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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR REENTER

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 1004-0137
Expires March 31, 2007

1a. Type of work: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL <input type="checkbox"/> REENTER		5. Lease Serial No. NM NM 113387
1b. Type of Well: <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Single Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Zone		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name N/A
2. Name of Operator Preston Exploration, LLC 212226		7. If Unit or CA Agreement, Name and No. N/A
3a. Address 1717 Woodstead Court, Suite 207 The Woodlands, Texas 77380		8. Lease Name and Well No. Frontier 9 Federal Com #1 36089
3b. Phone No. (include area code) 281-367-8697		9. API Well No. 30-015-35207
4. Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.) At surface 1980' FSL & 1980' FEL At proposed prod. zone		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Huerfano Morrow
14. Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*		11. Sec., T. R. M. or Blk. and Survey or Area Sec 9, T-23S, R-22E
15. Distance from proposed* location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any) 660'	16. No. of acres in lease 320 acres	12. County or Parish Eddy County
17. Spacing Unit dedicated to this well R/2 of Sec. 9	18. Distance from proposed location* to nearest well, drilling, completed, applied for, on this lease, ft.	13. State NM
19. Proposed Depth 10,000'	20. BLM/BIA Bond No. on file NM-1860	
21. Elevations (Show whether DF, KDB, RT, GL, etc.) 4603'	22. Approximate date work will start* 06/15/2006	23. Estimated duration 30 Days

24. Attachments Roswell Controlled Water Basin

The following, completed in accordance with the requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 1, shall be attached to this form:

1. Well plat certified by a registered surveyor.
2. A Drilling Plan.
3. A Surface Use Plan (if the location is on National Forest System Lands, the SUPO shall be filed with the appropriate Forest Service Office).
4. Bond to cover the operations unless covered by an existing bond on file (see item 20 above).
5. Operator certification
6. Such other site specific information and/or plans as may be required by the authorized officer.

25. Signature <i>Lindsay Truesdell</i>	Name (Printed/Typed) Lindsay Truesdell	Date 05/31/2006
Title Consultant		
Approved by (Signature) <i>Don Peterson</i>	Name (Printed/Typed) Is/ Don Peterson	Date 8/2/06
Title ACTING FIELD MANAGER	Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE	

Application approval does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached.

APPROVAL FOR 1 YEAR

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212, make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

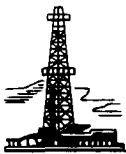
*(Instructions on page 2)

DECLARED WATER BASIN
CEMENT BEHIND THE 138'
CASING MUST BE CIRCULATED

WITNESS

DECLARED WATER BASIN
CEMENT BEHIND THE 95'
CASING MUST BE CIRCULATED

ATTENTION SUBJECT TO
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND
SPECIAL STIPULATIONS
ATTACHED



R. K. FORD & ASSOCIATES

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September 7, 2006

State of New Mexico
Oil Conservation Division
Attn: Mr. Bryan Arrant
1301 West Grand Avenue
Artesia, New Mexico 88210



Re: Preston Exploration, LLC: Application to drill the Frontier '9' Federal Com. # 1,
located in Section 9, Township 23 South, Range 22 East, 1980' FSL & 1980'
FEL, Eddy County, New Mexico, NMPM

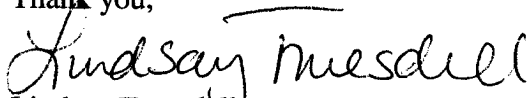
Dear Mr. Arrant,

On August 16, 2006 our office received your letter in regards to Preston Explorations APD for the Frontier 9 Fed Com #1 well. You had several issues about the APD that needed to be resolved before you could issue and API number and this letter is to hopefully correct the problems.

The first concern you had was the need for an H₂S contingency plan. Sources at Preston Exploration, LLC advised me that they do not anticipate enough H₂S from the surface to TD to meet the OCD's minimum requirements for the submission of a contingency plan per Rule 118, however H₂S monitoring equipment will be on location from below surface casing to TD. Secondly was an updated C-102, which I have enclosed. On August 17, 2006, you and I had a conversation on the telephone that resolved the issue over the mud program.

Please let me know if you need any additional information.

Thank you,


Lindsay Truesdell
R.K. Ford and Associates

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1625 N. FRENCH DR., HOBBS, NM 88240

DISTRICT II
1301 W. GRAND AVENUE, ARTESIA, NM 88210

DISTRICT III
1000 Rio Brazos Rd., Aztec, NM 87410

DISTRICT IV
1220 S. ST. FRANCIS DR., SANTA FE, NM 87505

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
1220 SOUTH ST. FRANCIS DR.
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Form C-102
Revised October 12, 2005
Submit to Appropriate District Office
State Lease - 4 Copies
Federal Lease - 6 Copies
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OCD - ARTESIA

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

☐ AMENDED REPORT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
		Hiapacté; Morrow
Property Code 212226	Property Name FRONTIER 9 FEDERAL COM	Well Number 1
OGRID No.	Operator Name PRESTON EXPLORATION	Elevation 4603'

Surface Location

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
J	9	23-S	22-E		1980	SOUTH	1980	EAST	EDDY

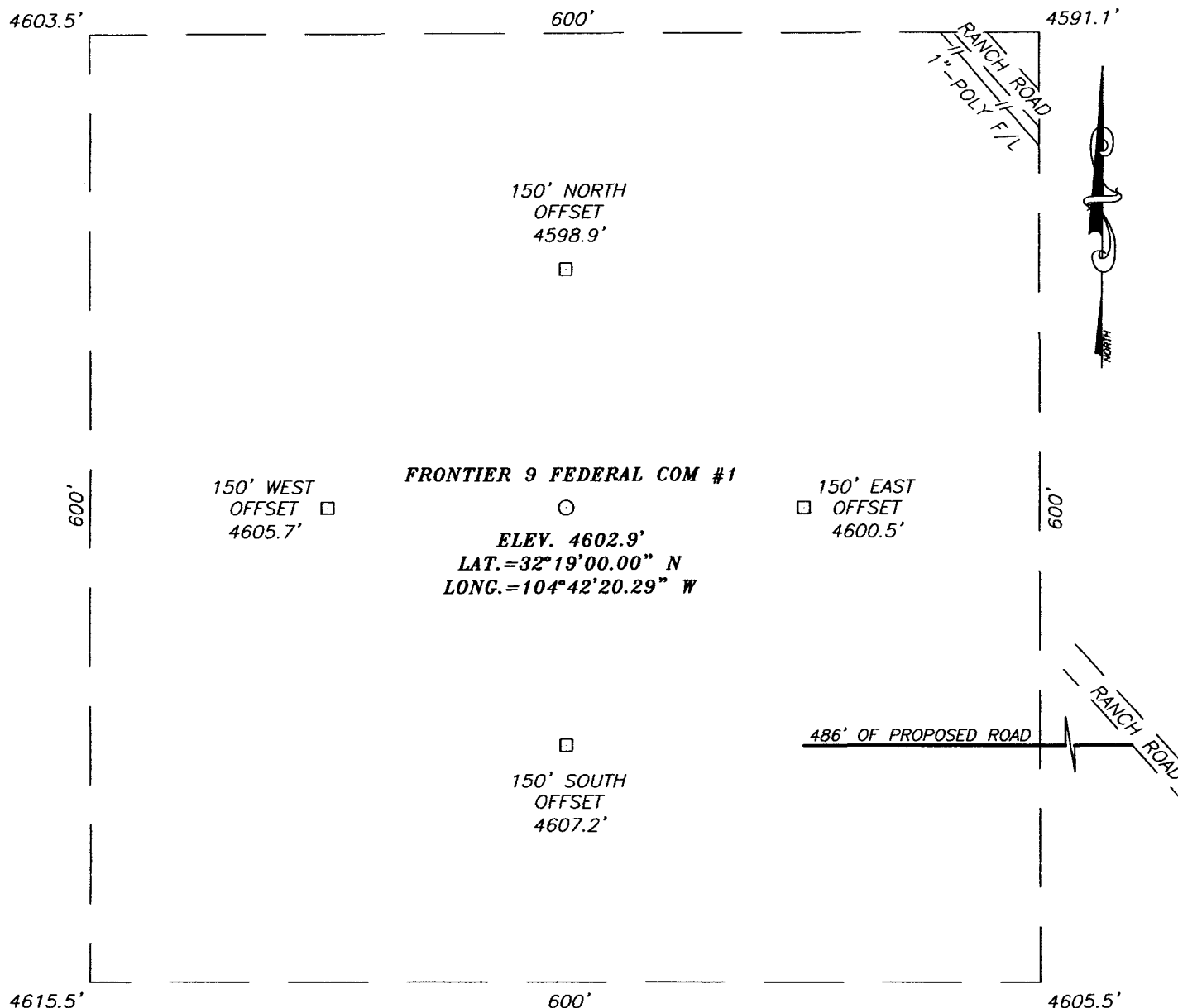
Bottom Hole Location If Different From Surface

UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
Dedicated Acres 320	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.						

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

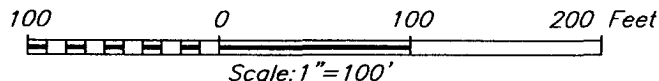
<p>GEODETIC COORDINATES NAD 27 NME Y=479119.7 N X=384986.3 E LAT.=32°19'00.00" N LONG.=104°42'20.29" W</p>	<p>4603.5' 4591.1' 600' 4615.5' 4605.5' 1980'</p>	<p>OPERATOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the information herein is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that this organization either owns a working interest or unleased mineral interest in the land including the proposed bottom hole location or has a right to drill this well at this location pursuant to a contract with an owner of such mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division. Signature: <i>Lindsay Truesdell</i> Date: 9/8/2006 Printed Name: Lindsay Truesdell</p> <p>SURVEYOR CERTIFICATION I hereby certify that the well location shown on this plat was plotted from field notes of actual surveys made by me or under my supervision, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief. SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 Date Surveyed: MR Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor: <i>GARY R. EIDSON</i> 06-11-1355 Certificate No. GARY EIDSON 12841</p>
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SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 22 EAST, N.M.P.M.,
 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO



DIRECTIONS TO LOCATION

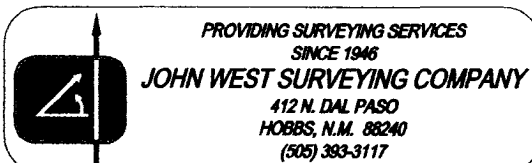
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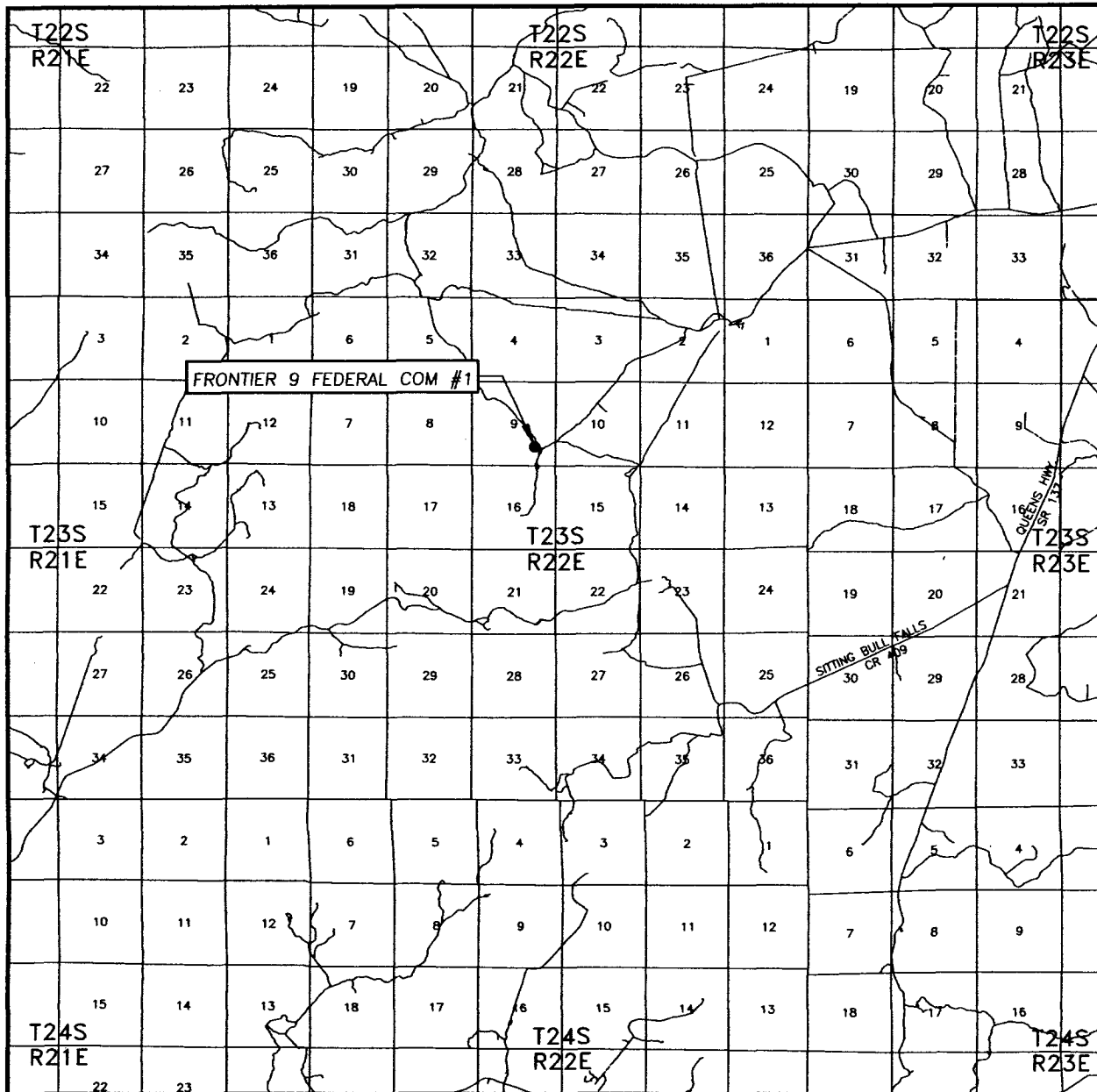
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 AND 1980 FEET FROM THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 9,
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 EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

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Date: 09/01/06	Disk: CD#5 06111355 Scale: 1"=100'



VICINITY MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2 MILES

SEC. 9 TWP. 23-S RGE. 22-E

SURVEY N.M.P.M.


COUNTY EDDY

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ELEVATION 4603'

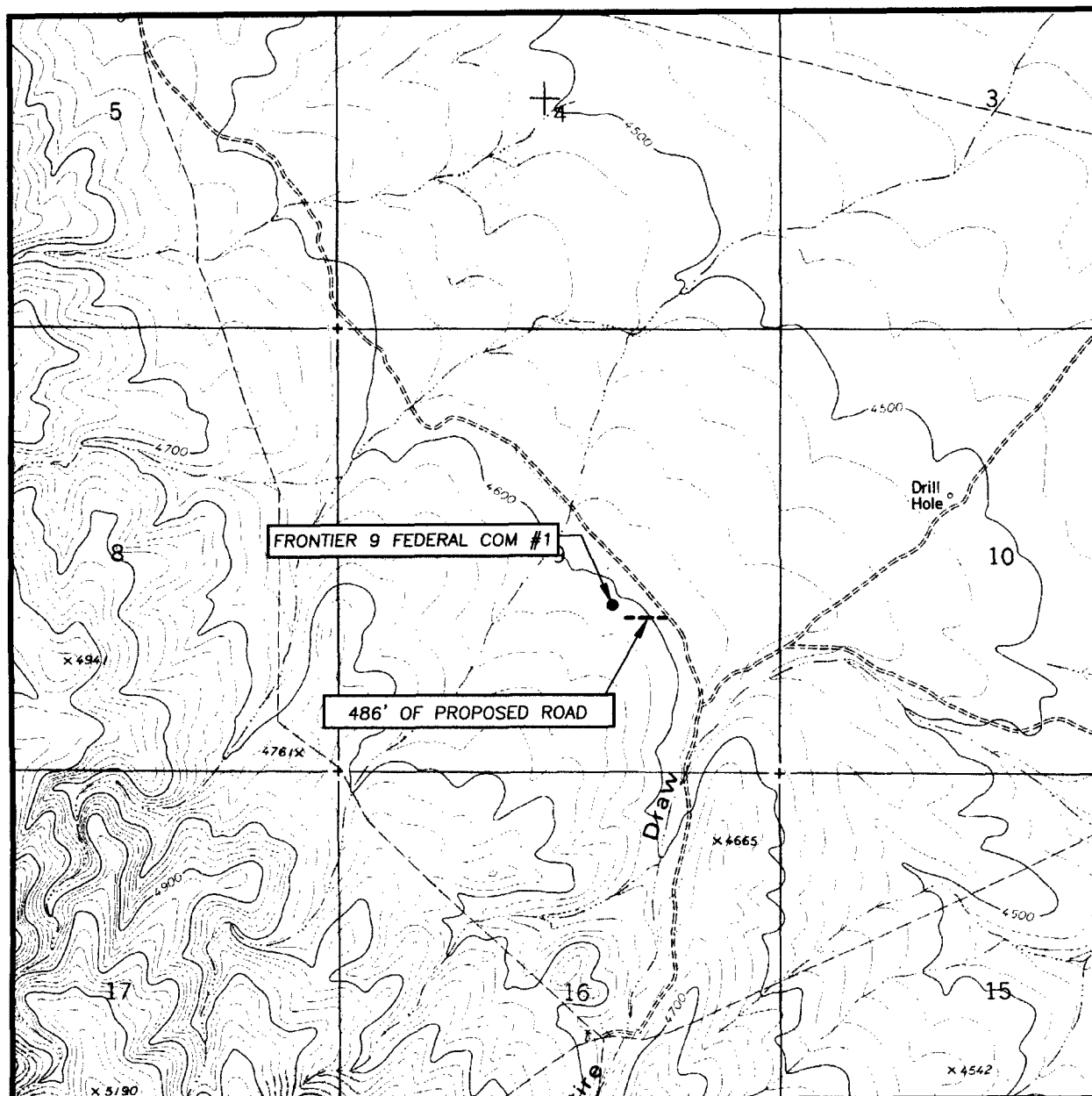
OPERATOR PRESTON EXPLORATION

LEASE FRONTIER 9 FEDERAL COM



PROVIDING SURVEYING SERVICES
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JOHN WEST SURVEYING COMPANY
412 N. DAL PASO
HOBBS, N.M. 88240
(505) 393-3117

LOCATION VERIFICATION MAP



SCALE: 1" = 2000'

CONTOUR INTERVAL:
RED BLUFF DRAW, N.M. - 20'

SEC. 9 TWP. 23-S RGE. 22-E

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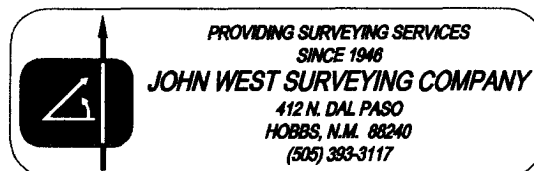
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U.S.G.S. TOPOGRAPHIC MAP
RED BLUFF DRAW, N.M.



MULTI POINT SURFACE USE AND OPERATIONS PLAN FOR

**Preston Exploration, LLC
Frontier 9 Federal Com #1
Surface Location: 1980' FSL & 1980' FEL
Section 9, T-23-S, R-22-E
Eddy County, New Mexico
Lease No.: NMNM 113387**

This plan is submitted with the Application for Permit to Drill the above described well. The purpose of the plan is to describe the location of the proposed well; the proposed construction activities and operations plan to be followed in rehabilitating the surface and environmental effects associated with the operation.

1. EXISTING ROADS:

- A. Directions: From the intersection of St. Hwy #137 and Co. Rd. #405 (H Bar Ranch Road) go West on Co. Rd. #405 for approximately 5.5 miles. Turn right (Northwest/West) and go approximately 0.4 miles, continue southwest for approximately 1.5 miles to the existing Yates Big Freddy #2 well. From the southeast of existing pad continue to go southwest for approximately 0.8 miles to a road intersection, veer right (northwest) and go approximately 0.2 miles to a proposed road survey. Follow proposed road survey for approximately 486' to this location.

2. PLANNED ACCESS ROAD:

- A. Length and Width: Exhibit "B" is the proposed access road. It will be approximately 486' long and 12' wide and run West to the East corner of the location.
- B. Construction: The proposed access road will be constructed by grading and topping with compacted caliche. The surface will be properly drained.
- C. Turnouts: None required.
- D. Culverts: None necessary.
- E. Cuts and Fills: 1' cut to the north with 1' fill to the south
- F. Gates and Cattle Guards: None necessary.
- G. Off lease right of way: None required.

3. LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS:

Existing wells in the immediate area are shown on the Vicinity Map, Exhibit "A".

4. LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED FACILITIES:

- A. Preston Exploration, LLC has no production facilities on this lease at this time.
- B. If the well proves to be commercial, the necessary production facilities, gas separation-process equipment and tank battery, if required, will be installed on the drilling pad.

5. LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

It is planned to drill the proposed well with fresh water that will be obtained from private or commercial sources and will be transported over the existing and proposed access roads.

6. SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:

Caliche for surfacing the proposed access road and well site pad will be obtained from the location, if available, or from an approved Federal pit. No surface materials will be disturbed except those necessary for actual grading and leveling of the drill site and access road.

7. METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE DISPOSAL:

- A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pits.
- B. Drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the drilling pits until the pits are dry.
- C. All pits will be fenced with normal fencing materials to prevent livestock from entering the area.
- D. Water produced during operations will be collected in tanks until hauled to an approved disposal system, or a separate disposal application will be submitted to the BLM for approval.
- E. Oil Produced during tests will be stored in test tanks.
- F. Current laws and regulations pertaining to the disposal of human waste will be complied with.
- G. All trash and debris will be removed from the well site within 30 days after finishing drilling and/or completion operations.

8. ANCILLARY FACILITIES:

None required.

9. WELL SITE LAYOUT:

- A. Exhibit "C" shows the relative location and dimensions of the well pad, reserve pits, and major rig components. The pad and pit area has been staked and flagged 600' x 600'.**
- B. Mat Size: 225' x 300', plus 150' x 150' reserve pit on the north.**
- C. Cut & Fill: 1' cut to the north with 1' fill to the south**
- D. The surface will be topped with compacted caliche and the reserve pits will be plastic lined.**

10. PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF THE SURFACE:

- A. After completion of drilling and/or completion operations, all equipment and other material not needed for operations will be removed. The well site will be cleaned of trash leaving the site aesthetically pleasing to the extent possible.**
- B. If the proposed well is non-productive, all rehabilitation and/or vegetation requirements of the Bureau of Land Management will be complied with and will be accomplished as expeditiously as possible. All pits will be filled and leveled as soon as they are dry enough to be worked.**

11. OTHER INFORMATION:

- A. Surface Ownership - Bureau of Land Management**
- B. Boone Archeological Services, 2030 North Canal Street
Carlsbad, NM 88220, conducted an archaeological survey. No
significant archaeological resources were found in the area of the
planned access road or of the proposed well site.**
- C. Oil & Gas Lease:**
NMNM 113387 **Township 23 South, Range 22 East**
E/2 of Section 9

D. RECORD LESSEE:

J Bar Cane Inc.

100%

E. BOND COVERAGE:

\$25,000 Statewide Oil & Gas Surety Bond
BLM Bond #: NM2860

12. OPERATOR'S REPRESENTATIVE:

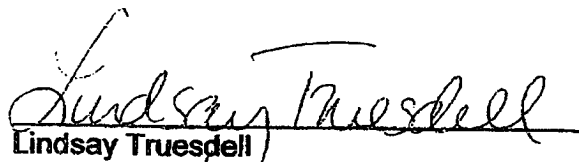
The field representative for assuring compliance with the approved use and operations plan is as follows:

R. K. Ford & Associates
415 West Wall, Suite 1700
Midland, Texas 79701
432-682-0440 (Office)
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432-570-7216 (Home)
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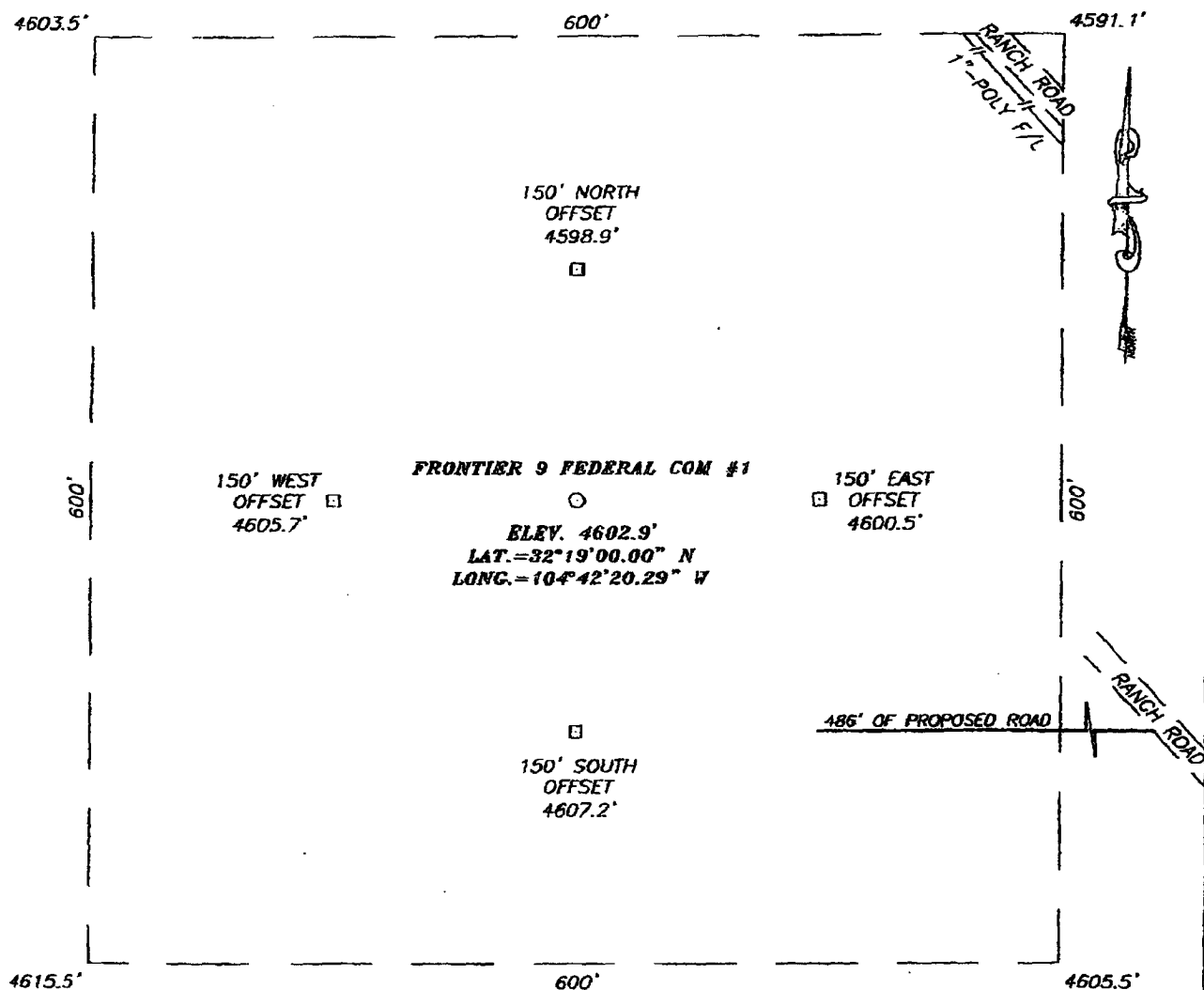
13. CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drill site and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which currently exist; that the statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Cabal Energy Corporation and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved.

May 30, 2006

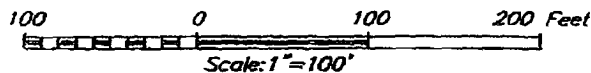

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EXHIBIT "B"

DRILLING RIG LAYOUT
Preston Exploration, LLC
Frontier 9 Federal Com #1

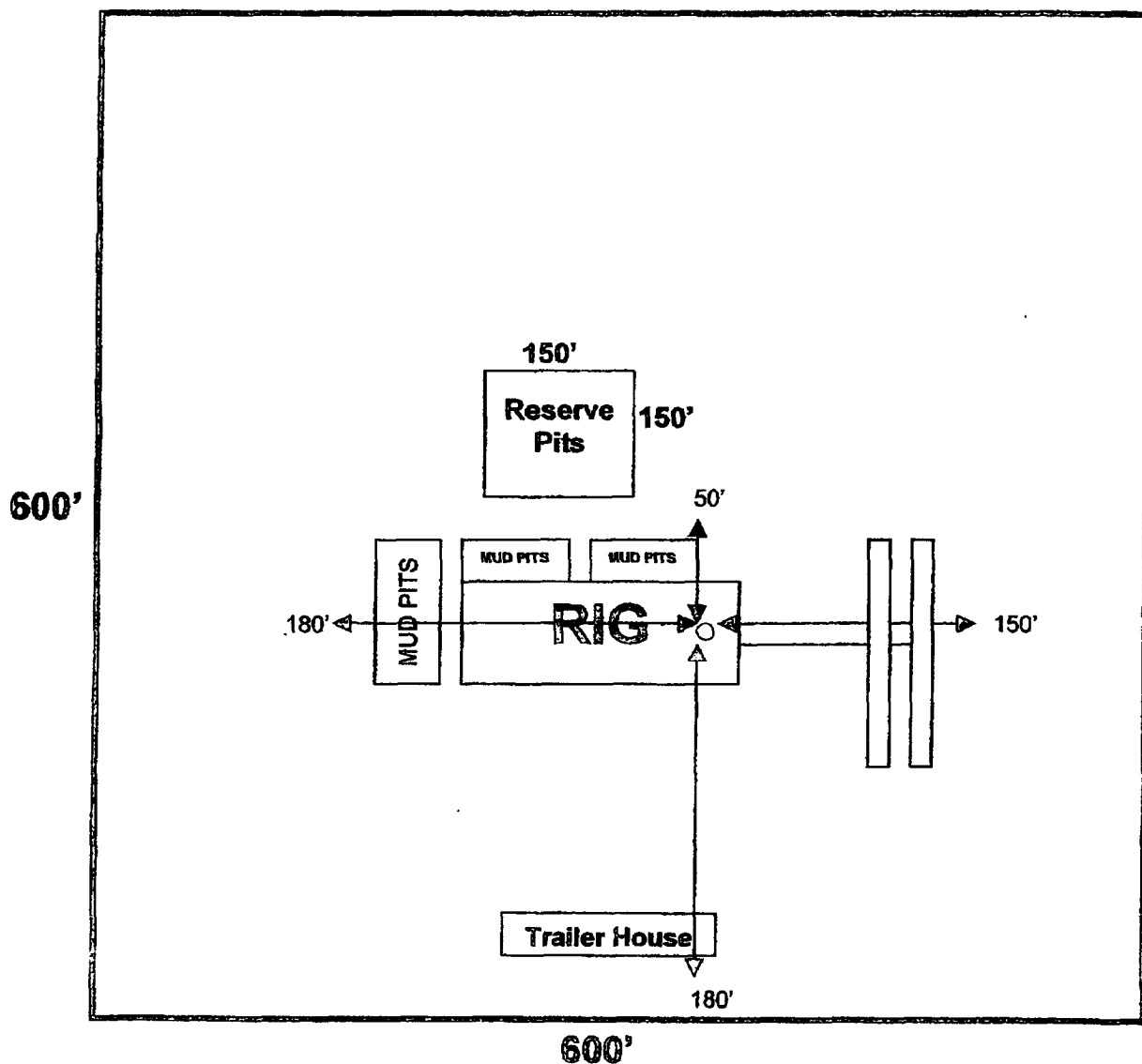
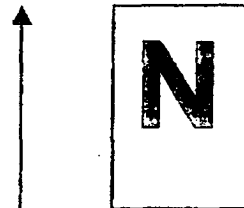


Exhibit "C"

DRILLING PROGRAM

PRESTON EXPLORATION, LLC
FRONTIER 9 FEDERAL COM #1

1980' FSL & 1980' FEL
Section 9, T-23-S, R-22-E
Eddy County, New Mexico

The following items supplement Form 3160-3 in accordance with instructions contained in Onshore Oil and Gas Orders #1 and #2, and all other applicable federal and state regulations.

1. ESTIMATED TOPS OF GEOLOGIC MARKERS (TVD):

Anhydrite	250'
Glorietta	1,700'
Bone Spring	2,900'
Wolfcamp	5,950'
Canyon	7,700'
Strawn	8,725'
Atoka	9,200'
Morrow	9,725'
Total Depth	10,000'

2. ESTIMATED DEPTHS TO WATER, OIL, OR GAS FORMATIONS:

Fresh Water	Above 200'
Oil and Gas	Delaware, Atoka Sand, Middle Morrow, Lower Morrow

3. Pressure control equipment: The blow out preventer equipment (BOP) shown in Exhibit #1 will consist of a 3000 psi double ram type preventer for drilling the 12-1/4" hole. The blowout preventer stack for the production (8-1/2") hole as shown on Exhibit #2 will consist of at least a double-ram blowout preventer and annular preventer rated to 3000 psi working pressure. A diagram of the BOPs and choke manifold is attached. All BOPs and accessory equipment will be tested according to Onshore Order #2 before drilling out.

4. PROPOSED CASING PROGRAM:

<u>Hole Size</u>	<u>Interval</u>	<u>Casing Size</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Grade, Joint</u>
26"	0 - 40'	20"	94#	K-55, BTC
17-1/2"	0 - 380'	13-3/8"	48#	N-80, BTC
12-1/4"	0 - 2,000'	9-5/8"	24#	K-55, BTC
8-1/2"	0 - 9,800'	5-1/2"	11.6#	N-80, LTC

On the 7-5/8" casing set at 4270', we propose to set a DV Tool (Stage Collar) above an External Casing Packer (ECP). The External Casing Packer is to be set inside the 10-3/4" casing at 2950 +/- . Cement will be circulated to surface. Equivalent or

adequate grades and weights of casing may be substituted at time casing is run, depending on availability. Changes will be relayed to BLM prior to running.

5. PROPOSED CEMENTING PROGRAM

20" conductor	cemented with ready mix to surface
13-3/8" surface	320 sxs Premium Plus cement, 2% calcium chloride
9-5/8" intermediate	650 sxs Premium Plus cement, 2% calcium chloride
5-1/2" production	500 sxs Light Cement
	300 sxs Super "H" cement .5% Halad, .4% CFR-3, 3# per sx Gilsonite

6. PROPOSED MUD SYSTEM:

<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MUD WEIGHT</u>	<u>VISCOSITY</u>	<u>WATER LOSS</u>
0 - 380'	fresh water	8.6 - 8.8 ppg	28 - 30	NC
380' - 2,000'	brine water	10.0 - 10.2 ppg	28 - 34	NC
2,000' - 9,800'	fresh/brine/mud	8.4 - 10.4 ppg	28 - 40	6-8 cc

7. TESTING, LOGGING AND CORING PROGRAM:

Samples	10' Samples from 5,200'
DST's	Possible Cisco, Strawn & Atoka
Logging	Density, Lateral, Resistivity
Coring	Possible sidewall core

8. ABNORMAL PRESSURES AND TEMPERATURES:

None anticipated. Maximum bottom hole pressure should not exceed 5,200 psi.

This area has a potential H₂S hazard. An H₂S drilling plan is attached.

ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE AND DURATION OF OPERATIONS:

It is planned that operations will commence on June 1, 2006. Drilling should be completed within 20 days followed by completion operations.

Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD

From: Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 11:26 AM
To: 'angela@rkford.com'
Subject: FW: test

From: Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 11:25 AM
To: Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD
Cc: john_simitz@blm.gov
Subject: RE: test

Dear Angela,

The API # for the Frontier '9' Federal Com. # 1, located in Section 9 of T-23-S R 22-E in Eddy County, New Mexico is: 30-015-35207.

Please note that the condition of approval (**in part**) is that a fresh water mud system is to be used in drilling the surface and intermediate strings of casing.

You may review this particular matter in more detail of the conditions of approval in the BLM's:

CONDITION OF APPROVAL-DRILLING II. CASING: items 1,2 and 3.

If you have any questions about this matter, please call me or Mr. John Simitz at: 505-627-0288 in Roswell at the Bureau of Land Management's office.

Yours truly,

Bryan G. Arrant
NMOCD District II Geologist
505-748-1283 ext. 103

CC: Well file

From: Arrant, Bryan, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 9:49 AM
To: 'angela@rkford.com'
Subject: test

10/25/2006

HYDROGEN SULFIDE DRILLING OPERATIONS PLAN

PRESTON EXPLORATION, LLC.

Frontier 9 Federal Com #1

I. HYDROGEN SULFIDE TRAINING

A. All regularly assigned personnel, contracted or employed by Cabal Energy Corporation, will receive training from a qualified instructor in the following areas prior to commencing drilling potential hydrogen sulfide bearing formations in this well:

1. The hazards and characteristics of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S).
2. The proper use and maintenance of personal protective equipment and life support systems.
3. The proper use of H_2S detectors, alarms, warning systems, briefing areas, evacuation procedures and prevailing winds.
4. The proper techniques for first aid and rescue procedures.

B. In addition, supervisory personnel will be trained in the following areas:

1. The effects of H_2S on metal components. If high tensile tubulars are to be used, personnel will be trained in their special maintenance requirements.
2. Corrective action and shut-in procedures when drilling or reworking a well and blowout prevention and well control procedures.
3. The contents and requirements of the H_2S Drilling Operations Plan.

C. There will be an initial training session just prior to encountering a known or probable H_2S zone (within 3 days or 500 feet) and weekly H_2S and well control drills for all personnel in each crew. The initial training session shall include a review of the site specific H_2S Drilling Operations Plan. This plan shall be available at the well site. All personnel will be required to carry documentation that they have received the proper training.

II. H₂S SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS

Note: All H₂S safety equipment and systems will be installed, tested and operational when drilling reaches a depth of 500 feet above, or three days prior to penetrating the first zone containing or reasonably expected to contain H₂S.

A. Well Control Equipment.

- 1. Flare line with continuous pilot**
- 2. Choke manifold with a minimum of one remote choke.**
- 3. Blind rams and pipe rams to accommodate all pipe sizes with properly sized closing unit.**
- 4. Auxiliary equipment to include: annular preventer, mud-gas separator, rotating head and flare.**

B. Protective Equipment for Essential Personnel:

Mark II Surviveair 30-minute units located in the doghouse and at briefing areas, as indicated on well site diagram.

C. H₂S Detection and Monitoring Equipment:

- 1. Two portable H₂S monitors positioned on location for best coverage and response. These units have warning lights and audible sirens when H₂S levels of 20 ppm are reached.**
- 2. One portable SO₂ monitor positioned near flare line.**

D. Visual Warning Systems

- 1. Wind direction indicators are shown on well site diagram.**
- 2. Caution/Danger signs shall be posted on roads providing direct access to location. Signs will be painted a high visibility yellow with black lettering of sufficient size to be readable at a reasonable distance from the immediate location. Bilingual signs will be used when appropriate. See example attached.**

E. Mud Program

- 1. The Mud Program has been designed to minimize the volume of H₂S circulated to the surface. Proper mud weights, safe drilling practices and the use of H₂S scavengers will minimize hazards when penetrating H₂S bearing zones.**

2. A mud-gas separator will be utilized as needed.

F. Metallurgy:

All drill strings, casing, tubing, wellhead, blowout preventers, drilling spool, kill lines, choke manifold and line and valves shall be suitable for H₂S service.

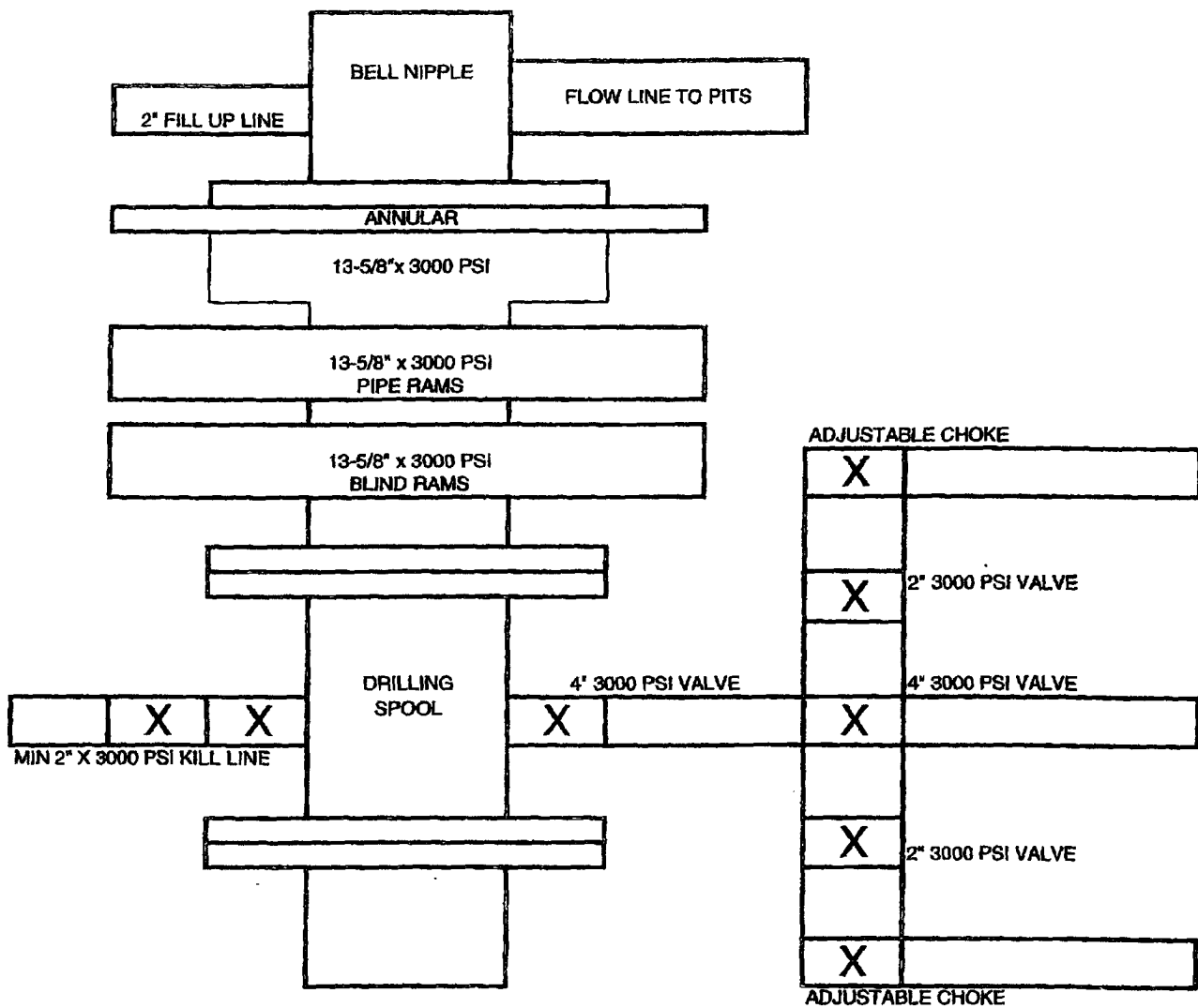
G. Communication:

Cellular telephone communications in company vehicles, rig floor and mud logging trailer.

H. Well Testing:

Drill stem testing will be performed with a minimum number of personnel in the immediate vicinity, which are necessary to safely and adequately conduct the test. The drill stem testing and an H₂S environment will be conducted during the daylight hours.

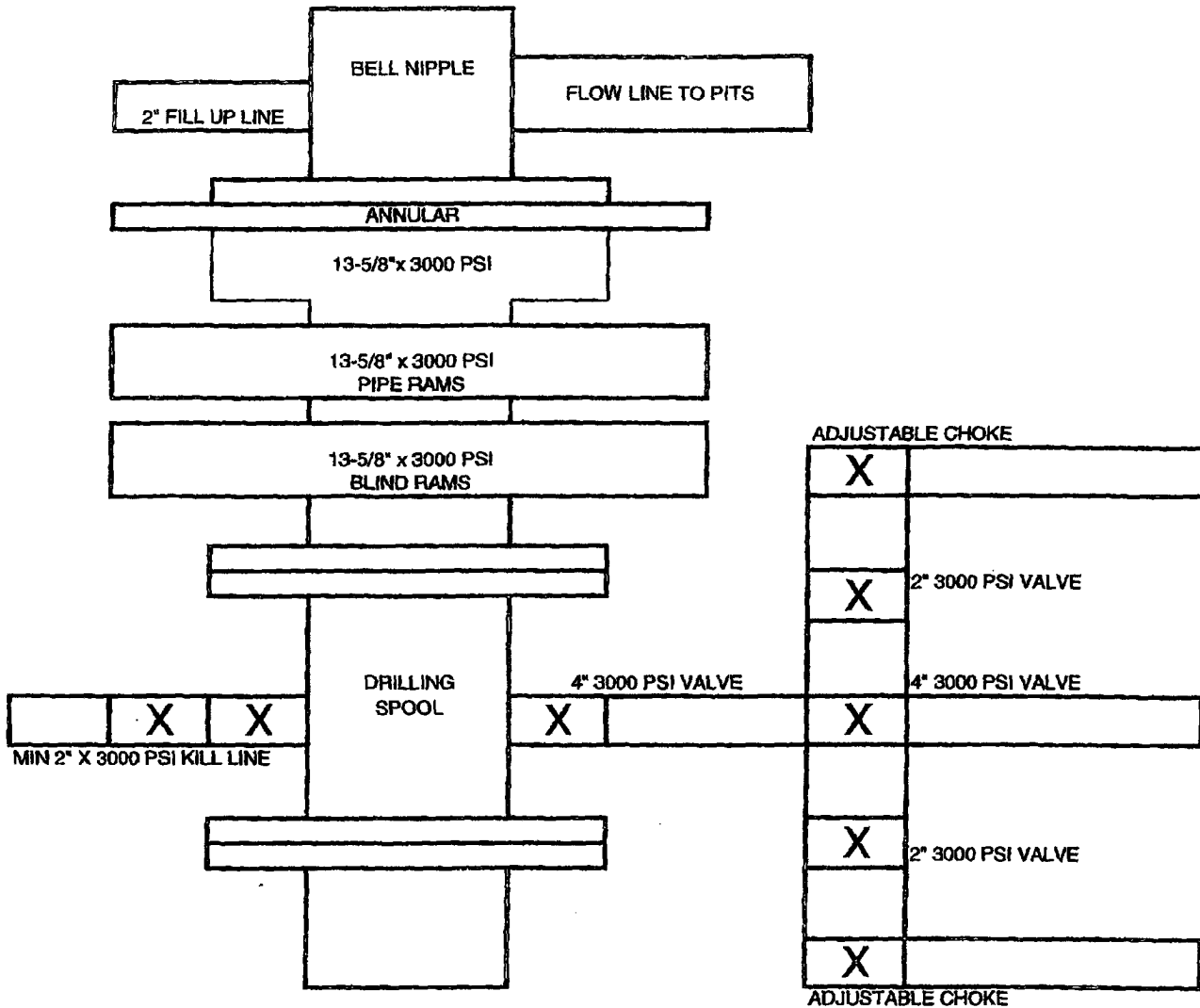
BOP SCHEMATIC FOR
12-1/4" HOLE



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Exhibit 1

BOP SCHEMATIC FOR
8-1/2" HOLE



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Exhibit 2

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CATTLE SERVICE

United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Roswell Field Office
2909 Second Street
Roswell, New Mexico 88201-1287

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Statement Accepting Responsibility for Operations

Operator Name: Preston Exploration, LLC
Street or Box: 1717 Woodstead Court, Suite 207
City, State: The Woodlands, Texas
Zip Code: 77380

The undersigned accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations, and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land or portion thereof, as described below:

Lease No: NMNM 113387

Legal Description of Land:

Township 23 South, Range 22 East, Eddy, New Mexico

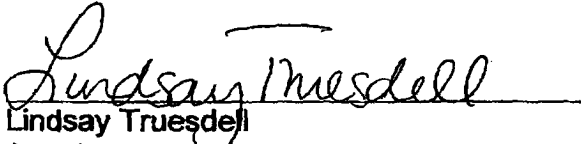
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Bond Coverage:

PRESTON EXPLORATION LLC

Statewide Oil and Gas Surety Bond, Edge Petroleum Operating Company, Inc.

BLM Bond File No.: NMB000223


Lindsay Truesdell
Agent
June 21, 2006

*Rec'd Mail from Lindsay Truesdell
6/22/06*

Preston Exploration, LLC
Frontier 9 Federal Com #1
Responsibility Letter

SPECIAL DRILLING STIPULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS REQUIRED ON THE WELL SIGN

Operator's Name: Preston Exploration, LLC Well Name & #: Frontier 9 Fed. Com. #1
 Location 1980 F S L & 1980 F E L; Sec. 09, T. 23 S., R. 22 E.
 Lease #: NM-113387 County: Eddy State: New Mexico

The Special stipulations check marked below are applicable to the above described well and approval of this application to drill is conditioned upon compliance with such stipulations in addition to the General Requirements. The permittee should be familiar with the General Requirements, a copy of which is available from a Bureau of Land Management office. EACH PERMITTEE HAS THE RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL TO THESE STIPULATIONS PURSUANT TO TITLE 43 CRF 3165.3 AND 3165.4.

This permit is valid for a period of one year from the date of approval or until lease expiration or termination whichever is shorter.

I. SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

- () Lesser Prairie Chicken (stips attached) () Flood plain (stips attached)
 () San Simon Swale (stips attached) () Other

II. ON LEASE - SURFACE REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO DRILLING

(x) The BLM will monitor construction of this drill site. Notify the (x) Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972 () Hobbs Office (505) 393-3612, at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction.

(x) Roads and the drill pad for this well must be surfaced with 6 inches of compacted caliche upon completion of well and it is determined to be a producer.

() All topsoil and vegetation encountered during the construction of the drill site area will be stockpiled and made available for resurfacing of the disturbed area after completion of the drilling operation. Topsoil on the subject location is approximately _____ inches in depth. Approximately _____ cubic yards of topsoil material will be stockpiled for reclamation.

(x) Other. **V-Door West.**

III. WELL COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

() A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to the well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement must be prior to any sales.

(x) Surface Restoration: If the well is a producer, the reserve pit(s) will be backfilled when dry, and cut-and-fill slopes will be reduced to a slope of 3:1 or less. All areas of the pad not necessary for production must be re-contoured to resemble the original contours of the surrounding terrain, and topsoil must be re-distributed and re-seeded with a drill equipped with a depth indicator (set at depth of 1/2 inch) with the following seed mixture, in pounds of Pure Live Seed (PLS), per acre.

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| () A. Seed Mixture 1 (Loamy Sites) | () B. Seed Mixture 2 (Sandy Sites) |
| Side Oats Grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>) 5.0 | Sand Dropseed (<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>) 1.0 |
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| | Plains Bristlegrass (<i>Setaria macrostachya</i>) 2.0 |
| (x) C. Seed Mixture 3 (Shallow Sites) | () D. Seed Mixture 4 (Gypsum Sites) |
| Side oats Grama (<i>Boute curtipendula</i>) 1.0 | Alkali Sacaton (<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>) 1.0 |
| | Four-Wing Saltbush (<i>Atriplex canescens</i>) 5.0 |

() OTHER SEE ATTACHED SEED MIXTURE

Seeding should be done either late in the fall (September 15 - November 15, before freeze up, or early as possible the following spring to take advantage of available ground moisture.

() Other

RESERVE PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pit shall be constructed entirely in cut material and lined with 6-mil plastic. Mineral material extracted from within the boundary of the APD during construction of the well pad and reserve pits and be used for the construction of this well pad and its immediate access road only, as long as that portion of the access road it is use on remains on-lease. Removal of any additional material from this location for construction or improvement of other well pads and other access or lease roads must first be purchased from BLM.

Reclamation: Reclamation of this type of deep pit will consist of pushing the pit walls into the pit when sufficiently dry to support track equipment. The pit liner is NOT TO BE RUPTURED to facilitate drying; a ten month period after completion of the well is allowed for drying of the pit contents.

The pit area must be contoured to the natural terrain with all contaminated drilling mud buried with at least 3 feet of clean soil. The reclaimed area will then be seeded as specified in this permit.

OPTIONAL PIT CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

The reserve pit may be constructed in predominantly fill material if:

- (1) Lined as specified above and
- (2) A temporary or emergency pit may be constructed immediately adjacent to the reserve pit as long as the pit remains within the APD boundary. Mineral material removed from this pit may be used for the construction of this well pad only and its immediate access road, as long as that portion of the access road the material is used on remains on-lease. Removal of any material from the APD boundary for use on other well locations or roads must first be purchased from BLM.

Reclamation of the reserve pit consists of bulldozing all reserve pit contents and contaminants into the borrow pit and covering with a minimum of 3 feet of clean soil material. The entire area must be re-contoured, all trash removed, and reseeded as specified in this permit.

CULTURAL

Whether or not an archaeological survey has been completed and notwithstanding that operations are being conducted as approved, the lessee/operator/grantee shall notify the BLM immediately if previously unidentified cultural resources are observed during surface disturbing operations. From the time of the observation, the lessee/operator/grantee shall avoid operations that will result in disturbance to these cultural resources until directed to process by BLM.

TRASH PIT STIPS

All trash, junk, and other waste material shall be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering and will be removed and deposited in an approved sanitary landfill. Burial on site is not permitted.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Operator's Name: Preston Exploration, LLC Well No. 1 - Frontier 9 Federal Com
 Location: 1980' FSL & 1980' FEL sec. 9, T. 23 S., R. 22 E.
 Lease: NM-113387

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at (505) 361-2822 in sufficient time for a representative to witness:
 - A. Spudding
 - B. Cementing casing: 13-3/8 inch 9-5/8 inch 5-1/2 inch
 - C. BOP tests
2. Unless the production casing has been run and cemented or the well has been properly plugged, the drilling rig shall not be removed from over the hole without prior approval.
3. Include the API No. assigned to well by NMOCD on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.
4. A Hydrogen Sulfide Contingency Plan should be activated prior to drilling in the Cisco formation. A copy of the plan shall be posted at the drilling site.
5. A Communitization Agreement covering the acreage dedicated to this well must be filed for approval with the BLM. The effective date of the agreement shall be prior to any sales.

II. CASING:

1. 13-3/8 inch surface casing should be set at approximately 1340 feet, below usable water and circulate cement to the surface. If the 13-3/8 inch surface casing is set at approximately 380 feet, fresh water mud must be used to drill to the Top of the Rustler Anhydrite at approximately 1310 feet. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the BLM Carlsbad Field Office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string.
2. Minimum required fill of cement behind the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing set at approximately 2000 feet is sufficient to circulate to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the BLM Carlsbad Field Office shall be notified and a temperature survey or cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement. Remedial cementing shall be completed prior to drilling out that string. Fresh water mud must be used to drill the hole for the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing to the Top of the Rustler Anhydrite at approximately 1310 feet.
3. Minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is sufficient to tie back 500 feet above the uppermost perforation in the pay zone.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

1. Before drilling below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer or Two Ram-Type Preventers and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve. Before drilling below the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing, the blowout preventer assembly shall consist of a minimum of One Annular Preventer, Two Ram-Type Preventers, and a Kelly Cock/Stabbing Valve.
2. Before drilling below the 13-3/8 inch surface casing, minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) shall be 2000 psi. Before drilling below the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing, minimum working pressure of the BOPE shall be 3000 psi.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING (CONTINUED)

Operator's Name: Preston Exploration, LLC Well No. 1 - Frontier 9 Federal Com
Location: 1980' FSL & 1980' FEL sec. 9, T. 23 S., R. 22 E.
Lease: NM-113387

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

3. After setting the 9-5/8 inch intermediate casing and before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation, the BOPE shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

A. The BLM office shall be notified at (505) 361-2822 in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.

B. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.

C. The results of the test shall be reported to the BLM Carlsbad Field office at 620 East Greene Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220-6292.

D. Testing fluid must be water or an appropriate clear liquid suitable for sub-freezing temperatures. Use of drilling mud for testing is not permitted since it can mask small leaks.

E. Testing must be done in a safe workman like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

IV. DRILLING MUD:

1. Mud system monitoring equipment, with derrick floor indicators and visual and audio alarms, shall be operating before drilling into the Wolfcamp formation, and shall be used until production casing is run and cemented. Monitoring equipment shall consist of the following:

A. Recording pit level indicator to indicate volume gains and losses.

B. Flow-sensor on the flow-line to warn of abnormal mud returns from the well.

BLM Lease #: NM-113387
Company Reference: Preston Exploration
Well # & Name: Frontier 9 Fed. Com. #1

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR PERMANENT RESOURCE ROADS
CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

A copy of the APD and attachments, including stipulations, survey plat and/or map, will be on location during construction. BLM personnel may request to you a copy of your permit during construction to ensure compliance with all stipulations.

The holder/grantee/permittee shall hereafter be identified as the holder in these stipulations. The Authorized Officer is the person who approves the Application for Permit to Drill (APD) and/or Right-of-Way (ROW).

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- A. 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 grant.
- B. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal laws and regulations existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. In any event, the holder shall comply with the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended (15 U.S.C. 2601, *et. seq.*) with regard to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized by this grant. (See 40 CFR, Part 702-799 and especially, provisions on polychlorinated biphenyls, 40 CFR 761.1-761.193.) Additionally, any release of toxic substances (leaks, spills, etc.) in excess of the reportable quantity established by 40 CFR, Part 117 shall be reported as required by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, Section 102b. A copy of any report required or requested by any Federal agency or State government as a result of a reportable release or spill of any toxic substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved Federal agency or State government.
- C. The holder agrees to indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601, *et. seq.* or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 6901, *et. seq.*) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-way holder's activity on the right-of-way). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.
- D. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the road, any oil or other pollutant should be discharged, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil or other pollutant, wherever found, shall be the responsibility of the holder, regardless of fault. Upon failure of the holder to control, dispose of, or clean up such discharge on or affecting Federal lands, or to repair all

damages to Federal lands resulting there from the Authorized Officer may take such measures as deemed necessary to control and cleanup 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 the holder of any liability or responsibility.

E. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public domain surface. 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 make a documented good-faith effort to 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.

F. The Holder shall ensure that the entire right-of-way, including the driving surface, ditching and drainage control structures, road verges and any construction sites or zones, will be kept free of the following plant species: Malta starthistle, African rue, Scotch thistle and salt cedar. The Holder agrees to comply with the following stipulations:

1. ROAD WIDTH AND GRADE

The road will have a driving surface of 14 feet (all roads shall have a minimum driving surface of 12 feet, unless local conditions dictate a different width). The maximum grade is 10 percent unless the box below is checked. Maximum width of surface disturbance from construction will be 30 feet.

☐ Those segments of road where grade is in excess of 10% for more than 300 feet shall be designed by a professional engineer.

2. CROWNING AND DITCHING

Crowning with materials on site and ditching on one side of the road on the uphill side will be required. The road cross-section will conform to the cross section diagrams in Figure 1. If conditions dictate, ditching may be required for both sides of the road; if local conditions permit, a flat-bladed road may be considered (if these conditions exist, check the appropriate box below). The crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., 1" crown on a 12' wide road).

☒ Ditching will be required on both sides of the roadway as shown on the attached map or as staked in the field.

☐ Flat-blading is authorized on segment(s) delineated on the attached map.

3. DRAINAGE

Drainage control shall be ensured over the entire road through the use of borrow ditches, out-sloping, in-sloping, natural rolling topography, lead-off (turnout) ditches, culverts, and/or drainage dips.

A. All lead-off ditches shall be graded to drain water with a 1 percent minimum to 3 percent maximum ditch slope. The spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be determined according to the following table, but may be amended depending upon existing soil types and centerline road slope (in %):

SPACING INTERVAL FOR TURNOUT DITCHES

Percent slope	Spacing interval
0% - 4%	400' - 150'
4% - 6%	250' - 125'
6% - 8%	200' - 100'
8% - 10%	150' - 75'

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm will be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch. The ditch end will tie into vegetation whenever possible.

For this road the spacing interval for lead-off ditches shall be at

☒ 400 foot intervals.

☐ _____ foot intervals.

☐ locations staked in the field as per spacing intervals above.

☐ locations delineated on the attached map.

B. Culvert pipes shall be used for cross drains where drainage dips or low water crossings are not feasible. The minimum culvert diameter must be 18 inches. Any culvert pipe installed shall be of sufficient diameter to pass the anticipated flow of water. Culvert location and required diameter are shown on the attached map (Further details can be obtained from the Roswell District Office or the appropriate Resource Area Office).

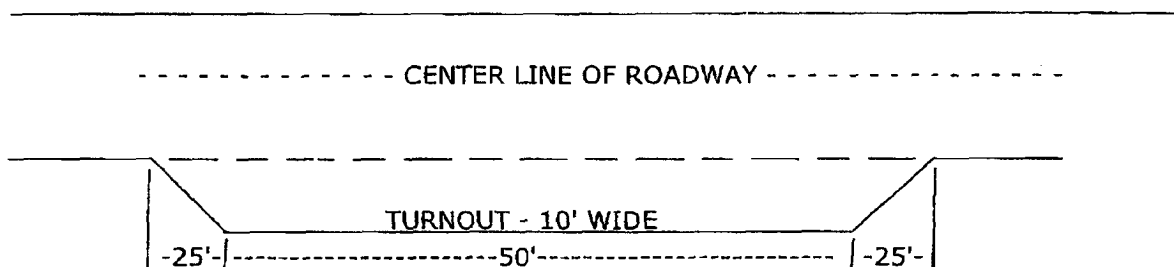
C. On road slopes exceeding 2%, drainage dips shall drain water into an adjacent lead-off ditch. Drainage dip location and spacing shall be determined by the formula:

$$\text{spacing interval} = \frac{400'}{\text{road slope in \%}} + 100'$$

$$\text{Example: } 4\% \text{ slope: spacing interval} = \frac{400}{4} + 100 = 200 \text{ feet}$$

4. TURNOUTS

Unless otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer, vehicle turnouts will be required. Turnouts will be located at 2000-foot intervals, or the turnouts will be intervisible, whichever is less. Turnouts will conform to the following diagram:



STANDARD TURNOUT - PLAN VIEW

5. SURFACING

Surfacing of the road or those portions identified on the attached map may, at the direction of the Authorized Officer, be required, if necessary, to maintain traffic within the right-of-way with caliche, gravel, or other surfacing material which shall be approved by the Authorized Officer. When surfacing is required, surfacing materials will be compacted to a minimum thickness of six inches with caliche material. The width of surfacing shall be no less than the driving surface. Prior to using any mineral materials from an existing or proposed Federal source, authorization must be obtained from the Authorized Officer.

A sales contract for the removal of mineral materials (caliche, sand, gravel, fill dirt, etc.) from an authorized pit, site, or on location must be obtained from the BLM prior to using any such mineral material from public lands. Contact the BLM solid minerals staff for the various options to purchase mineral material.

6. CATTLEGUARDS

Where used, all cattleguard grids and foundation designs and construction shall meet the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Load Rating H-20, although AASHTO U-80 rated grids shall be required where heavy loads (exceeding H-20 loading), are anticipated (See BLM standard drawings for cattleguards). Cattleguard grid length shall not be less than 8 feet and width of not less than 14 feet. A wire gate (16-foot minimum width) will be provided on one side of the cattleguard unless requested otherwise by the surface user.

7. MAINTENANCE

The holder shall maintain the road in a safe, usable condition. A maintenance program shall include, but not be limited to blading, ditching, culvert installation, culvert cleaning, drainage installation, cattleguard maintenance, and surfacing.

8. PUBLIC ACCESS

Public access along this road will not be restricted by the holder without specific written approval being granted by the Authorized Officer. Gates or cattleguards on public lands will not be locked or closed to public use unless closure is specifically determined to be necessary and is authorized in writing by the Authorized Officer.

9. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on the holder's behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the authorized officer. The 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 the proper mitigation measures will be made by the authorized officer after consulting with the holder.

10. SPECIAL STIPULATIONS: