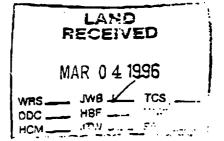


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Worth Carlin
Bass Enterprises Production Co.
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Re: Section 36, T22S R30E
Section 6, T22S R31E
James Ranch Wells No. 65, 66 and 67
Eddy County, New Mexico



Dear Carlin:

Western Ag-Minerals does not protest the location of James Ranch 65.

Western Ag-Minerals does protest the locations of both James Ranch No. 66 (990' FWL and 660' FSL, section 36 T22S R30E) and James Ranch No. 67 (990' FWL and 1980' FSL, section 36 T22S R30E.) Well No. 66 is within a half mile of open mine workings and Western Ag-Minerals' LMR. Well No. 67 is within a half mile of Western Ag-Minerals' LMR.

Western Ag-Minerals would not protest a location of 2010' FWL and 660' FSL, section 36 T22S R30E for James Ranch Well No. 66. Nor would we protest a location of 1524' FEL and 1980' FSL, section 36 T22S R30E for James Ranch Well No. 67.

If I can be of more assistance or if you have any questions don't hesitate to call. I can be reached at (505) 887-3476.

Sincerely.

Ben F. Zimmerly

Sr. Mining Engineer

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cc: R. H. Heinen

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