



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
SAN JUAN FIELD OFFICE  
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In Reply Refer to:

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**JAN 17 2001**

Mr. James Bruce  
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Re: NMOCD Hearing  
Cross Timbers Oil Company  
Ute Indians "A" Well No. 32

Dear Mr. Bruce:

The Bureau of Land Management San Juan Field Office is in receipt of the letter you sent dated January 3, 2001, regarding the forthcoming hearing on the referenced well. Thank you for your timely notification of this proceeding.

BLM and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have had discussions with Cross Timbers regarding the drilling of this well and the need for an unorthodox surface location. As presented to BLM, and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, no objections are made to this request to be put before NMOCD on January 25, 2001.

However, as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the New Mexico Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department (1999)(Attached) failure to appear at a hearing shall not relieve BLM from its obligation and authority to make an independent evaluation and order on the application. Therefore, BLM will take under advisement the commissions draft order in rendering its decision on this matter.

If you have any questions please contact John Pecor (970)385-1359 or Dan Rabinowitz (970)385-1363.

Sincerely,

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

CASE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT 3

  
John L. Pecor

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San Juan Field Office

Enclosure

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