

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 1004-0137
Expires March 31, 2007

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

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BLM
210 FARMINGTON NM

5. Lease Serial No.
NMNM-025450
6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
N/A
7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No.
N/A
8. Lease Name and Well No.
SOUTH CARSON FEDERAL 23 14
9. API Well No.
30-045- 34236
10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory
BISTI LOWER-GALLUP
11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area
N/23-25N-12W NMPM
12. County or Parish
SAN JUAN
13. State
NM

1a. Type of work: ☒ DRILL ☐ REENTER
1b. Type of Well: ☒ Oil Well ☐ Gas Well ☐ Other ☒ Single Zone ☐ Multiple Zone

2. Name of Operator
ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION COMPANY, LLC

3a. Address P. O. BOX 156
BLOOMFIELD, NM 87413

3b. Phone No. (include area code)
(505) 632-3476

4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)*
At surface 790' FSL & 1850' FWL
At proposed prod. zone SAME

14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*
25 MILES SSE OF FARMINGTON, NM

15. Distance from proposed*
location to nearest
property or lease line, ft.
(Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 790'

16. No. of acres in lease
240

17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well
S2SW4 (= 80 acres)

18. Distance from proposed location*
to nearest well, drilling, completed,
applied for, on this lease, ft. 2,020' (BC 23 #2)

19. Proposed Depth
5,000'

20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file
BLM STATE WIDE 886201C

21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.)
6,372' GL

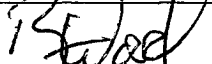
22. Approximate date work will start*
05/01/2007

23. Estimated duration
3 WEEKS

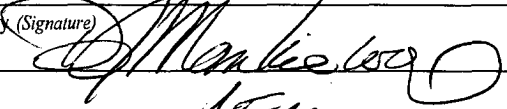
24. Attachments

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No.1, shall be attached to this form:

1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
2. A Drilling Plan.
3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see Item 20 above).
5. Operator certification
6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer.

25. Signature  Name (Printed/Typed) BRIAN WOOD Date 03/08/2007

Title CONSULTANT PHONE: (505) 466-8120 FAX: (505) 466-9682

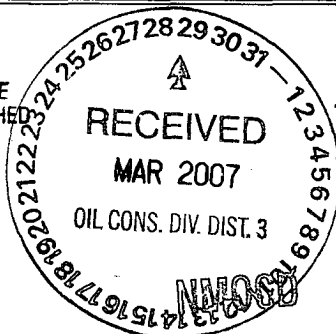
Approved by (Signature)  Name (Printed/Typed) AFM Date 3/27/07
Title Office FFO

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

*(Instructions on page 2)

DRILLING OPERATIONS AUTHORIZED ARE
SUBJECT TO COMPLIANCE WITH ATTACHED
"GENERAL REQUIREMENTS".



NOTIFY AZTEC OCD 24 HRS.
PRIOR TO CASING & CEMENT
This action is subject to technical and
procedural review pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.3
and appeal pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.4

3/30/07

DISTRICT I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, N.M. 88240

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department

Form C-102
Revised August 15, 2000

DISTRICT II
811 South First, Artesia, N.M. 88210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, N.M. 87410

DISTRICT IV
2040 South Pacheco, Santa Fe, NM 87505

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

2040 South Pacheco
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Fee Lease - 3 Copies

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

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¹ API Number 30-045-34236	² Pool Code 5890	³ Pool Name BISTI LOWER - GALLUP
⁴ Property Code 36420	⁵ Property Name SOUTH CARSON FEDERAL 23	⁶ Well Number 14
⁷ GRID No. 149052	⁸ Operator Name ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION, LLC	⁹ Elevation 6372'

¹⁰ Surface Location

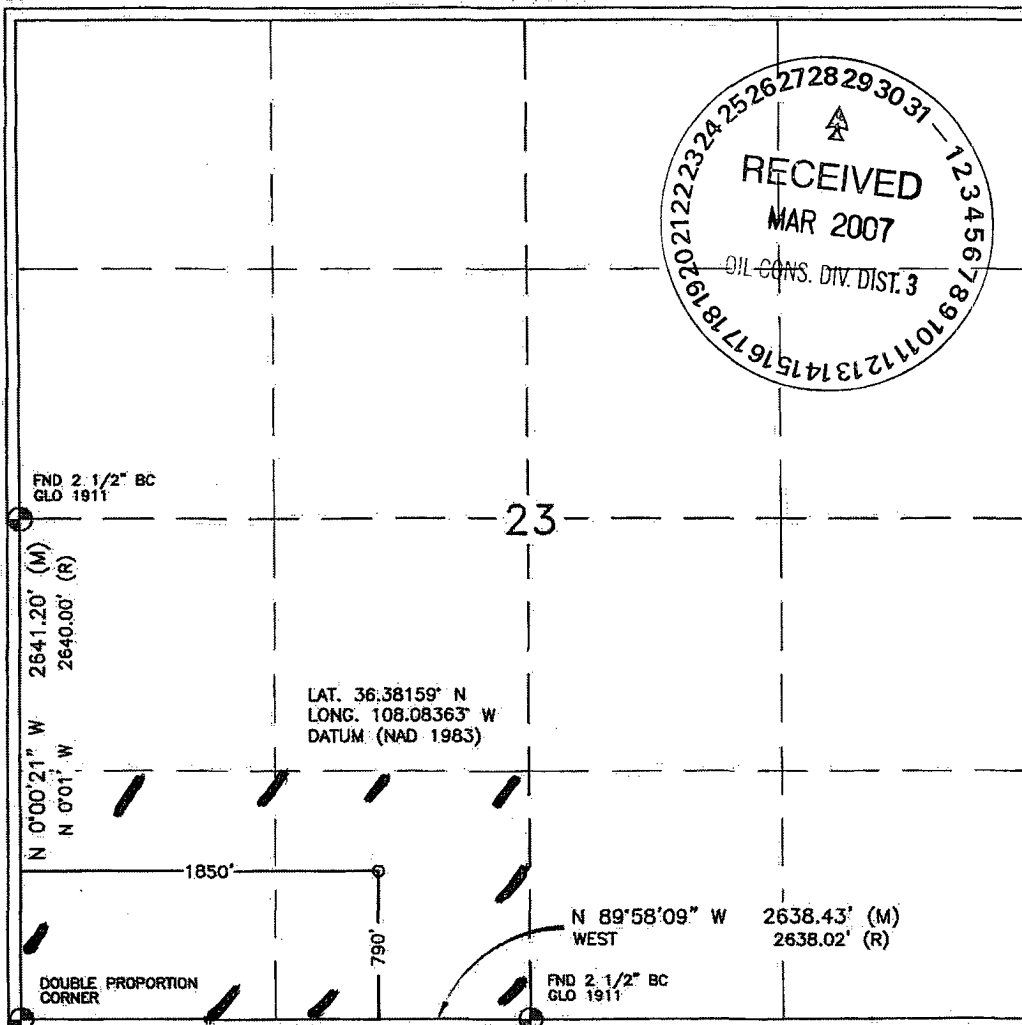
UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
N	23	25N	12W		790'	SOUTH	1850'	WEST	SAN JUAN

¹¹ Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot no.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
¹² Dedicated Acres 80			¹³ Joint or Infill		¹⁴ Consolidation Code		¹⁵ Order No.		

NO ALLOWABLE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THIS COMPLETION UNTIL ALL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN CONSOLIDATED
OR A NON-STANDARD UNIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

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¹⁷ OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

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

Brian Wood
Signature
BRIAN WOOD
Printed Name
CONSULTANT
Title
MAR. 8, 2007
Date

¹⁸ 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 belief.

OCTOBER 12, 2006
Date of Survey
Signature and Seal of Professional Surveyor:
David Russell
DAVID RUSSELL
Certificate Number 10201

Submit 3 Copies To Appropriate District
Office
District I
1625 N. French Dr., Hobbs, NM 88240
District II
1301 W. Grand Ave., Artesia, NM 88210
District III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410
District IV
1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, NM
87505

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources

Form C-103
May 27, 2004

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1220 South St. Francis Dr.
Santa Fe, NM 87505

WELL API NO. 30-045- 34236
5. Indicate Type of Lease STATE <input type="checkbox"/> FEE <input type="checkbox"/>
6. State Oil & Gas Lease No. NMNM-025450
7. Lease Name or Unit Agreement Name SOUTH CARSON FEDERAL 23
8. Well Number 14
9. OGRID Number 149052
10. Pool name or Wildcat BISTI LOWER-GALLUP

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS
(DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR PROPOSALS TO DRILL OR TO DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK TO A
DIFFERENT RESERVOIR. USE "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT" (FORM C-101) FOR SUCH
PROPOSALS.)

1. Type of Well: Oil Well ☒ Gas Well ☐ Other ☐

2. Name of Operator
ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION COMPANY, LLC

3. Address of Operator
P. O. BOX 156, BLOOMFIELD, NM 87413

4. Well Location
Unit Letter: N 790' FSL & 1850' FWL
Section 23 Township 25 North Range 12 West NMPM SAN JUAN County

11. Elevation (Show whether DR, RKB, RT, GR, etc.)
6,372' GL

Pit or Below-grade Tank Application ☒ or Closure ☐

Pit type: **DRILLING** Depth to Groundwater: **>50'** Distance from nearest fresh water well: **>1,000'** Distance from nearest surface water: **>200'**

Pit Liner Thickness: 12 mil Below-Grade Tank: Volume bbls; Construction Material

12. Check Appropriate Box to Indicate Nature of Notice, Report or Other Data

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO:

PERFORM REMEDIAL WORK ☐ PLUG AND ABANDON ☐
TEMPORARILY ABANDON ☐ CHANGE PLANS ☐
PULL OR ALTER CASING ☐ MULTIPLE COMPL ☐

OTHER: DRILLING PIT ☒

SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF:

REMEDIAL WORK ☐ ALTERING CASING ☐
COMMENCE DRILLING OPNS. ☐ P AND A ☐
CASING/CEMENT JOB ☐

OTHER: ☐

13. Describe proposed or completed operations. (Clearly state all pertinent details, and give pertinent dates, including estimated date of starting any proposed work). SEE RULE 1103. For Multiple Completions: Attach wellbore diagram of proposed completion or recompletion.

I hereby certify that the information above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further certify that any pit or below-grade tank has been/will be constructed or closed according to NM OCD guidelines ☒ a general permit ☐ or an (attached) alternative OCD-approved plan ☐.

SIGNATURE  TITLE: CONSULTANT

DATE: MAR. 8, 2007

Type or print name: BRIAN WOOD

E-mail address: brian@permitswest.com

Telephone No.: (505) 466-8120

For State Use Only

APPROVED BY: 

TITLE

DEPUTY OIL & GAS INSPECTOR, DIST. ☒

DATE

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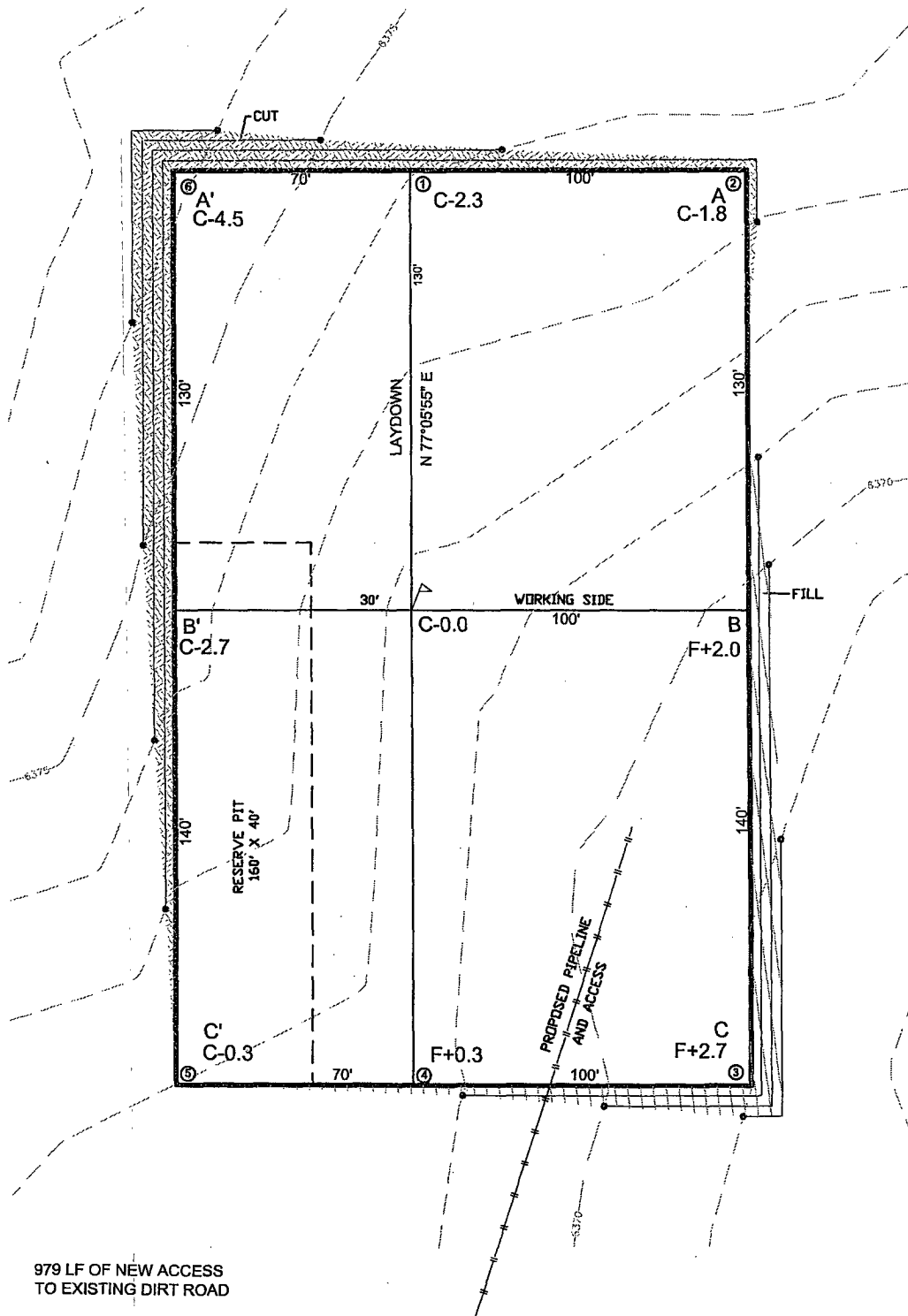
Conditions of Approval (if any):

LATITUDE: 36.38159°N
LONGITUDE: 108.08363°W
DATUM: NAD 83

ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION, LLC
SOUTH CARSON FEDERAL 23 #14
790' FSL & 1850' FWL
LOCATED IN THE SE/4 SW/4 OF
SECTION 23, T25N, R12W, N.M.P.M.,
SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
GROUND ELEVATION: 6372', NAVD 88
FINISHED PAD ELEVATION: 6371.7', NAVD 88



25' 0 25' 50'
SCALE = 50'

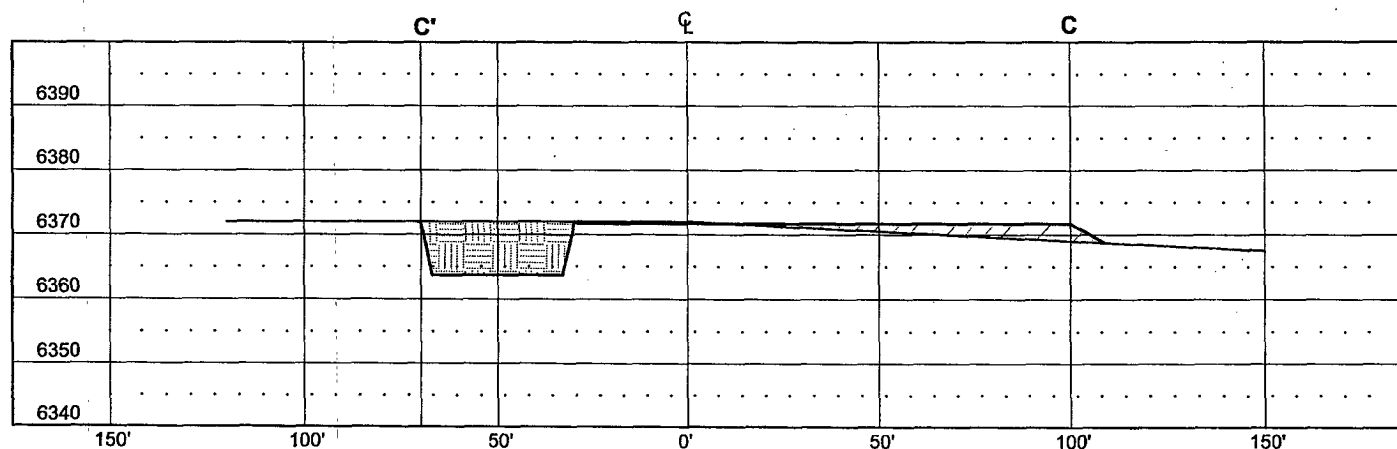
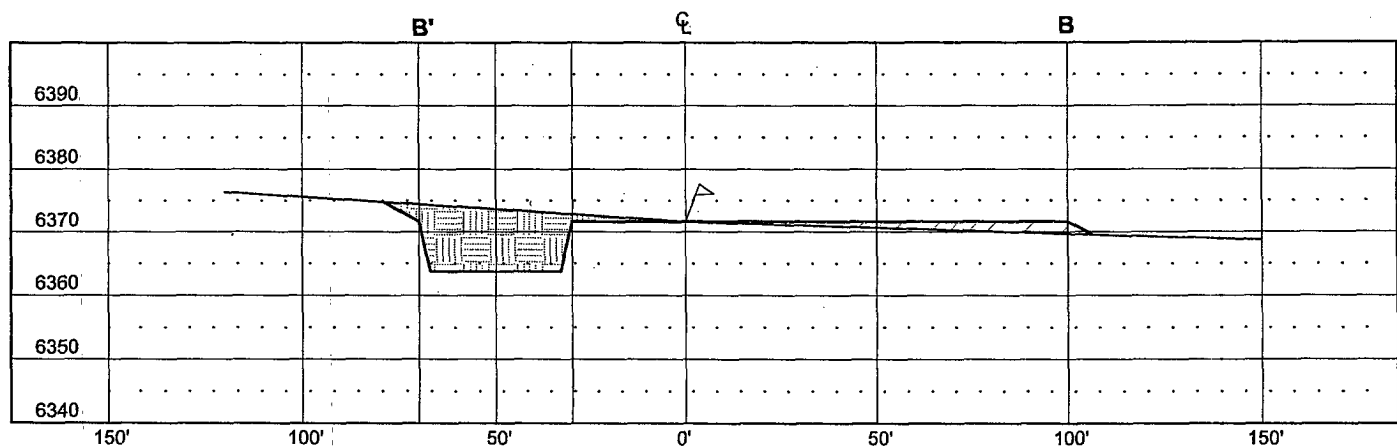
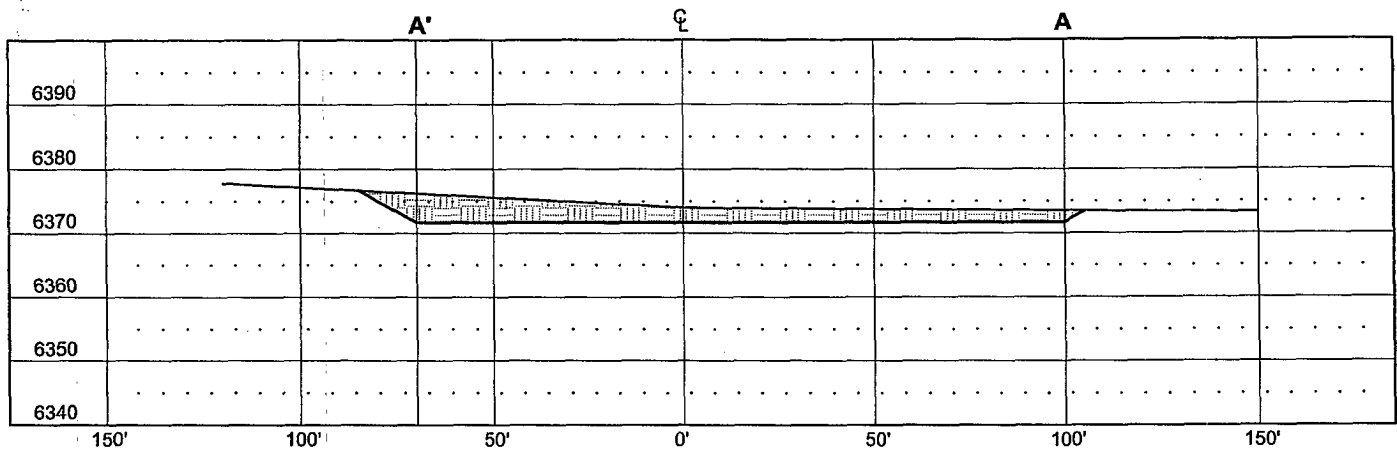


1 FOOT CONTOUR INTERVAL SHOWN
SCALE: 1" = 50'
JOB No.: ERE002
DATE: 11/13/06; REV1



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Aztec, New Mexico 87410
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VERT. SCALE: 1" = 30'
 HORZ. SCALE: 1" = 50'
 JOB No.: ERE002
 DATE: 11/13/06; REV1



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Drilling Program

1. ESTIMATED FORMATION TOPS

<u>Formation</u>	<u>GL Depth</u>	<u>KB Depth</u>	<u>Elevation</u>
Nacimiento	0'	12'	+6,372'
Fruitland Coal	1,102'	1,114'	+5,270'
Pictured Cliffs	1,162'	1,174'	+5,210'
Lewis Shale	1,322'	1,334'	+5,050'
Cliff House	1,487'	1,499'	+4,885'
Menefee Shale	2,522'	2,534'	+3,850'
Point Lookout	3,597'	3,609'	+2,775'
Mancos Shale	3,747'	3,759'	+2,625'
Gallup Sandstone	4,672'	4,684'	+1,700'
Total Depth	5,000'	5,012'	+1,372'

2. NOTABLE ZONES

<u>Oil &/or Gas Zones</u>	<u>Water Zones</u>	<u>Coal Zone</u>
Fruitland	Nacimiento	Fruitland
Pictured Cliffs	Fruitland	
Gallup	Pictured Cliffs	

Water zones will be protected with casing, cement, and weighted mud. Fresh water encountered during drilling will be recorded by depth, cased, and cemented. Oil and gas shows will be tested for commercial potential based on the well site geologist's recommendations.

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3. PRESSURE CONTROL

The drilling contract has not yet been awarded. Thus the exact BOP model to be used is not yet known. A typical 2,000 psi model is on PAGE 3.

A $\geq 2,000$ psi BOP and choke manifold system will be installed and tested to 2,000 psi before drilling surface casing plug. It will remain in use until the well is completed or abandoned. A safety valve and sub with a full opening valve to fit the drill pipe and collars will be available on the rig floor in the open position at all times for use when kelly is not in use.

All BOP mechanical and pressure tests will be recorded on the driller's log. BOPs will be inspected and opened and closed at least daily to assure good mechanical working order. Inspections will be recorded on the daily drilling report. Pressure tests will be conducted before drilling out from under all casing strings which are set and cemented in place.

4. CASING & CEMENT

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>O. D.</u>	<u>Pounds/Foot</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Depth Set</u>
12-1/4"	8-5/8"	24	J-55 or K-55	S T & C	New	350'
7-7/8"	5-1/2"	10.5 13.5	J-55	L T & C	New	5,000'

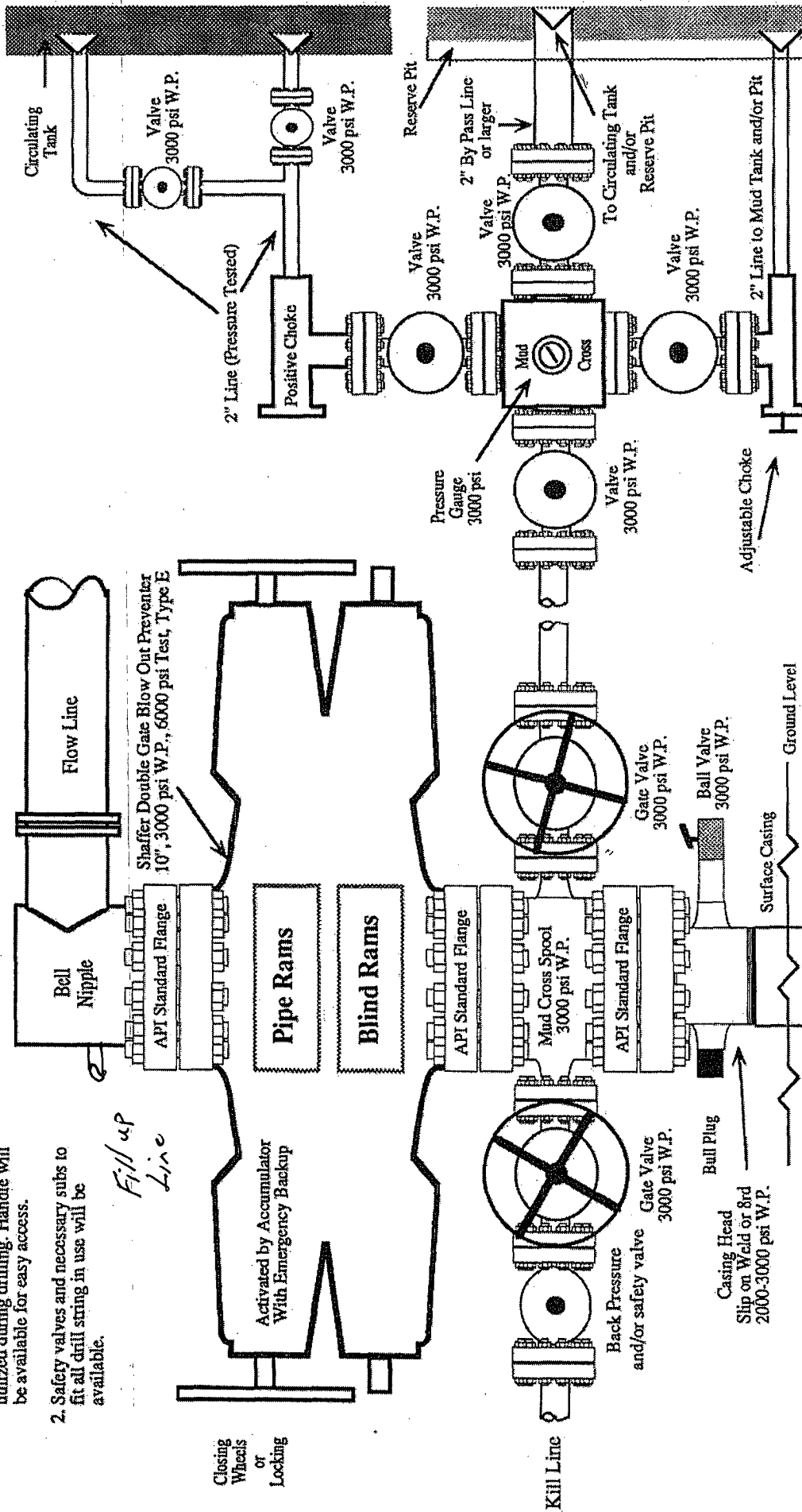
Surface casing will be cemented to the surface with ≈ 290 cubic feet (≈ 245 sacks) Class B with 1/4 pound per sack cellophane + 2% CaCl_2 . Yield = 1.18 cubic feet per sack. Weight = 15.2 pounds per gallon. Volume = 100% excess. Centralizers will be installed on the middle of the shoe joint and every other centralizer thereafter.

Production casing will be cemented to the surface in 2 stages with a stage tool set @ $\approx 3,500'$. Centralizers will be installed on the middle of the shoe joint and on every joint thereafter (≈ 2 dozen centralizers). Thread lock the guide shoe, bottom of float collar, and bottom of stage tool only. Use API casing dope.

2,000 PSI BOP SYSTEM

Note: 1. An upper Kelly cock valve will be utilized during drilling. Handle will be available for easy access.

2. Safety valves and necessary subs to fit all drill string in use will be available.



Note: This equipment is designed to meet requirements for a 2-M rating standard per 43 CFR part 3160 (amended). Proper operation and testing of equipment will be carried out per standard. 2,000 psi equipment can be substituted in the drawing to meet minimum requirements per standard.

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First stage volume will be ≈ 525 cubic feet consisting of ≈ 125 sacks of Halliburton light with 65/35 poz mix + 1/4 pound per sack cellophane + 2% CaCl_2 (yield = 1.87 cubic feet per sack, weight = 12.7 pounds per gallon) followed by ≈ 250 sacks Class B with 2% CaCl_2 (yield = 1.18 cubic feet per sack, weight = 15.2 pounds per gallon). Volume = >100% excess, but caliper logs will be used to determine actual volume needed.

Second stage volume will be $\approx 1,215$ cubic feet consisting of ≈ 618 sacks of Halliburton light with 65/35 poz mix + 1/4 pound per sack cellophane + 2% CaCl_2 (yield = 1.87 cubic feet per sack, weight = 12.7 pounds per gallon) followed by ≈ 50 sacks of Class B with 2% CaCl_2 (yield = 1.18 cubic feet per sack, weight = 15.2 pounds per gallon). Volume = >100% excess, but caliper logs will be used to determine actual volume needed.

5. MUD PROGRAM

<u>Depth</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>ppg</u>	<u>Viscosity</u>	<u>Fluid Loss</u>	<u>pH</u>
0' - 350'	Fresh water gel chem	9.0	50	NC	9
350' - TD	Fresh water gel chem	9.0	38 - 50	6.0	9

Enough material to maintain mud properties, control lost circulation, and contain a blowout will be at the well site while drilling. Mud will be checked hourly by rig personnel. Material to soak up possible oil or fuel spills will be on site.

6. CORES, TESTS, & LOGS

No cores or drill stem tests are planned. DIL/GR logs will be run from TD to surface. CNL/FDC logs may be run over selected segments. Samples will be collected every $\approx 10'$ through the Gallup. Samples will be collected every $\approx 30'$ elsewhere.

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7. DOWN HOLE CONDITIONS

No abnormal pressures, temperatures, or hydrogen sulfide are expected.
Maximum expected bottom hole pressure will be $\leq 2,150$ psi.

8. OTHER INFORMATION

The anticipated spud date is May 1, 2007. It is expected it will take 1 week to drill and 2 weeks to complete the well.