

# WORK PLAN

ZAFIRO STATE 32 COM #1  
26.7 MILES WEST OF HOBBS, NEW MEXICO  
HOBBS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TALON/LPE PROJECT NO. 701162.053.01

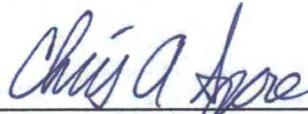
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600 NORTH MARIENFIELD SUITE 600  
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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

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### 1.1 Site Description & Background

Talon/LPE (Talon) has prepared this Work Plan for Cimarex Energy (Cimarex) to provide a detailed account of proposed action at the site. Cimarex contacted Talon to provide environmental consulting services at the Cimarex operated Zafiro State 32 Com #1 (site). A condensate oil release occurred as a result of a release of condensate oil from a faulty load line. Remediation activities will occur on site utilizing the New Mexico Energy, Natural Resources Department (EMNRD), New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) rules (*NMAC 19.15.30 Remediation and NMAC 20.6.2 Ground and Surface Water Protection*) and the New Mexico EMNRD OCD *Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases* as guidance. The site is located approximately 26.7 miles west of the City of Hobbs, in Lea County, New Mexico. The release site is located 11.5 miles northeast of the intersection of Highway 62 and Farm to Market Road 529. The GPS coordinates for the site are 32.70510° North latitude and 103.58040° West longitude.

On December 12, 2013, a release of condensate and produced water occurred at the referenced site from a faulty load line connection to water tank. The release was determined to be approximately 49 barrels (bbl) of oil condensate lost with zero (0) bbl recovered. Cimarex completed a C-141 Release Notification and Corrective Action on December 12, 2013. The release impacted the surface area located inside the unlined containment firewall and off of the well pad. The impacted area ranged from two (2) to six (6) feet wide and approximately 18 feet in length inside the firewall containment. The release breached the containment and spilled onto surrounding vegetation. The impacted vegetation area measured one (1) to four (4) feet wide and 12 feet in length. A Topographic Map depicting the location of the Site is included as Figure 1. An Aerial Photograph of the Site is attached as Figure 2. Site Details are provided as Figure 3.

A search of the New Mexico Water Rights (NMWRRS) database maintained by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE), did not provide information for Section 32, Township 18S, Range 34. A search of nearby locations close to the site provided information indicating that groundwater should be encountered at approximately 50 feet below ground surface (bgs). A search of the NMWRRS database indicated there are no water wells within 1000 feet of the release. There are no surface water bodies within 5000 feet of the release. Based on depth to groundwater and proximity to surface water, guidelines for this release site is listed below:

- Benzene-10mg/kg (ppm)
- BTEX- 50 mg/kg (ppm)
- TPH- 100 mg/kg (ppm)

## **1.2 Project Objective**

Following a site meeting conducted with Talon personnel, Cimarex personnel and an NMOCD Environmental Specialist, guidelines were established for the remediation of the site.

The objective of Talon's work plan for site remediation:

- Excavate the impacted vegetation area east of the tank battery to a depth of eight (8) feet below ground surface (bgs) utilizing a trackhoe. The excavation area will measure approximately 20 feet in length and 12 feet in width. Excavated material will be immediately transported to an approved disposal facility.
- Talon personnel will collect soil samples for analysis of benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and total xylenes (BTEX), and total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) at a depth of eight (8) feet bgs, in addition to sidewall samples in all four (4) cardinal directions. The sample collected at eight (8) feet bgs will also be submitted for analysis of chloride concentration.
- The excavation area will be backfilled with uncontaminated caliche to a depth of four (4) feet bgs. The caliche will be provided by Cimarex using material gathered from the adjacent well pad.
- A liner will be placed at a depth of four (4) feet bgs to prevent further distribution of the contaminated area.
- The remaining excavation area will be backfilled with material collected from the surrounding sand dunes which contain native seeds and vegetation.

## **1.3 Standard of Care**

Talon's services will be performed in accordance with standards customarily provided by a firm rendering the same or similar services in the area during the same time period. Talon makes no warranties, expressed or implied, as to the services performed hereunder. Additionally, Talon does not warrant the work of third parties supplying information used in the report (e.g. laboratories, regulatory agencies, or other third parties). This scope of services will be performed in accordance with the scope of work agreed with the client.

## **1.4 Soil Sampling Activities**

All soil samples will be collected by Talon using industry accepted standard operating procedures. These procedures include wearing new, clean nitrile gloves, and collecting laboratory samples using decontaminated or disposable hand tools (when applicable) to prevent cross-contamination. Soil samples will be collected in laboratory provided sample containers, immediately placed on ice, and transported to TraceAnalysis in Midland, Texas.

## **2.0 LABORATORY ANALYTICAL METHODS**

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The confirmation soil samples will be analyzed for TPH GRO/DRO utilizing EPA method 8015 and BTEX using method 8021B.

## **3.0 DATA EVALUATION**

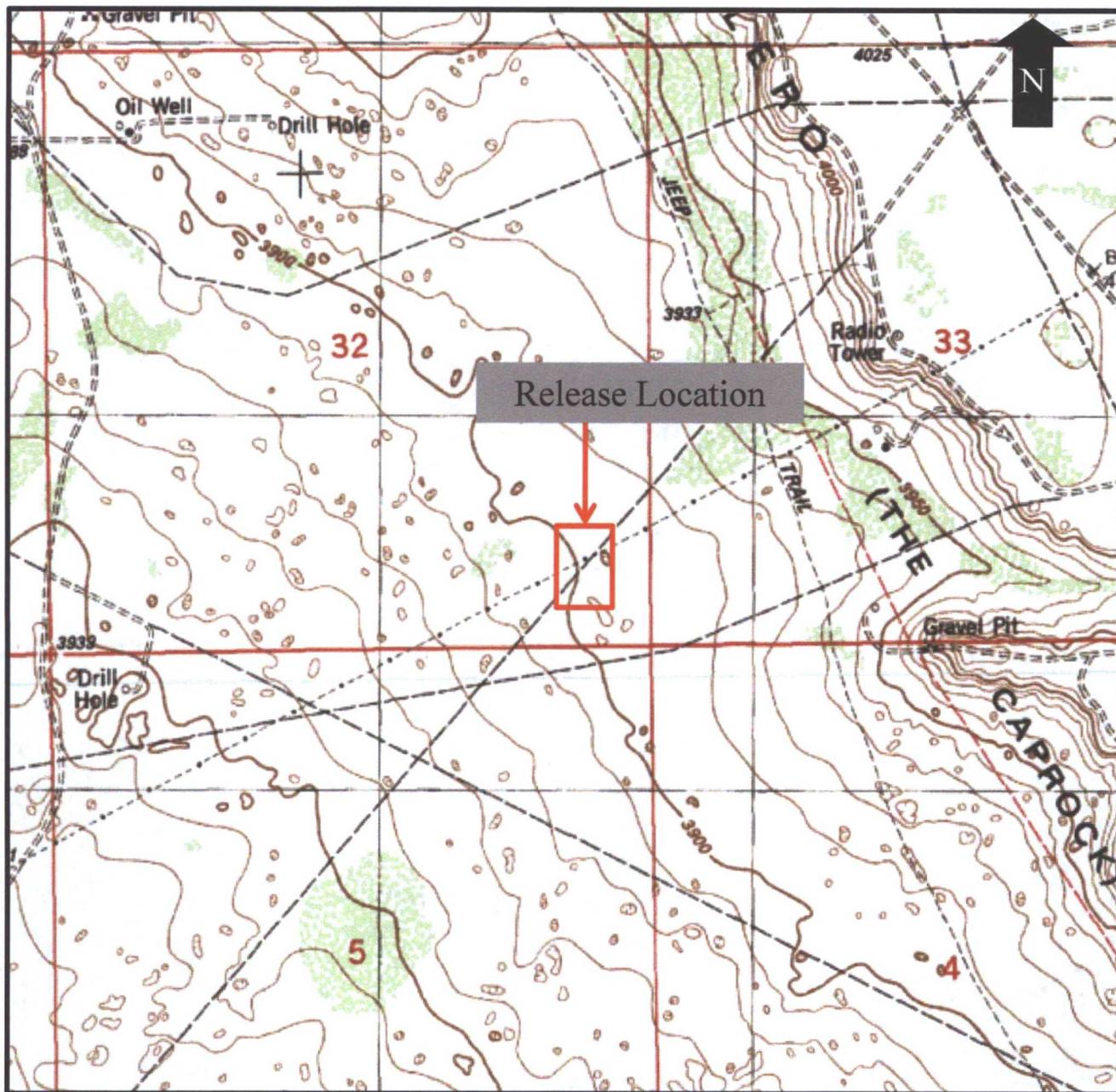
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The Site is subject to regulatory oversight by the New Mexico EMNRD OCD. To address activities related to crude oil releases, the New Mexico EMNRD OCD utilizes the *Guidelines for Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases* as guidance, in addition to the OCD rules, specifically NMAC 19-15-30 Remediation. These guidance documents establish investigation and abatement action requirements for sites subject to reporting and/or corrective action.

## **4.0 SITE RESTORATION**

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Following the completion of the activities described in Section 1.2, Talon will recommend no further actions at the site to complete environmental remediation. Talon will discuss all findings, analytical data, and findings with Cimarex personnel prior to any further actions. Talon will provide a Site Remediation and Closure Report following the completion of all remediation activities.



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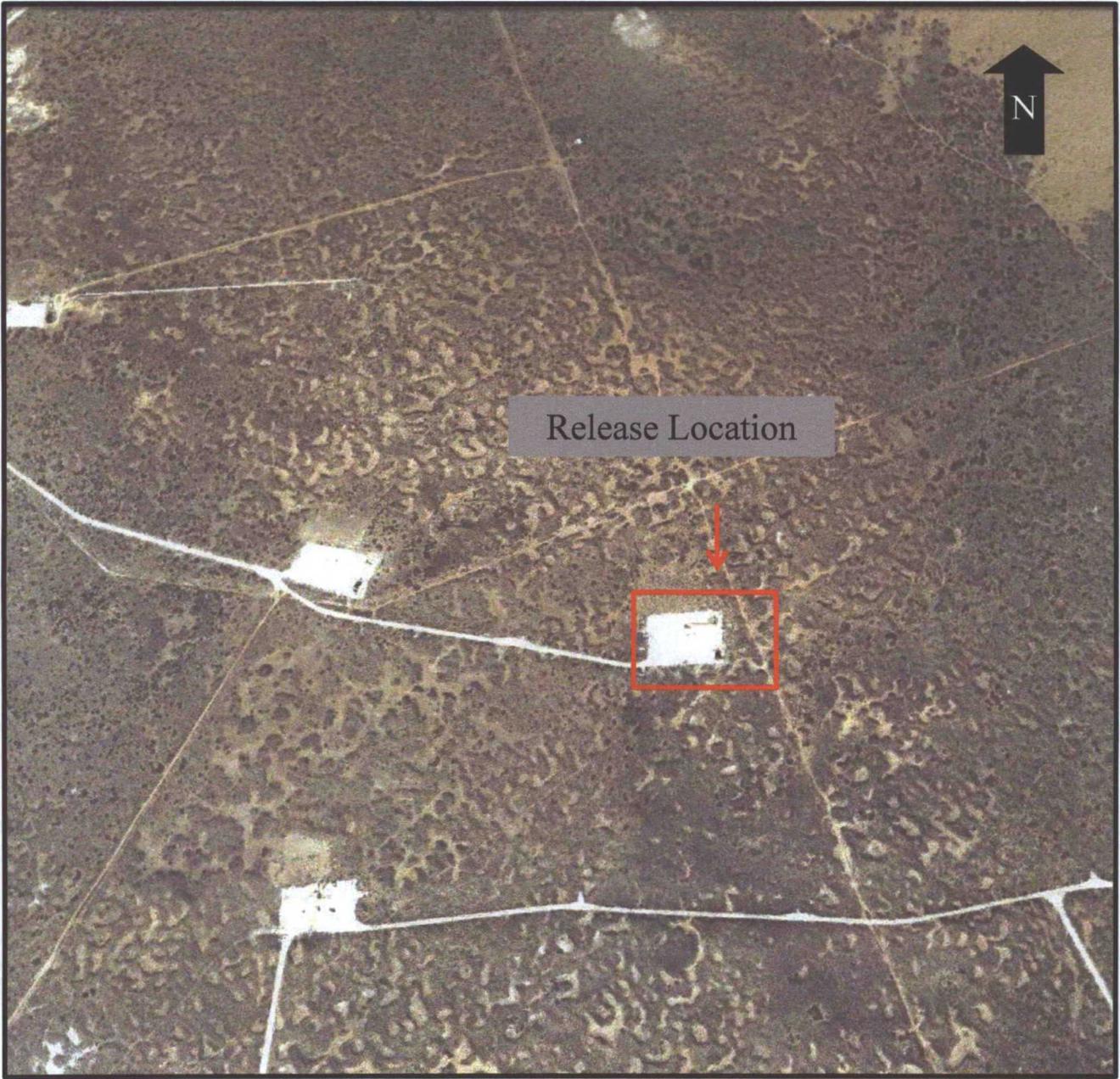


FIGURE 1  
 Topographic Map  
 Zafiro State 32 Com #1  
 26.7 miles West of Hobbs, NM  
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FIGURE 2  
AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH  
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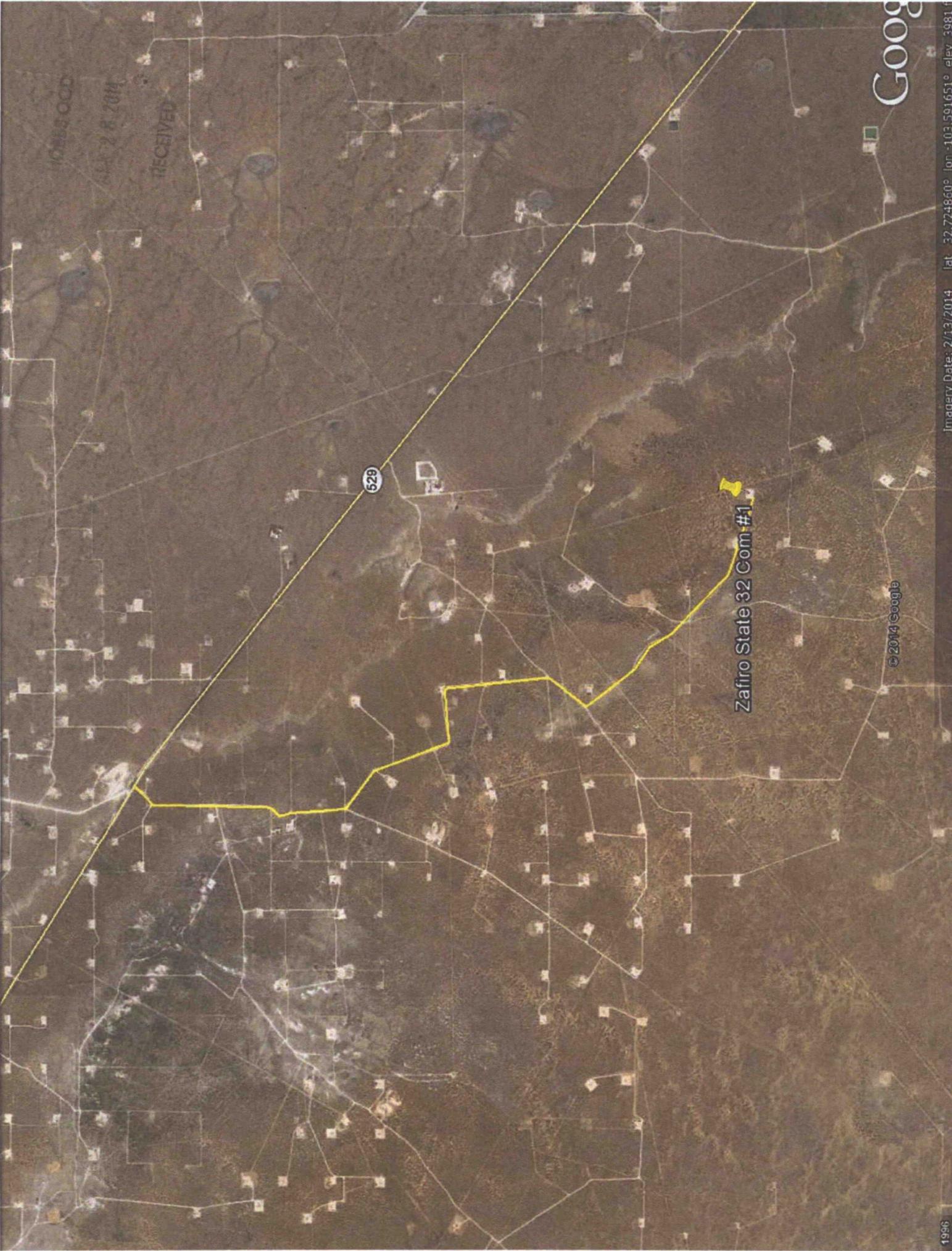


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SITE DETAILS  
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**Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD**

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**From:** Melissa Decker <mdecker@talonlpe.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 28, 2014 4:44 PM  
**To:** Leking, Geoffrey R, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Directions-Cimarex Zafiro State 32 Location  
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Mr. Leking,

To get to Zafiro State 32 Location-  
From the intersection of Highway 62 and 529.  
14.3 miles Northwest on 529  
South on Lease Road for 0.1 miles  
Southeast on Lease Road for 1.0 mile  
West on Lease Road for 0.25 miles  
South on Lease Road for 0.5 miles  
Southwest on Lease Road for 0.25 miles  
Southeast on Lease Road for 1.4 miles.  
Arrive at Zafiro Location

GPS: Latitude :32.70460300, Longitude: -103.57973000

The easiest direct access to Zafiro is a private road and no oilfield traffic is allowed. This is the second quickest route.

I have attached two maps with a highlighted route for some help.

Thank you,

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