

SURFACE USE AND OPERATING PLAN

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the pit area and any unused portions of the drill pad to the original natural level, as nearly as possible, and reseeded as per BLM specifications.

5. Location and Type of Water Supply:

The well will be drilled with a combination brine and fresh water mud system as outlined in the drilling program. The water will be obtained from commercial water stations in the area and hauled to the location by transport truck over the existing and proposed access roads shown in Exhibit #3. If a commercial fresh water source is nearby, pipeline may be laid along existing road ROW's and fresh water pumped to the well. No water well will be drilled on the location.

6. Source of Construction Materials:

All caliche required for construction of the drill pad and the proposed new access road (approximately 1500 cubic yards) will be obtained from a BLM - approved caliche pit. All roads and pads will be constructed of 6" of rolled and compacted caliche.

7. Methods of Handling Water Disposal:

A. Drill cuttings not retained for evaluation purposes will be disposed into the reserve pit.

B. Drilling fluids will be contained in lined working pits. The reserve pit will contain any excess drilling fluid or flow from the well during drilling, cementing, and completion operations. The reserve pit will be an earthen pit, approximately 100' X 150' X 6' deep. A dike will be built across the pit, dividing it in half. One-half of the reserve pit will be plastic-lined to minimize loss of drilling fluids and saturation of the ground with brine water. The other half of the reserve pit will be lined with plastic and used only if we encounter a waterflow during drilling operations and find that we need additional space. This portion of the pit is a precautionary measure only. The portion of the pit that will be lined with plastic should be more than adequate for normal