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**NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION** 

- Engineering Bureau -1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505



# ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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	[D]	Other: Specify
<b>F</b> ]	NOTIFICAT [A]	ION REQUIRED TO: - Check Those Which Apply, or Does Not Apply
	[B]	Offset Operators, Leaseholders or Surface Owner
	[C]	Application is One Which Requires Published Legal Notice
	[D]	Notification and/or Concurrent Approval by BLM or SLO U.S. Bureau of Land Management - Commissioner of Public Lands, State Land Office
	<b>[</b> E]	For all of the above, Proof of Notification or Publication is Attached, and/or,
	[F]	Waivers are Attached
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CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the information submitted with this application for administrative approval is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that no action will be taken on this application until the required information and notifications are submitted to the Division.

Note: Statement must be confipleted by an indivi		ooibr
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January 24, 2002

# HAND DELIVERED

Mr. Michael E. Stogner Oil Conservation Division 1220 South Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

RE: Ross Federal Well No. 5 660 feet FNL & 2625 feet FEL north one-third equivalent of Irregular Section 4, T21S, R24E Administrative Application of Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. for approval of an unorthodox gas well location, Cemetary Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Stogner:

Please find enclosed our administrative application for approval of an unorthodox gas well location for Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd.'s Ross Federal Well No. 5.

For your information, this application is like the one I filed on August 30, 2001 for the Ross Federal Well No 4 for the middle one-third of this section which was approved by Administrative Order NSL-4643 issued September 19, 2001.

truly yours, Thomas Kellahin

fxc: Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. Attn: Jimmy Carlile

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

# IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION OF FASKEN OIL AND RANCH, LTD FOR APPROVAL OF AN UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATION, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

# **ADMINISTRATIVE APPLICATION**

Comes now Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd, by and through its attorneys, Kellahin and Kellahin, and in accordance with Division General Rule 104.F, applies to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for administrative approval of an "infill" unorthodox gas well location for its Ross Federal Well No. 5 ("Well No. 5") which is to be drilled at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet FNL and 2625 feet FEL of Irregular Section 4, T21S, R24E, Eddy County, New Mexico, and simultaneously dedicated with the Ross Federal Well No. 3 in Lot 5 to a standard 320-acre proration and spacing unit consisting of the "north one-third of this section" (being Lots 1-8) for production from the Cemetary-Morrow Gas Pool, and in support states:

(1) Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. ("Fasken") is the current operator of the Ross Federal Well No. 3 located in Lot 5 of Irregular Section 4, T21S, R24E, Eddy County, New Mexico and dedicated to a 320-acre gas spacing and proration unit ("GPU") consisting of Lots 1-8 of this section ("north one-third") See Exhibits 1 & 2

(2) Section 4 is within the current boundary of the Cemetary-Morrow Gas Pool which is subject to Division Rule 104.

(3) Fasken desires to drill its Ross Federal Well No. 5 as an infill well on this GPU at an unorthodox gas well location 660 feet from the North line and 2625 feet from the East line to be simultaneous dedicated to a standard 320-acre GPU currently dedicated to the Ross Federal Well No. 3. See Exhibits 1 & 2

(4) Fasken's proposed location encroaches on an internal boundary of the GPU.

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(5) This proposed unorthodox well location is based upon a combination of geologic and topographical reasons:

(a) Dip meters run on the Ross Federal Wells No. 2 and 3 indicate counter-regional dip to the west with a Morrow Structure to the east of these wells. Fasken believes the best location for the Ross Federal Well No. 5 to be within the highest structural contour of this structure. See Exhibits 3-5.

(b) Any standard location in the east half of this GPU would not be acceptable to Fasken because it would locate the well farther down dip in a regional direction increasing the risk that the Morrow sands would contain too much water to produce gas in commercial quantities. See Exhibits 3-5

(c) Fasken's original unorthodox location was 800 feet FNL and 2625 feet FEL. This was 140 feet south of the now requested unorthodox well location. The original location was unacceptable to the BLM due to finding of a significant cultural resources during the archaeological survey. See Exhibit 6

(d) Both the original and requested unorthodox locations for the Ross Federal Well No. 5 were at a high structural contour in this structure. See Exhibit 4

(e) There are five potential Morrow zones to be encountered starting with the Middle Morrow "yellow sand" and continuing down to any Lower Morrows to be encountered high enough to be above any local gas/water contact. This well is spotted at a structurally high point that should keep the Middle Morrow Purple Sand and any Lower Morrow Sands encountered in this well structurally high enough to be above any local gas/water contact. See Exhibits 3-5. Both the original unorthodox location and the new unorthodox location are within this structural high and are anticipated to encounter multiple Morrow zones.

(f) Fasken's requested unorthodox location is acceptable to the BLM.

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# **CORRELATIVE RIGHTS**

(6) The ownership between the east half of the GPU where the Ross Federal Well No. 5 will be located is different from the west half of the GPU.

(7) By a voluntary agreement dated March 16, 1965, all owners, including working interest, royalty and overriding royalty owners, agreed to share production and costs for any well in Section 4 based upon the percentage of acres each owned in relation to the total number of acres in Section 4. See Exhibit 7.

(8) Since then, production from the Ross Federal Wells No. 1, 2 and 3 has been shared among the owners in Section 4 in accordance with the agreement described in paragraph (7) above.

(9) Fasken proposes to share production from the Ross Federal Well No. 5 in the same manner as production and costs from the Ross Federal Wells 1, 2, and 3 has been shared.

(10) While this well is only 15 feet from the centerline between the east half and west half of the GPU, all owners in the GPU share on an equitable basis.

# **NOTIFICATION**

(11) Notification of this application has been sent to all interest owners in Section 4. See Exhibit 8.

WHEREFORE, Fasken Oil and Ranch, Ltd. requests that this matter be approved administratively by the Division.

fully submitted lesped

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□ AMENDED REPORT

#### WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT Pool Code API Number Pool Name 74640 Cemetary (Morrow) Property Code **Property** Name Well Number **ROSS FEDERAL** 5 OGRID No. **Operator** Name Elevation FASKEN OIL & RANCH, LTD. 3663 Surface Location UL or lot No. North/South line East/West line Section Township Range Lot Idn Feet from the Feet from the County 660 2625 EAST EDDY LOT 2 4 21 S 24 E NORTH Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface UL or lot No. Lot Idn Feet from the North/South line Range East/West line Section Township Feet from the County Dedicated Acres Joint or Infill Consolidation Code Order No. 4.8 320 Communitization Agreement SW 247 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 OPERATOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify the the information 3663.9' 3654.9 contained herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. 2625 3661.7 3668.8 LOT 4 LOT 3 LOT 2 LOT 1 Signature LAT - N32°31'15.5" Jimmy D. Carlile Ross Federal LONG - W104°30'15.0" Printed Name No. 3 Regulatory Affairs Coordinator Title January 23, 2002 Date SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION LOT 5 LOT 6 LOT 7 LOT 8 Ross Federal I hereby certify that the well location shown No. 4 on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervison, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief. December 27, 2001 Date Surveyed LOT 12 LOT 11 LOT 10 LOT 9 Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor Ross Federal EXHIBIT No. No. W.S 61A Certificate No. Gary Jones 7977 1/4 COR. LOT 13 LOT 14 LOT 15 LOT 16 BASIN SURVEY S

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# Ross Federal #5

## **Geological Report**

It is important to encounter our objective sands high enough to be above any local gas water contacts, and also with thick enough sands, to be economically productive. Our original location fell in the bottom of a north/south trending Draw. That location was unacceptable to the BLM. We were asked to put the location where we have it now or move to the east to get up out of the draw.

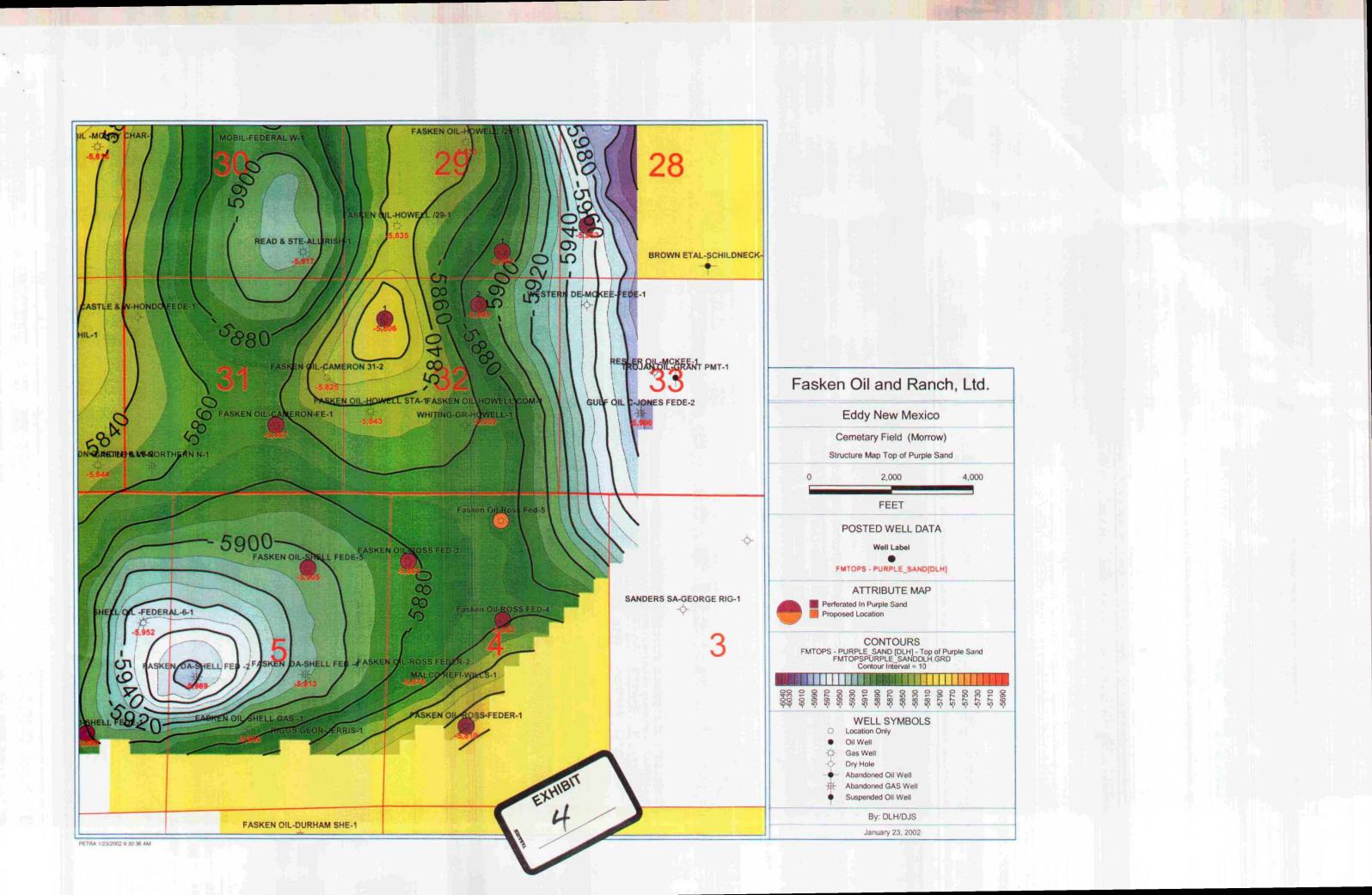
Dip meters run on our area wells give us very good control on the Morrow structure in this area. Both wells in the south half of Section 32 have dip meters that show a southeast dip. Dip meters run on the Ross Fed #2 & #3 wells indicate counter-regional dip to the west with a Morrow Structure to the east of the wells (the recently drilled Fasken Ross Fed #4 in Section 4 backs up this data). Well control in the SW 1/4 of Section 33 provides a low structural reference point.

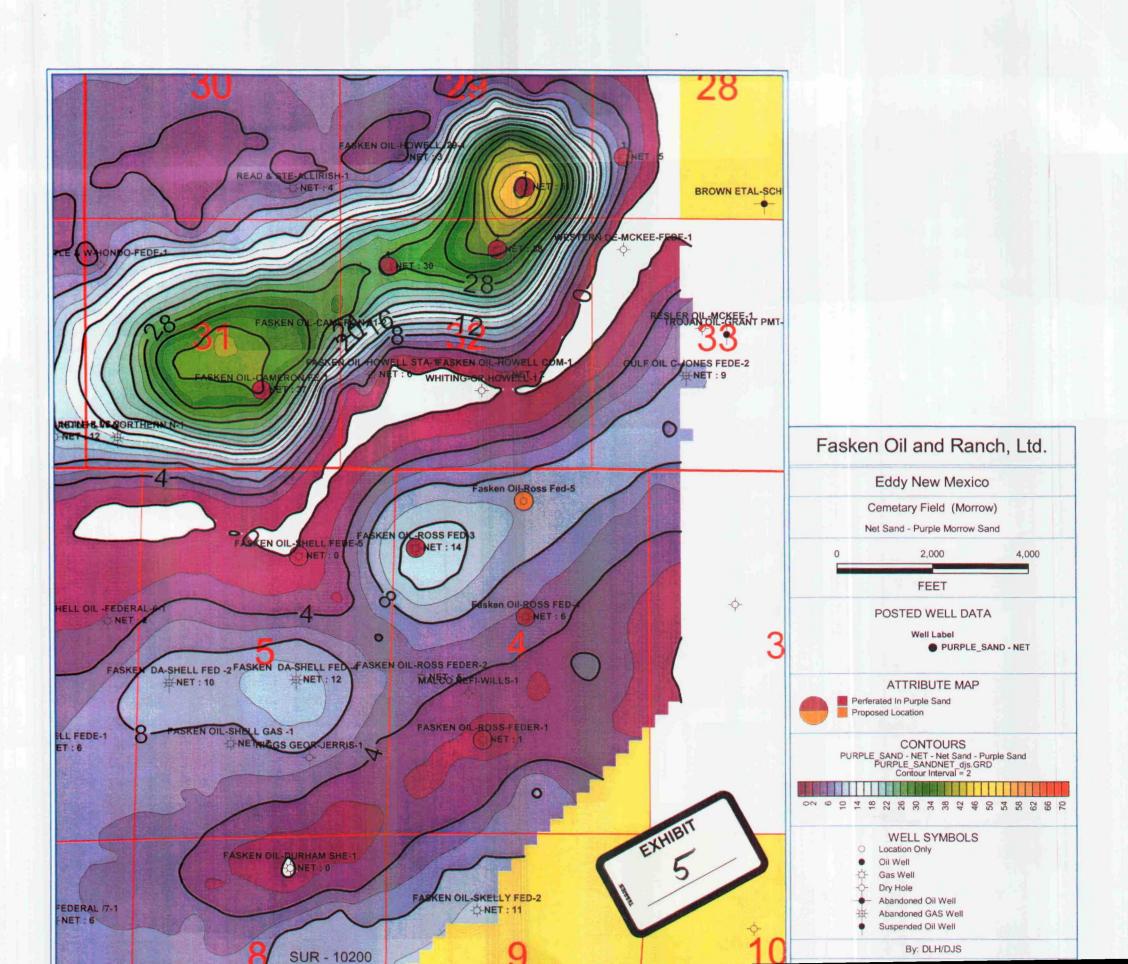
Middle Morrow Purple, and other Lower Morrow Sands, in low spots in this area become wet and unproductive. The Ross Fed #5 well is spotted at a structurally high point that should keep the Middle Morrow Purple Sand and any Lower Morrow Sands encountered in this well structurally high enough to be above any local gas/water contacts. Moving the Ross Fed #5 location to the east gets farther away from our well control and farther down regional dip, making finding water filled sands a greater risk.

Current well control allows us to map  $+10^{\circ}$  of porous Middle Morrow Purple Sand through the proposed Ross Fed #5 location. Although some depletion is anticipated, (2877# BHP in Ross #4), economic reserves will be recovered at our proposed location from the Middle Morrow Purple Sand that otherwise would not be captured.

David J. Sivils









# TITLE PAGE/ABSTRACT/ NEGATIVE SITE REPORT CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

BLM/CFO

1. BLM Report No.:	2. (ACCEPTED) (REJECTED)	3. NMCRIS No.: 77320			
4. TITLE OF REPORT (PROJECT TITL the Ross Federal No. 5 Well Pad, Acces	5. Project Date(s): December 19 and 30, 2001				
	6. Report Date: January 2, 2001				
7. Consultant Name & Address Direct Charge: Sean Simpson		8. Permit No.: 153-2920-01-J			
Name: Mesa Field Services Address: P.O. Box 3072 Carlsbad, NM 88221-3072 Author's Name: Theresa Straight, and Field Personnel Names: Stephen Smit Phone: (505) 628-8885	9. Consultant Report No.: MFS - 543				
<b>10. Sponsor Name and Address</b> Individual Responsible: Tommy Taylo	)r	11. For BLM use only			
Name:Fasken Oil and RanchAddress:303 W. Wall Ave, Ste 1800 Midland, TX 79701-5116Phone:(915) 687-1777		<b>12. Acreage</b> Total acres surveyed: 20.58 Per Surface Ownership Federal: 20.58 State: 0 Private: 0			
<ul> <li>13. Location &amp; Area (maps attached if negative survey) <ul> <li>a. State: New Mexico</li> <li>b. County: Eddy</li> <li>c. BLM Field Office: Carlsbad</li> <li>d. Nearest City or town: Carlsbad, NM</li> <li>Location: T 21S, R 24E, Section 4: E½ NE¼ NW¼, SW¼ NE¼ NW¼, all SE¼ NW¼, N½ NE¼ SW¼, Well Pad Footages: 660 ft FNL and 2625 ft FEL</li> <li>f. 7.5' Map Name(s)and Code Number(s): Foster Ranch, NM (32104-E5)</li> <li>g. Area</li> <li>Block: Impact: 600 ft x 400 ft</li> <li>Linear: Impact: 1,917 ft x 30 ft</li> <li>Surveyed: 6,564 ft x 100 ft</li> </ul></li></ul>					
14. a. Records Search Location: Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad Field Office and ARMS, via modem Date: December 18, 2001 by Stephen Smith List by LA # all sites within .25 miles of the project (those sites within 500' are to be shown on the project					

map): No previously recorded sites are within 0.25 miles of the project area

**b.** Description of Undertaking (client's activities): Fasken Oil and Ranch plans to install a well pad for the Ross Federal No. 5 well. An access road to service the well pad will extend from the Ross Federal No. 4 north to the southwest corner of the proposed pad location. A flowline will parallel the access road. Two possible routes for the access road and flowline were staked in the field. Both routes encompass archaeological sites. An alternate route free of significant cultural resources was surveyed to the west. The original staked location for the well pad was shifted approximately 150 feet to the north to avoid archaeological site LA 134923.

The project area totals 20.58 acres with 6,564 ft of linear survey and is located on lands under the jurisdiction of the BLM-CFO. The project area can be found on the Foster Ranch, New Mexico 1957, USGS Quadrangle. It is located within the north half of Section 4, Township 21 South, Range 24 East. The survey was conducted at the request of Tommy Taylor with Fasken Oil and Ranch. Plats providing a legal location for the project area where provided by Fasken (Appendix A).

c. Environmental Setting (NRCS soil designation, vegetative community, etc.): The project area is located approximately twenty miles northwest of Carlsbad near Wadcutter Draw. The project area is positioned on a bench just west of a tributary. The terrain is flat with a slight slope to the north. Elevation of the project area varies from 3610 feet to 3710 feet above mean sea level.

The Reeves-Gypsum land-Cottonwood association as defined by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service represents soils of the project area. The ground surface consists of exposed gypsum deposits with little to no overlying soil. Vegetation within the project area is sparse and includes creosote and some mesquite, yucca, pencil cholla, prickly pear and a thin cover of grasses and other annuals. Mesquite beans can be exploited as food resources (Bell and Castetter 1941:15-16, Brethauer 1979). Creosote may be exploited for their medicinal qualities (Cornett 1995: 15). Yucca may be used for the manufacture of basketry or other items requiring the use of fibrous material. Yucca may also be used as a detergent (Bell and Castetter 1941:54-57).

The contemporary environment provides adequate habitat for a variety of faunal species including mule deer, pronghorn antelope, coyote, badger, jackrabbit, desert cottontail, roadrunner, rattlesnake, and a variety of other small mammals and reptiles. Since the Historic Period, these species have shared their habitat with cattle, which currently graze in the project area.

Carlsbad is the nearest town. From 1951 to 1980, Carlsbad had an average highest temperature of 106.9 degrees and an average lowest temperature of 6.1 degrees (Williams 1986:39). In the same time span, Carlsbad reported an average annual precipitation of 12 inches (Williams 1986:43). Also, from 1951 to 1980, the wettest three months in Carlsbad were July through September, while the driest three months were December through February (Williams 1986:45).

## d. Field Methods Transect Intervals: 15 m Crew Size: 2 Time in Field: 15 hours Collections: None

**15. Cultural Resource Findings:** As a result of the survey four archaeological sites and 10 IMs were encountered and recorded.

**Identification and Description (location shown on project map):** The four sites include two BLM category 2 sites (LA 134923 and LA 134924) and two small sites recommended ineligible to the NRHP (LA 134925 and LA 134926).

IM 1 consists of two burned caliche concentrations and three flakes. One concentration contains 150 pieces of burned caliche in a 4 m diameter area and the second concentration has 15 pieces of burned caliche is a 1 m

diameter area. Both concentrations are on gypsum outcrops with no potential for subsurface deposits. All three flakes are made of chert. One is a flake fragment with no cortex. The other two have flat platforms, no cortex, and are both a size 3 (Zone 13: 546639 E/ 3598148 N).

IM 2 is a gray chert flake with a flat platform and less than 50 percent dorsal cortex (Zone 13: 546590 E/ 3598052 N).

IM 3 is a red chert biface thinning flake, size 2 (Zone 13: 546571 E/ 3597761 N).

IM 4 is a burned caliche scatter with over 100 pieces of burned caliche in a 10 m diameter area on gypsum bedrock (Zone 13: 546613 E/ 3597588 N).

IM 5 is a scatter of 20 pieces of burned caliche in a 5 m diameter area (Zone 13: 546628 E/ 3597670 N).

IM 6 is a scatter of 50 pieces of burned caliche in a 7 m diameter area with three artifacts. This includes one crude brown quartzite biface, size 5; one piece of gray chert angular debris, and one brown chert flake with 50 percent dorsal cortex and a cortical platform, size 3 (Zone 13: 546595 E/ 3597715 N).

IM 7 consists of 200 pieces of burned caliche in an 8 by 10 m area. Trowel tests failed to reveal subsurface deposits (Zone 13: 546573 E/ 3597709 N).

IM 8 consists of 20 pieces of burned caliche in a 15 m by 10 m area with one piece of solarized glass. A trowel test failed to reveal staining or subsurface artifacts (Zone 13: 546470 E/ 3597821 N).

IM 9 consists of ten pieces of burned caliche is a 15 m by 5 m area. The burned caliche is sitting on gypsum bedrock (Zone 13: 546494 E/ 3597951 N).

IM 10 is a white and gray chert flake with a cortical platform and 100 percent dorsal cortex, size 3 (Zone 13: 546508 E/ 3597521 N).

**Management Summary (recommendations):** As a result of the survey four archaeological sites and 10 IMs were encountered and recorded. The four sites include two BLM category 2 sites (LA 134923 and LA 134924) and two small Category 1 sites recommended ineligible to the NRHP (LA 134925 and LA 134926). The well pad was moved 140 ft north to avoid LA 134923.

A reroute to the west of the original staked access road and flowline corridor was surveyed and marked with red and orange flagging tape. This reroute is free of significant cultural materials and should be used for the access road and flowline. In addition, a monitor should be present during the initial construction activities associated with the access road and flowline to ensure the protection of the cultural resources. If any additional cultural material is encountered, work at that location should stop and archaeologists with the BLM-CFO should be consulted.

I certify that the information provided above is correct and accurate and meets all appreciable BLM standards.

Jan, 4.0 **Responsible Archaeologist: Signature** 

THE ABOVE COMPLETES A NEGATIVE REPORT. IF ELIGIBLE OR POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES ARE INVOLVED, THEN THE ABOVE WILL BE THE TITLE PAGE AND ABSTRACT FOR A COMPLETE REPORT.

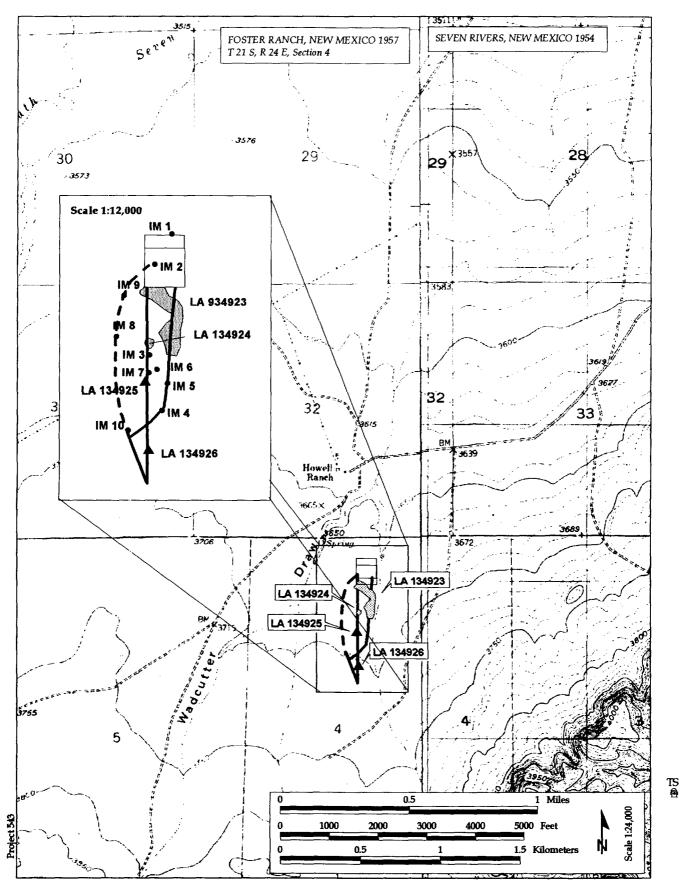


Figure 1. Project Area Map

Mesa Field Services

## COMMUNITIZATION AGREEMENT

Contract No.

THIS AGREEMENT entered into as of the .6th day of March , 1965, by and between the parties subscribing, ratifying or consenting hereto, such parties being hereinafter referred to as "parties hereto,"

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the act of February 25, 1920, 41 Stat. 437, as amended, authorizes communitization or drilling agreements communitizing or pooling a Federal oil and gas lease or any portions thereof with other lands, whether or not owned by the United States, when separate tracts under such Federal lease cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with an established well-spacing program for the field or area and such communitization or pooling is determined to be in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto own working, royalty, or other leasehold interests, or operating rights under the oil and gas leases and lands subject to this agreement which cannot be independently developed and operated in conformity with the wellspacing program established for the field or area in which said lands are located; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to communitize and pool their respective mineral interests in lands subject to this agreement for the purpose of developing and producing communitized substances in accordance with the terms and conditions of this agreement:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the mutual advantages to the parties hereto, it is mutually covenanted and agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. The lands covered by this agreement (hereinafter referred to as "communitized area") are described as follows:

# Section 4, T-21-S, R-24-E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico,

containing 924.8 acres, more or less, and this agreement shall extend to and include worke only the Cisco Canyon and formation underlying said lands and the (dry gas and associated liquid hydrocarbons) (oil and associated hydroearbons) hereinafter referred to as "communitized substances," producible from such formations. This agreement shall apply separately to the Cisco Canyon Formation and to the Morrow Formation in the same manner as though a separate agreement for each form.tion had been entered into. 2. Attached hereto, and made a part of this agreement for all purposes, is Exhibit A designating the operator of the communitized area and showing the acreage, percentage and ownership of oil and gas interests in all lands within the communitized area, and the authorization, if any, for communitizing or pooling any patented or fee lands within the communitized area.

3. All matters of operation shall be governed by the Operator under and pursuant to the terms and provisions of this agreement. A successor operator may be designated by the owners of the working interest in the communitized area and four (4) executed copies of a designation of successor operator shall be filed with the Regional Oil and Gas Supervisor.

4. Operator shall furnish the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, a log and history of any well drilled on the communitized area, monthly reports of operations, statements of communitized substances sales and royalties, and such other reports as are deemed necessary to compute monthly the royalty due the United States, as specified in the applicable oil and gas operating regulations.

5. <u>Nondiscrimination</u>: In connection with the performance of work under this agreement, the operator agrees to comply with all of the provisions of section 301 (1) to (7) inclusive, of Executive Order 10925, as amended (28 F.R. 6485), which are hereby incorporated by reference in this agreement.

6. The communitized area shall be developed and operated as an entirety with the understanding and agreement between the parties hereto that all communitized substances produced therefrom shall be allocated among the leaseholds comprising said area in the proportion that the acreage interest of each leasehold bears to the entire acreage interest committed to this agreement.

7. The royalties payable on communitized substances allocated to the individual leases comprising the communitized area and the rentals provided for in said leases shall be determined and paid on the basis prescribed in each of the individual leases. Payment of rentals under

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Where Federal sliding scale or step scale royalty rate leases are involved insert: For any Federal lease bearing a sliding or step scale rate of royalty, such rate shall be determined separately as to production from each communitization agreement to which such lease may be committed, and separately as to any non-communitized lease production; provided, however, as to leases where the rate of royalty for gas is based on total lease production per day such rate shall be determined by the sum of all communitized production allocated to such a lease and any noncommunitized lease production.

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the terms of leases subject to this agreement shall not be affected by this agreement except as provided for under the terms and provisions of said leases or as may herein be otherwise provided. Except as herein modified and changed, the oil and gas leases subject to this agreement shall remain in full force and effect as originally made and issued.

8. There shall be no obligation on the lessees to offset any well or wells completed in the formation covered by this agreement on separate component tracts into which the communitized area is now or may hereafter be divided, nor shall any lessee be required to measure separately communitized substances by reason of the diverse ownership thereof, but the lessees shall not be released from their obligation to protect the communitized area from drainage of communitized substances by a well or wells drilled offsetting said area.

9. The commencement, completion, continued operation or production of a well or wells for communitized substances on the communitized area shall be construed and considered as the commencement, completion, continued operation or production on each and all of the lands within and comprising said communitized area, and operations or production pursuant to this agreement shall be deemed to be operations or production as to each lease committed hereto.

10. Production of communitized substances and disposal thereof shall be in conformity with allocation, allotments and quotas made or fixed by any duly authorized person or regulatory body under applicable Federal or State statutes. This agreement shall be subject to all applicable Federal and State laws or executive orders, rules and regulations, and no party hereto shall suffer a forfeiture or be liable in damages for failure to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement if such compliance is prevented by, or if such failure results from, compliance with any such laws, orders, rules or regulations.

11. This agreement shall be effective as of the date hereof upon execution by the necessary parties, notwithstanding the date of execution, and upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, and shall remain in force and effect for a period of two (2) years and so long thereafter as communitized substances are or can be produced from the communitized area in paying quantities; provided, that prior to production in paying quantities from the communitized area and upon fulfillment of all requirements of the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, with respect to any dry hole or abandoned well, this agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties hereto. This agreement shall not terminate upon cessation of production if, within sixty (60) days thereafter, reworking or drilling operations on the communitized area are commenced and are thereafter conducted with reasonable diligence during the period of nonproduction.

3.

12. It is agreed by the parties hereto that the Secretary of the Interior, or his duly authorized representative, shall have the right of supervision over all operations within the communitized area to the same extent and degree as provided in the oil and gas leases under which the United States of America is lessor and in the applicable oil and gas operating regulations of the Department of the Interior.

13. The covenants herein shall be construed to be covenants running with the land with respect to the communitized interests of the parties hereto and their successors in interest until this agreement terminates: and any grant, transfer or conveyance of any such land or interest subject hereto, whether voluntary or not, shall be and hereby is conditioned upon the assumption of all obligations hereunder by the grantee, transferee, or other successor in interest, and as to Federal land shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of the Interior.

14. This agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and shall extend to and be binding upon their respective heirs. executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

15. This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, no one of which needs to be executed by all parties, or may be ratified or consented to by separate instrument, in writing, specifically referring hereto, and shall be binding upon all parties who have executed such a counterpart, ratification or consent hereto with the same force and effect as if all parties had signed the same document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written and have set opposite their respective names the date of execution.

Date of execution: March 16, 1965 Address: 608 First National Bank Building Midland, Texas

Date of execution: March /7, 1965 Address: P. O. Bex 1509 Midland, Texas

Date of execution: March . 1965 Address: 602 West Missouri Avenue Midland, Texas Date of execution: March . 1965 Address: P. O. Box 86 Midland, Texas DAVID FASKEN - - OPERATOR

Richard 5. Brooks, Attorney in Fact SHELL OIL COMPANY

Jess V. Lindsey, Attorney in Fact MONSANTO COMPANY

By See Consent and Ratification following this bheet

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## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 6329 Order No. R-5822

APPLICATION OF DAVID FASKEN FOR UNORTHODOX GAS WELL LOCATIONS AND A NON-STANDARD PRORATION UNIT, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

# ORDER OF THE DIVISION

## BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on September 27, 1978, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Daniel S. Nutter.

NOW, on this <u>6th</u> day of October, 1978, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

## FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, David Fasken, seeks approval for the unorthodox locations of the following three wells located in Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico:

the Ross Federal Com. Well No. 2 to be drilled 3300 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 4, Lots 9 through 16 of said section to be dedicated to the well;

the Ross Federal Com. Well No. 3 to be drilled 6040 feet from the South line and 460 feet from the West line of Section 4 to be dedicated to a 284.6-acre non-standard proration unit comprising Lots 1 through 8 of said section; and the Shell Federal Com. Well No. 2 to be drilled 3300 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 5, Lots 9 through 16 of said section to be dedicated to the well.

(3) That wells at said unorthodox locations will better enable applicant to produce the gas underlying each of the aforesaid proration units.

(4) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox locations.

(5) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce his just and equitable share of the gas in the subject pool, will prevent the economic loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That unorthodox gas well locations are hereby approved for the following three wells located in Township 21 South, Range 24 East, Cemetery-Morrow Gas Pool, Eddy County, New Mexico:

the Ross Federal Com. Well No. 2 to be drilled 3300 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 4, Lots 9 through 16 of said section to be dedicated to the well;

the Ross Federal Com. Well No. 3 to be drilled 6040 feet from the South line and 460 feet from the West line of Section 4 to be dedicated to a 284.6-acre non-standard proration unit, hereby approved, comprising Lots 1 through 8 of said section; and

the Shell Federal Com. Well No. 2 to be drilled 3300 feet from the South line and 660 feet from the West line of Section 5, Lots 9 through 16 of said section to be dedicated to the well.

(2) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

-3-Case No. 6329 Order No. R-5822

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ner JOE D. RAMEY, Director

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