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Lease #: NMNM67979
COG Operating LLC
Jameson 26 Federal No 1H Freshwater (Frac) Facility

FRAC POND CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

A copy of the Sundry Notice and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and diagram, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to see a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all conditions of approval.

Holder agrees to comply with the following conditions of approval to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer:

1. The Holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this permit.
2. The Holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated.
3. Required Standard Conditions of Approval:
 - Contact the Supervisory Environmental Protection Specialist, Jim Amos, at 575-234-5909 at least 24 hours prior to starting construction.
 - The frac pond will only be authorized to contain freshwater and testing of water quality is required. Additives are not allowed without consent of the authorized officer.
 - If at any time the water in the frac pond becomes polluted with salts or other contaminants, use of the frac pond will cease and desist, and all liquids will be removed from the frac pond and disposed of properly.
 - Confine all construction and maintenance activity to the authorized area.
 - Temporary pipelines flowing from the frac pond to the target well will be laid along existing roadways unless an exception has been granted by the authorized officer.
 - Mineral materials extracted during construction of the frac pond will be stored on-location and/or used for constructing the frac pond.
 - The frac pond will be lined.
 - The operator shall stockpile topsoil approximately 25 feet outside the bermed perimeter of the pond in a low profile manner, reasonably protected from wind and water erosion

- Topsoil shall not be used for constructing the frac pond. The topsoil will be used for final reclamation purposes only.
- The frac pond shall be fenced on all sides.
- Frac pond boundary fences will be marked by using highly visible and/or reflective markers
- Inner walls of the frac pond will have a minimum of a 3:1 slope ratio in order to minimize the entrapment of fauna
- Install earthen erosion-control structures as are suitable for the specific terrain and soil conditions.
- The plastic lining will be removed prior to final abandonment
- Reclamation efforts will commence immediately after the frac pond is no longer needed for the purpose of completing wells.
- Within 3 months of completion of frac operations on associated wells, all earthwork and final reclamation must be completed. This includes reclaiming and/or removal of:

Any roads approved for use with the pond

Surface water lines

Tanks, pumps, fencing etc.

- Porto-johns and trash containers will be on-location during fracturing operations or any other crew-intensive operations.

Requirements for Operations and Final Reclamation:

4. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the frac pond, any pollutant should be released from the contaminated frac pond, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of holder, regardless of fault.

5. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the

passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.

6. Any cultural and/or paleontological resources (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. Holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.

7. The operator shall be held responsible if noxious weeds become established within the areas of operations. Weed control shall be required on the disturbed land where noxious weeds exist, which includes the roads, pads, associated pipeline corridor, and adjacent land affected by the establishment of weeds due to this action. The operator shall consult with the Authorized Officer for acceptable weed control methods, which include following EPA and BLM requirements and policies.

8. After all disturbed areas have been satisfactorily contoured and prepared for seeding the location needs to be revegetated with the seed mixture provided. Seeding may need to be repeated until revegetation is successful. Operators shall contact Jim Amos, Supervisor, Environmental Protection – (575)234-5909, **prior** to beginning surface reclamation operations.

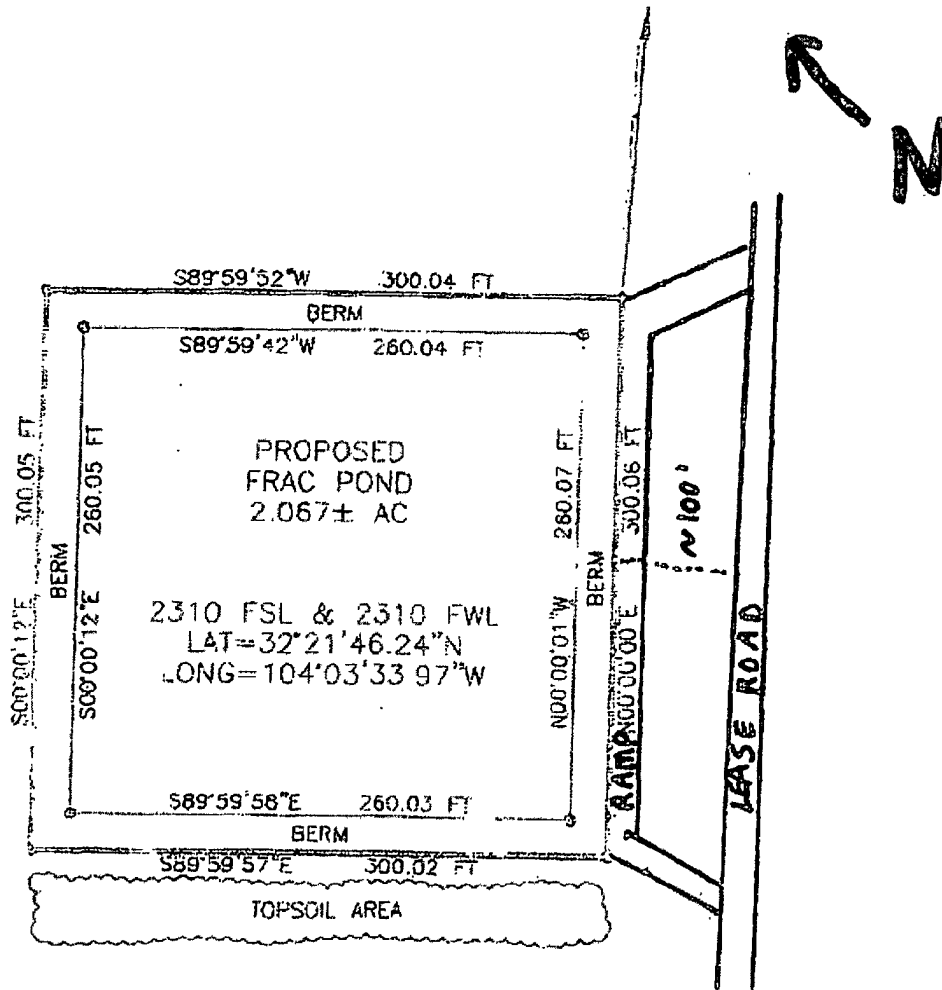
9. Seeding is required: Use the following seed mix.

shallow mixture

10. The topsoil to be stripped is approximately 4 inches in depth.

11. Special Stipulations:

The frac pond will be constructed to parallel the existing lease road as shown below:



Temporary Freshwater Lines are authorized along existing roadways only. If the operator wishes to lay a FW line across open terrain a separate approval must be obtained by the BLM-CFO.

12. Upon failure of holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge, or to repair all damages resulting there-from, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

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