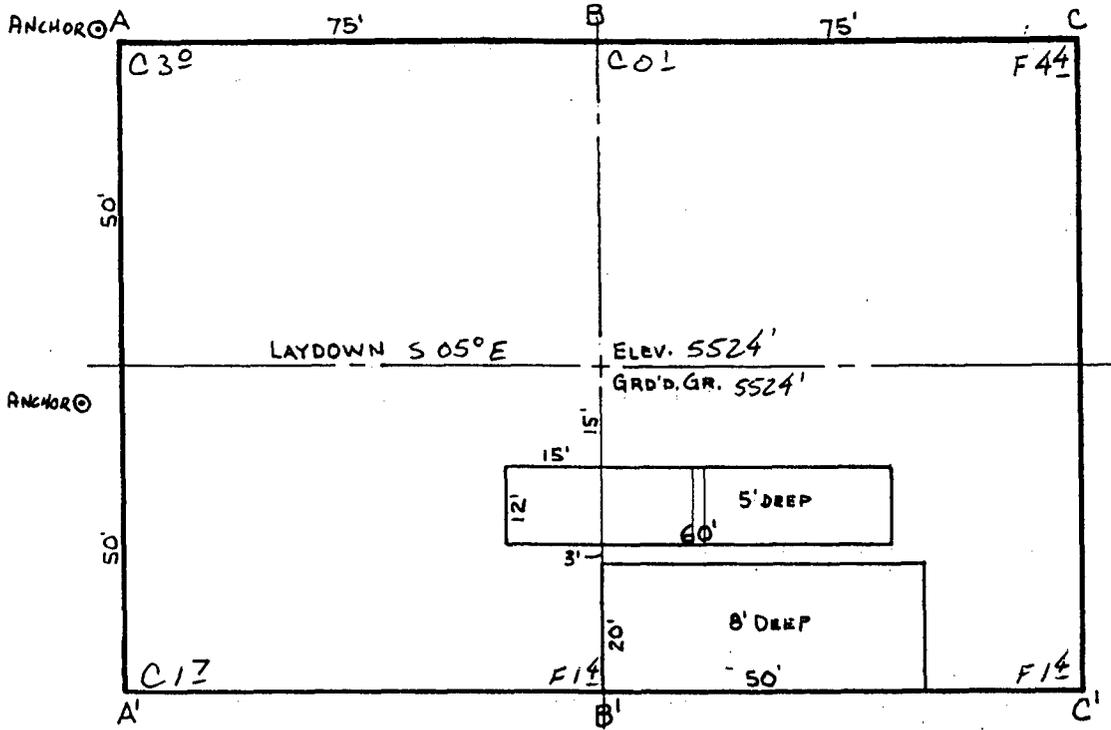
Estimated Bottom Hole Pressure: 400 psi.

10. Anticipated Starting Date: As soon as all required approvals are received.

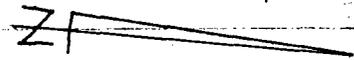
Duration of Operation: It is anticipated a total of 4 days will be required for drilling operations and 5 days for completion operations.

BHP Petroleum (Americas) Inc.  
 Gallegos Canyon Unit #503  
 1265' FSL & 1850' FEL  
 Sec. 18, T29N, R12W  
 San Juan Co., NM

WH  
 142.7'  
 TO E, E →



SCALE: 1" = 30'



A-A'      Vert.: 1" = 30'    Horiz.: 1" = 50'      C/L

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5520'	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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B-B'

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C-C'

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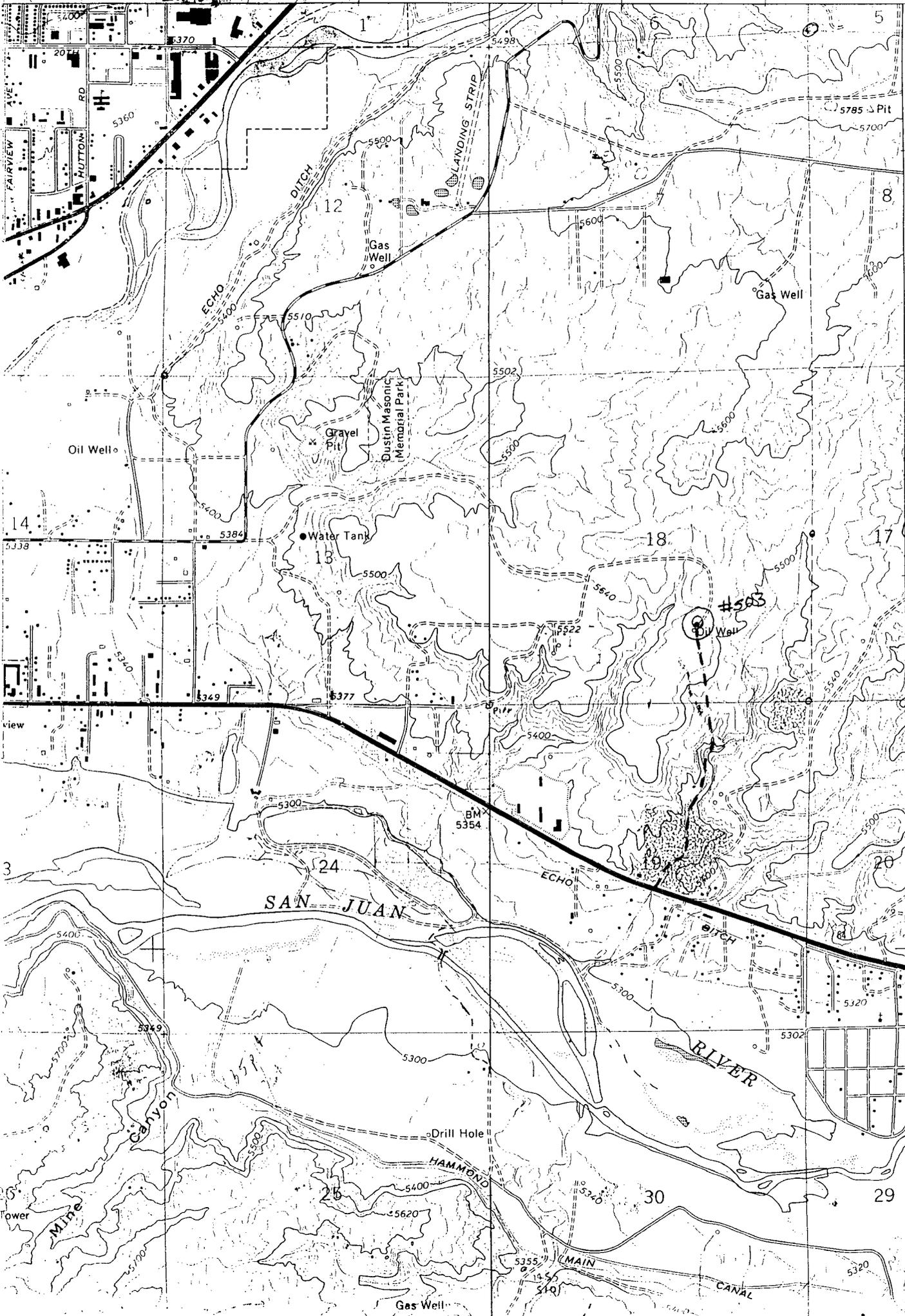
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42'30"

BLOOMFIELD 8 MI. BLANCO 18 MI.

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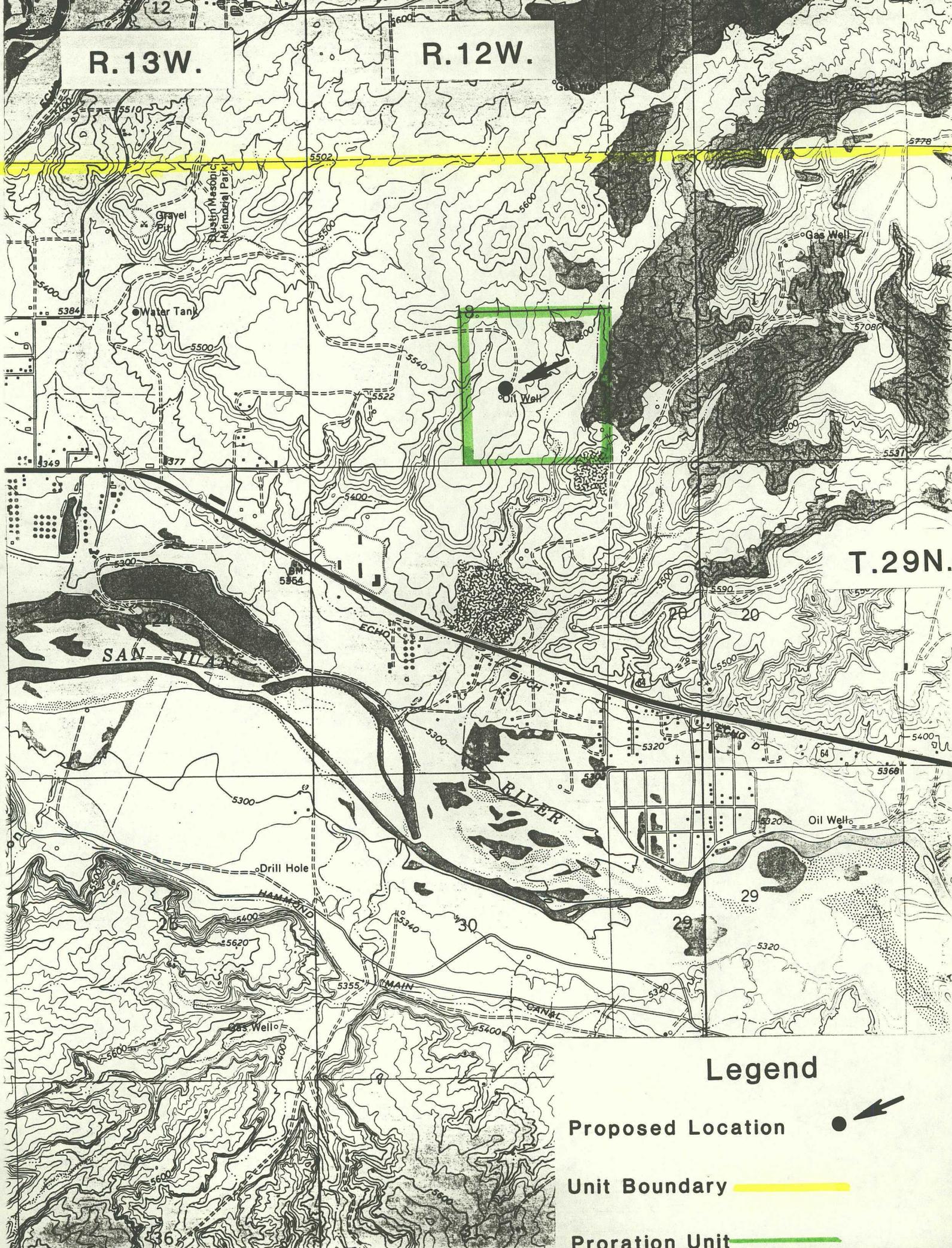
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R.13W.

R.12W.

T.29N.



**Legend**

Proposed Location



Unit Boundary



Proration Unit

