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FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0136
Expires: February 28, 1995

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

(Other instructions on reverse side)

5. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO.
NM-3622

6. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTES OR TRIBE NAME

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL OR DEEPEN

1a TYPE OF WORK
DRILL [X] DEEPEN [ ]

1b. TYPE OF WELL
OIL WELL [X] GAS WELL [ ] OTHER
SINGLE ZONE [X] MULTIPLE ZONE [ ]

7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME

2. NAME OF OPERATOR
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado (162683)

8 FARM OR LEASE NAME, WELL NO. (35708)
Scout 18 Federal No. 9

3 ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NO
P.O. Box 140907; Irving TX 75014; 972-401-3111

9 API WELL NO
30-025- 39395

4 LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.*)
2510' FNL & 720' FWL
Unit E

10 FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT
Tonto; Seven Rivers (59478)

11. SEC. T.,R.,M., BLOCK AND SURVEY OR AREA
18-19S-34E

CAPITAN CONTROLLED WATER BASIN

Received 2007 Hobbs OCD

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE*
33 miles West of Hobbs, NM

12 COUNTY OR PARISH: Lea
13 STATE: NM

15 DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED* LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, T.O (Also to nearest drlg unit line, if any)	16. NO. OF ACRES IN LEASE	17 NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL
130'	1076.4	40

18 DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION* TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.	19. PROPOSED DEPTH	20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS
N/A	5000'	Rotary

BOND # NM2575 BIA

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)
3711' GR

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START*
01-15-06

23 PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	GRADE,SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
12-1/4"	J-55 8-5/8" ST&C	24#	~~425'~~ 900'	400 sx Lite/C circ surf
7-7/8"	J-55 5-1/2" ST&C	15.5#	5000'	2500 sx Lite/C circ surf

The proposed well will be drilled to a depth of 5000' and completed as a Tonto; Seven Rivers producer.

From the base of the surface pipe through the running of production casing, the well will be equipped with a 3000 - psi BOP system.

APPROVAL SUBJECT TO GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS ATTACHED

SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL of Non-Standard Location
Intent to drill ONLY — CANNOT produce until the Non-Standard Location has been approved by OCD Santa Fe office

IN ABOVE SPACE, DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

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SIGNED Zeno Farris TITLE Mgr. Ops. Admin DATE 11-17-06

(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT No. _____ APPROVAL DATE _____

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:

APPROVED BY /s/ James Stovall TITLE ACTING FIELD MANAGER DATE JAN - 4 2007

*See Instructions On Reverse Side

APPROVAL FOR 1 YEAR

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes 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.

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Mailing Address: P.O. Box 140907 • Irving, TX 75014-0907
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STATEMENT ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATIONS

Bureau of Land Management
620 E. Greene St.
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220
Attn: Ms. Linda Denniston

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado accepts all applicable terms, conditions, stipulations and restrictions concerning operations conducted on the leased land, or portion thereof, as described below:

Lease No.: NM-3622 – SW/4NW/4 Section 18-T19S-R34E

County: Lea County, New Mexico

Formation (S): Morrow

Bond Coverage: Statewide BLM Bond

BLM Bond File No.: NM 2575

Authorized Signature: Zeno Farris

Representing Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado

Name: Zeno Farris

Title: Manager, Operations Administration

Date: November 17, 2006

Application to Drill

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Scout 18 Federal No. 9
Unit E Section 18
T19S R34E Lea County, NM

In response to questions asked under Section II B of Bulletin NTL-6 the following information is provided for your consideration:

1 Location: 2510' FNL & 720' FWL

2 Elevation above sea level: GR 3711'

3 Geologic name of surface formation: Quaternery Alluvium Deposits

4 Drilling tools and associated equipment: Conventional rotary drilling rig using fluid as a circulating medium for solids removal.

5 Proposed drilling depth: 5000'

6 Estimated tops of geological markers:

Rustler	1575'
Yates	3365'
7 Rivers	3890'
Queen	4395'
Capitan	5000'

7 Possible mineral bearing formation:

7 Rivers	Oil
Queen	Oil

8 Casing program:

Hole Size	Interval	Casing OD	Weight	Thread	Collar	Grade
11"	~~0-425'~~ 900	8-5/8"	24#	8-R	ST&C	J-55
7-7/8"	0-5000'	5-1/2"	17#	8-R	LT&C	J-55

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9 Cementing & Setting Depth:

8-5/8"	Intermediate	Set 425' of 8-5/8" J-55 24# ST&C casing. Cement lead with 250 Sx. Of Lite Cement + additives, tail with 150 Sx. Of Class C + additives, circulate cement to surface.
5 1/2"	Production	Set 5000' of 5 1/2" J-55 17# ST&C casing. Cement with lead of 2100 Sx. of Lite Cement + additives and tail of 400 Sx of Class C. Estimated top of cement surface.

10 Pressure control Equipment: Exhibit "E". A series 900 3000 PSI working pressure B.O.P. consisting of a double ram type preventor with a bag type annular preventor. BOP unit will be hydraulically operated. Exhibit "E-1" is a Choke manifold and closing unit. BOP will be nippled up on the 8 5/8" casing and will be operated at least once a day while drilling and the blind rams will be operated when out of hole during trips. Flo sensor, PVT, full opening stabbing valve and upper kelly cock will be utilized. No abnormal pressure or temperature is expected while drilling.

11 Proposed Mud Circulating System: 0 - 900' FW

Depth	Mud Wt	Viscosity	Fluid Loss	Type Mud
0-425'	8.6 - 8.9	29 - 36	NC	Fresh water spud mud ~~add paper to control seepage and high viscosity sweeps to clean hole.~~
425' - 5000'	10 - 10 - 3	29 - 38	NC	~~Fresh water spud mud to the top of the Rustler then switch to~~ brine water ~~add paper as needed to control seepage and add lime to control pH. Use high viscosity sweeps to clean hole.~~

900' FW

Sufficient mud materials will be kept on location at all times in order to combat lost circulation, or unexpected kicks. In order to run DST's, open hole logs, and casing, the viscosity and water loss may have to be adjusted in order to meet these needs. Mud system monitoring equipment with derrick floor indicators and visual/audio alarms shall be installed and operative prior to drilling into the Wolfcamp formation. This equipment will remain in use until production casing is run and cemented.

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12 Testing, Logging and Coring Program:

A. Open hole logs: Dual Laterolog, Side Wall Neutron, Density Gamma Ray Caliper from TD to 975'

B. Run Gamma Ray, Neutron from 475' to surface.

C. No DSTs, cores or Mud Logger are planned at this time.

13 Potential Hazards:

No abnormal pressures or temperatures are expected. The area has a potiential H2S hazard. An H2S drilling plan is attached. Adequate flare lines will be installed off the mud / gas separator where gas may be flared safely. All personnel will be familiar with all aspects of safe operation of equipment being used. Estimated BHP 4000 PSI, estimated BHT 175 .

14 Anticipated Starting Date and Duration of Operations:

Road and location construction will begin after BLM approval of APD. Anticipated spud date as soon as approved. Drilling expected to take 15-30 days. If production casing is run an additional 30 days will be required to complete and construct surface facilities.

15 Other Facets of Operations:

After running casing, cased hole gamma ray neutron collar logs will be run from total depth over possible pay intervals. The 7 Rivers pay will be perforated and stimulated. The well will be tested and potentialed as an oil well.

Hydrogen Sulfide Drilling Operations Plan

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1 All Company and Contract personnel admitted on location must be trained by a qualified H2S safety instructor to the following:

A. Characteristics of H2S
B. Physical effects and hazards
C. Proper use of safety equipment and life support systems.
D. Principle and operation of H2S detectors, warning system and briefing
E. Evacuation procedure, routes and first aid.
F. Proper use of 30 minute pressure demand air pack.

2 H2S Detection and Alarm Systems

A. H2S detectors and audio alarm system to be located at bell nipple, end of flow line (mud pit) and on derrick floor or doghouse.

3 Windsock and/or wind streamers

A. Windsock at mudpit area should be high enough to be visible.
B. Windsock at briefing area should be high enough to be visible.

4 Condition Flags and Signs

A. Warning sign on access road to location.
B. Flags to be displayed on sign at entrance to location. Green flag, normal safe condition. Yellow flag indicates potential pressure and danger. Red flag, danger, H2S present in dangerous concentration. Only emergency personnel admitted to location.

5 Well control equipment

A. See exhibit "E"

6 Communication

A. While working under masks chalkboards will be used for communication.
B. Hand signals will be used where chalk board is inappropriate.
C. Two way radio will be used to communicate off location in case of emergency help is required. In most cases cellular telephones will be available at most drilling foremen's trailers or living quarters.

7 Drillstem Testing not anticipated.

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8 Drilling contractor supervisor will be required to be familiar with the effects H2S has on tubular goods and other mechanical equipment.

9 If H2S is encountered, mud system will be altered if necessary to maintain control of formation. A mud gas seperator will be brought into service along with H2S scavengers if necessary.

Surface Use Plan

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1 Existing Roads: Area maps, Exhibit "B" is a reproduction of Lea Co. General Highway Map. Exhibit "C" is a reproduction of a USGS Topographic Map, showing existing roads and proposed roads. All existing roads will be maintained in a condition equal to or better than current conditions. Any new roads will be constructed to BLM specifications.

A. Exhibit "A" shows the proposed well site as staked.

B. From the junction of US HWY 62/180 and Smith Ranch Road, go North for 2.0 miles to lease road; thence Northeast for 2.0 miles to lease road; thence North for 1.9 miles to lease road; thence West 0.5 miles to lease road; thence Southwest winding South 0.3 miles to the Pipeline Deep Unit 18 Federal #7

C. Construct power lines and lay pipelines that will be necessary to produce this lease along road R-O-W.

2 PLANNED ACCESS ROADS: 292.6' of proposed access road will be constructed on-lease.

A. The access road will be crowned and ditched to a 12' 00" wide travel surface with a 40' right-of-way.

B. Gradient on all roads will be less than 5.00%.

C. No turnouts will be necessary.

D. If needed road will be surfaced with a mininum of 4" of caliche. This material will be obtained from a

E. Ceterline for the new access road has been flagged. Earthwork will be required by field conditions.

F. Culverts in the acess road will not be used. The road will be constructed to utilize low water crossings for drainage as required by the topography

3 LOCATION OF EXISTING WELLS IN A ONE-MILE RADIUS EXHIBIT "A"

A. Water wells - None known

B. Disposal wells - None known

C. Drilling wells - None known

D. Producing wells - As shown on Exhibit "A"

E. Abandoned wells - As shown on Exhibit "A"

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4 If, on completion, this well is a producer, Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado will furnish maps and/or plats showing on-site facilities or off-site facilities if needed. This will be accompanied by a Sundry Notice.

5 LOCATION AND TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY:

Water will be purchased locally from a commercial source and trucked over the access roads or piped in flexible lines laid on top of the ground.

6 SOURCE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL:

If possible construction will be obtained from the excavation of drill site, if additional material is needed it will be purchased from a local source and transported over the access route as shown on Exhibit "C".

7 METHODS OF HANDLING WASTE MATERIAL:

A. Drill cuttings will be disposed of in the reserve pit.

B. All trash, junk and other waste material will be contained in trash cages or bins to prevent scattering. When the job is completed all contents will be removed and disposed of in a approved sanitary land fill.

C. Salts remaining after completion of well will be picked up by supplier including broken sacks.

D. Sewage from living quarters will drain into holding tanks and be cleaned out periodically. A Porta-John will be provided for the rig crews. This equipment will be properly maintained during the drilling operations and removed upon completion of the well.

E. Remaining drilling fluids will be allowed to evaporate in the reserve pit until the pit is dry enough for breaking out. In the event that drilling fluids do not evaporate in a reasonable time they will be hauled off by transports and be disposed of at a state approved disposal facility. Later pits will be broken out to speed drying. Water produced during testing will be put in reserve pits. Any oil or condensate produced will be stored in test tanks until sold and hauled from the site.

8 ANCILLARY FACILITIES:

A. No camps or airstrips to be constructed.

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9 WELL SITE LAYOUT

A. Exhibit "D" shows location and rig layout.

B. This exhibit indicates proposed location of reserve and trash pits; and living facilities.

C. Mud pits in the active circulating system will be steel pits and the reserve pit is proposed to be unlined, unless subsurface condition encountered during pit construction indicate that lining is needed for lateral containment of fluids.

D. If needed, the reserve pit is to be lined with PVC or polyethylene line. The pit liner will be 12 mils thick. Pit liner will extend a minimum, 2'00" over the reserve pits dikes where the liner will be anchored down.

E. The reserve pit will be fenced on three sides with four strands of barbed wire during drilling and completion phases. The fourth side will be fenced after all drilling operations have ceased. If the well is a producer, the reserve pit fence will be torn down. The reserve pit and those areas of the location not essential to production facilities will be reclaimed and seeded per BLM requirements.

10 PLANS FOR RESTORATION OF SURFACE

Rehabilitation of the location and reserve pit will start in a timely manner after all drilling operations cease. The type of reclamation will depend on whether the well is a producer or a dry hole.

However, in either event, the reserve pit will be allowed to dry properly, and fluid removed and disposed of in accordance with Article 7.B as previously noted. The pit area will then be leveled and contoured to conform to the original and surrounding area. Drainage systems, if any, will be reshaped to the original configuration with provisions made to alleviate erosion. These may need to be modified in certain circumstances to prevent inundation of the location's pad and surface facilities. After the area has been shaped and contoured, topsoil from the spoil pile will be placed over the disturbed area to the extent possible. Revegetation procedures will comply with BLM standards.

If the well is a dry hole, the pad and road area will be recountered to match the existing terrain. Topsoil will be spread to the extent possible. Revegetation will comply with BLM standards.

Should the well be a producer, the previously noted procedures will apply to those areas which are not required for production facilities.

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11 OTHER INFORMATION:

A. Topography consists of a sloping plane with loose tan sands. Vegetation is mainly yucca, mesquite and shin oak.

B. The wellsite is on surface owned by The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. The land is used mainly for farming, cattle ranching, recreational use, and oil and gas production.

C. An Archaeological survey will be conducted on the location and proposed roads, and this report will be filed with the Bureau of Land Management in the Carlsbad BLM office.

D. There are no known dwellings within 1 1/2 mile of this location.

12 OPERATORS REPRESENTATIVE:

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
P.O. Box 140907
Irving, TX 75014
Office Phone: (972) 443-6489
Zeno Farris

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 exit; 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 Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado and/or its contractors/subcontractors and is in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provision of U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

NAME: Zeno Farris

DATE: 11/17/2006

TITLE: Manager, Operations Administration

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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
Fee Lease – 3 Copies

☐ AMENDED REPORT

WELL LOCATION AND ACREAGE DEDICATION PLAT

API Number	Pool Code	Pool Name
30-025-39395	59470	Tonto; 7 Rivers

Property Code	Property Name	Well Number
35708	SCOUT "18" FEDERAL	9

OGRID No.	Operator Name	Elevation
162683	CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO	3711'

Surface Location

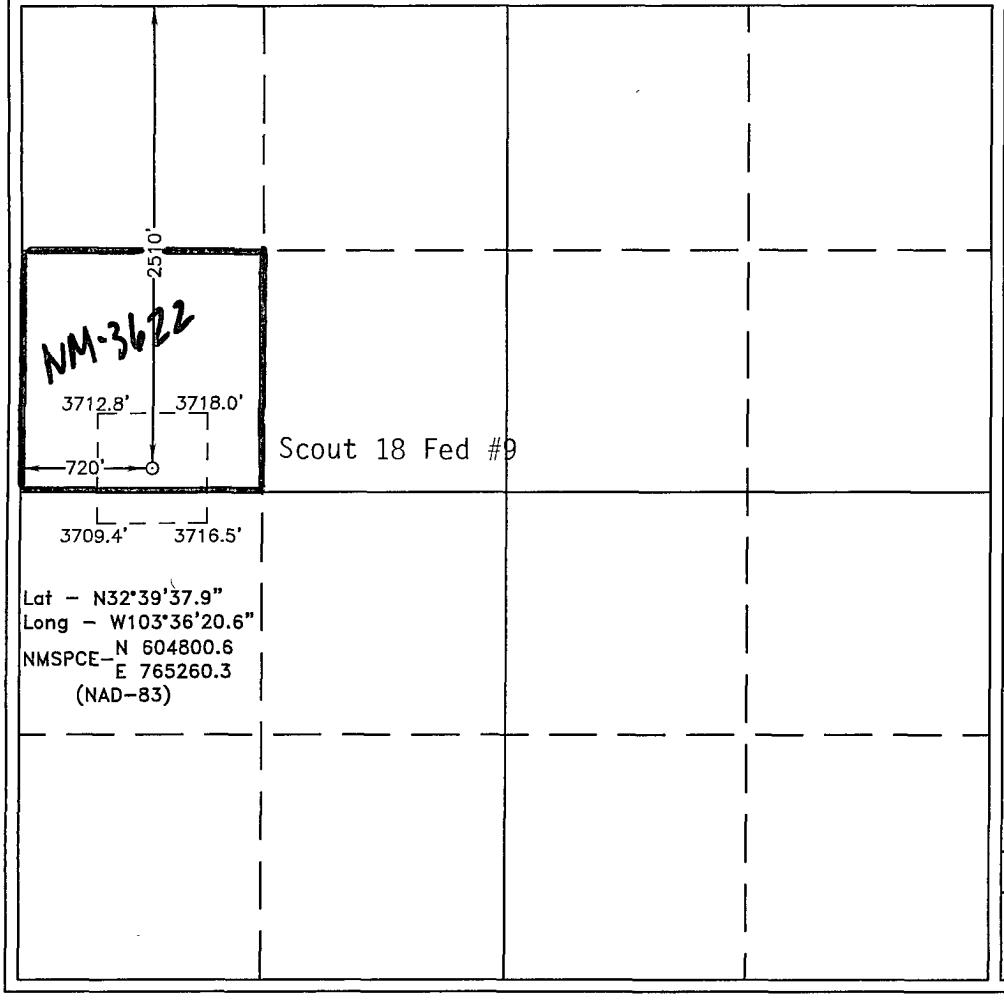
UL or lot No.	Section	Township	Range	Lot Idn	Feet from the	North/South line	Feet from the	East/West line	County
E	18	19 S	34 E		2510	NORTH	720	WEST	LEA

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	Joint or Infill	Consolidation Code	Order No.
40	N		NSL PENDING

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



OPERATOR CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information contained 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 pursuant to a contract with an owner of such a mineral or working interest, or to a voluntary pooling agreement or a compulsory pooling order heretofore entered by the division.

Zeno Farris 11-17-06

Signature Date

Zeno Farris

Printed Name

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 supervison, and that the same is true and correct to the best of my belief.

NOVEMBER 10, 2006

Date Surveyed

Signature & Seal of Professional Surveyor

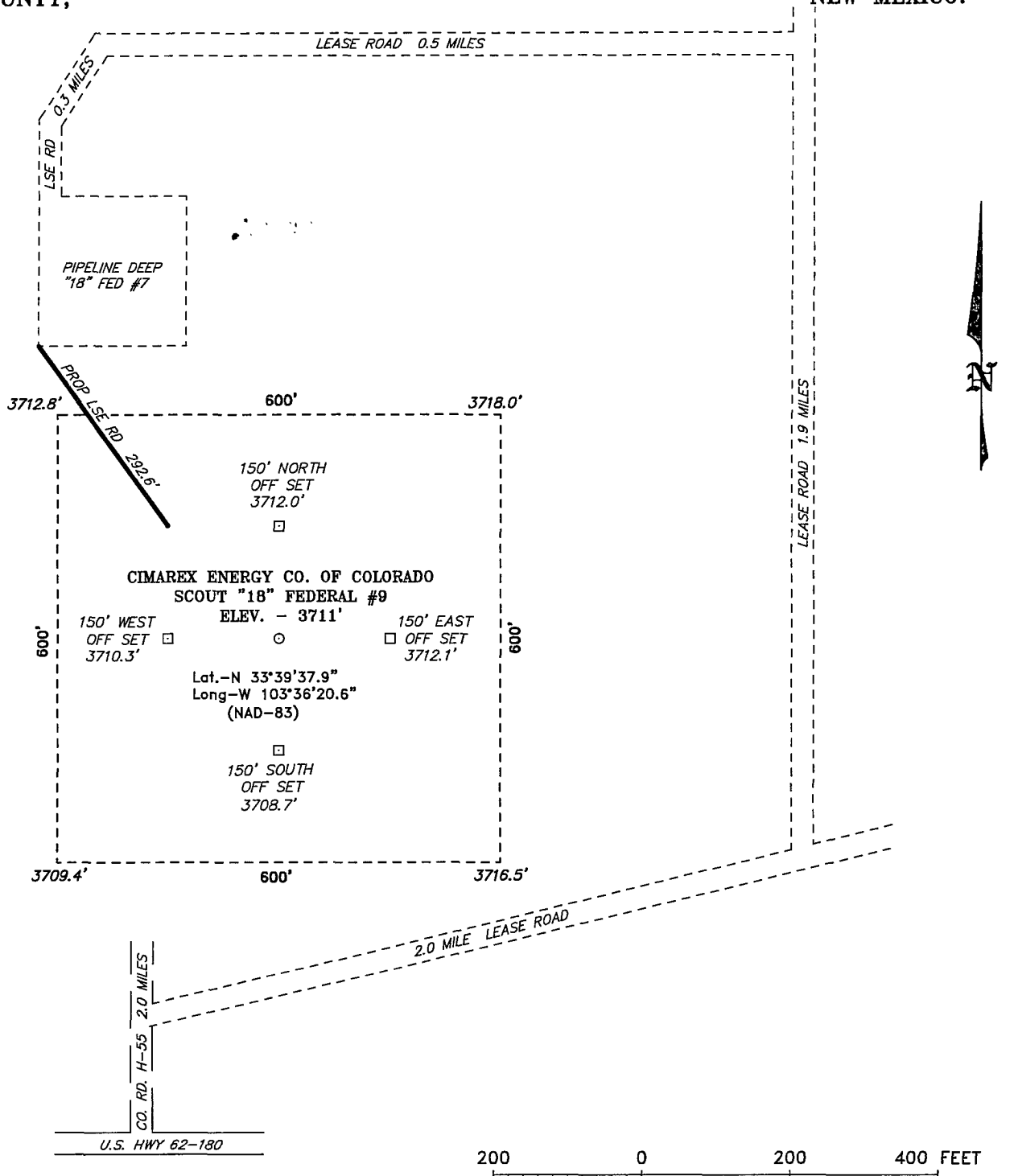
GARY L. JONES NEW MEXICO 7977 REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR

WO# 17371

Certificate No. Gary L. Jones 7977

BASIN SURVEYS

SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, N.M.P.M.,
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.



Directions to Location:

FROM THE JUNCTION OF US HWY 62-180 AND CO. RD. H-55 (SMITH RANCH), PROCEED NORTH 2.0 MILE TO LEASE ROAD, ON LEASE ROAD PROCEED 2.0 MILES NORTHEAST TO LEASE ROAD, ON LEASE ROAD PROCEED NORTH 1.9 MILES TO LEASE ROAD, ON LEASE ROAD PROCEED WEST 0.5 MILE TO LEASE ROAD, ON LEASE ROAD PROCEED SOUTHWEST WINDING SOUTH 0.3 MILE TO THE PIPELINE DEEP "18" FEDERAL #7 AND PROPOSED LEASE ROAD.

BASIN SURVEYS P.O. BOX 1786 - HOBBS, NEW MEXICO

W.O. Number: 17372	Drawn By: J. M. SMALL		
Date: 11-13-2006	Disk: JMS 17372W	Survey Date: 11-10-2006	Sheet 1 of 1 Sheets

CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO

REF: SCOUT "18" FEDERAL #9 / WELL PAD TOPO

THE SCOUT "18" FEDERAL #9 LOCATED 2510' FROM THE NORTH LINE AND 720' FROM THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST, N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

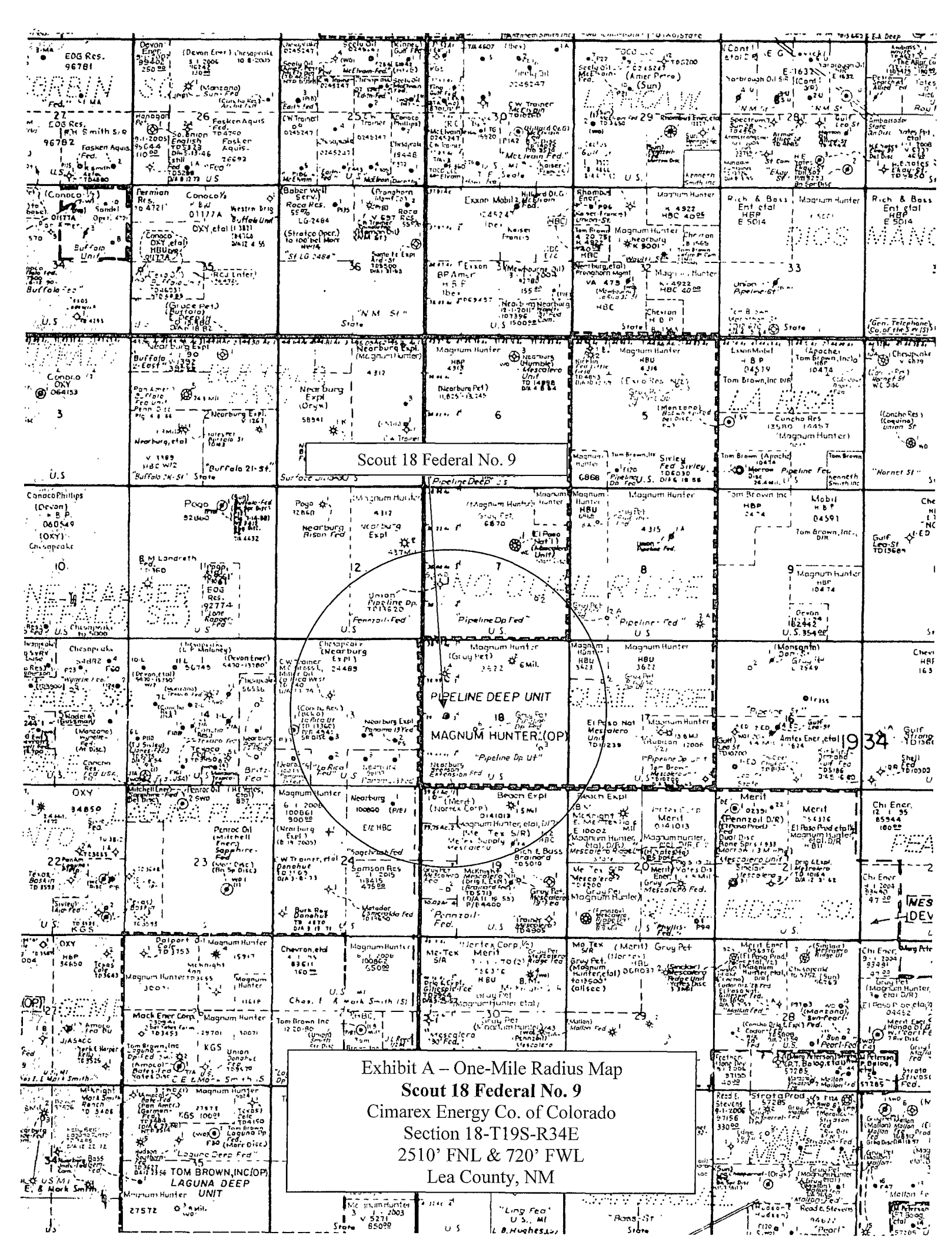


Exhibit A – One-Mile Radius Map

Scout 18 Federal No. 9

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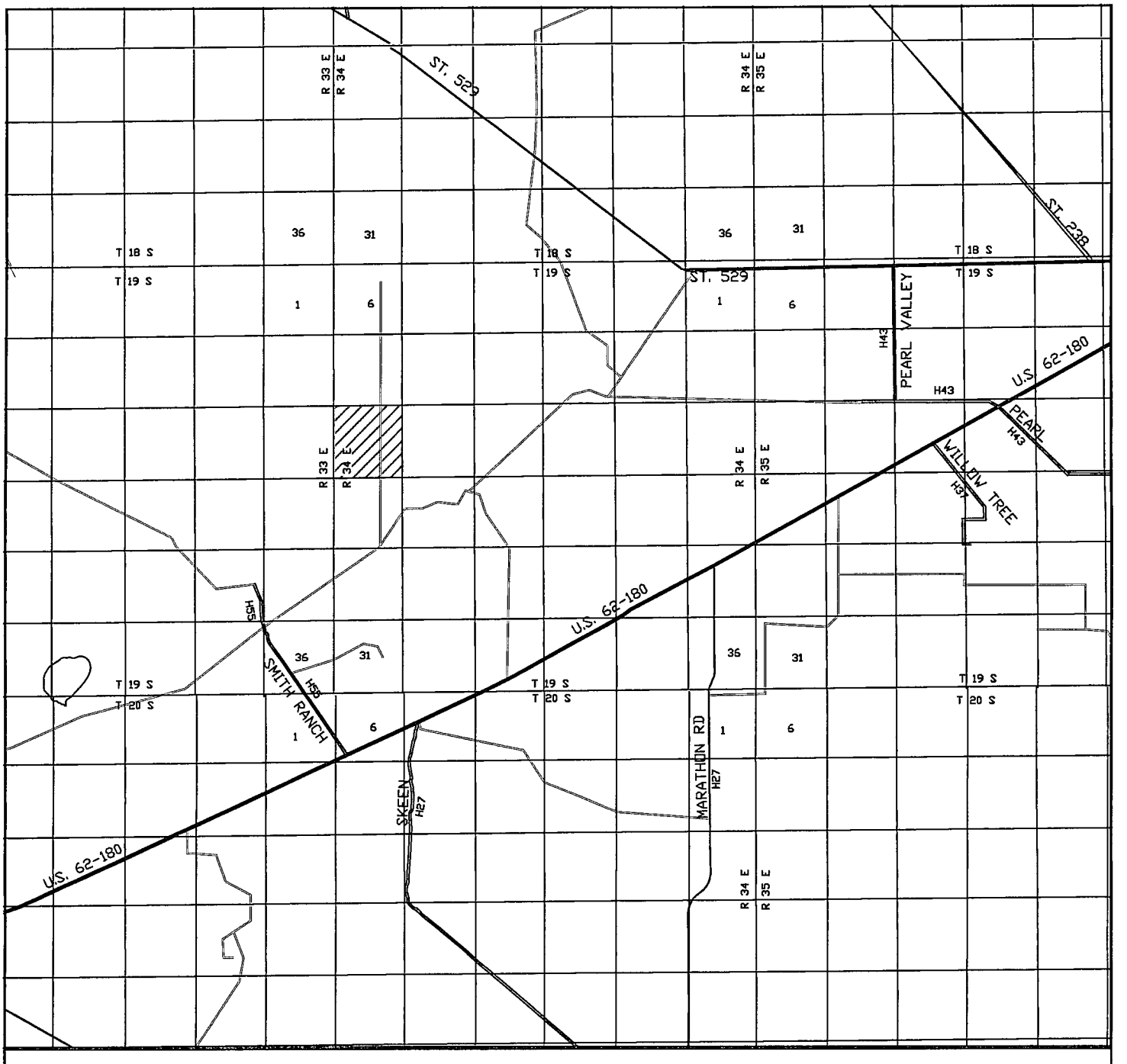
Section 18-T19S-R34E

2510' FNL & 720' FWL

Lea County, NM



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Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 34 East,
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CIMAREX ENERGY CO. OF COLORADO

Exhibit B

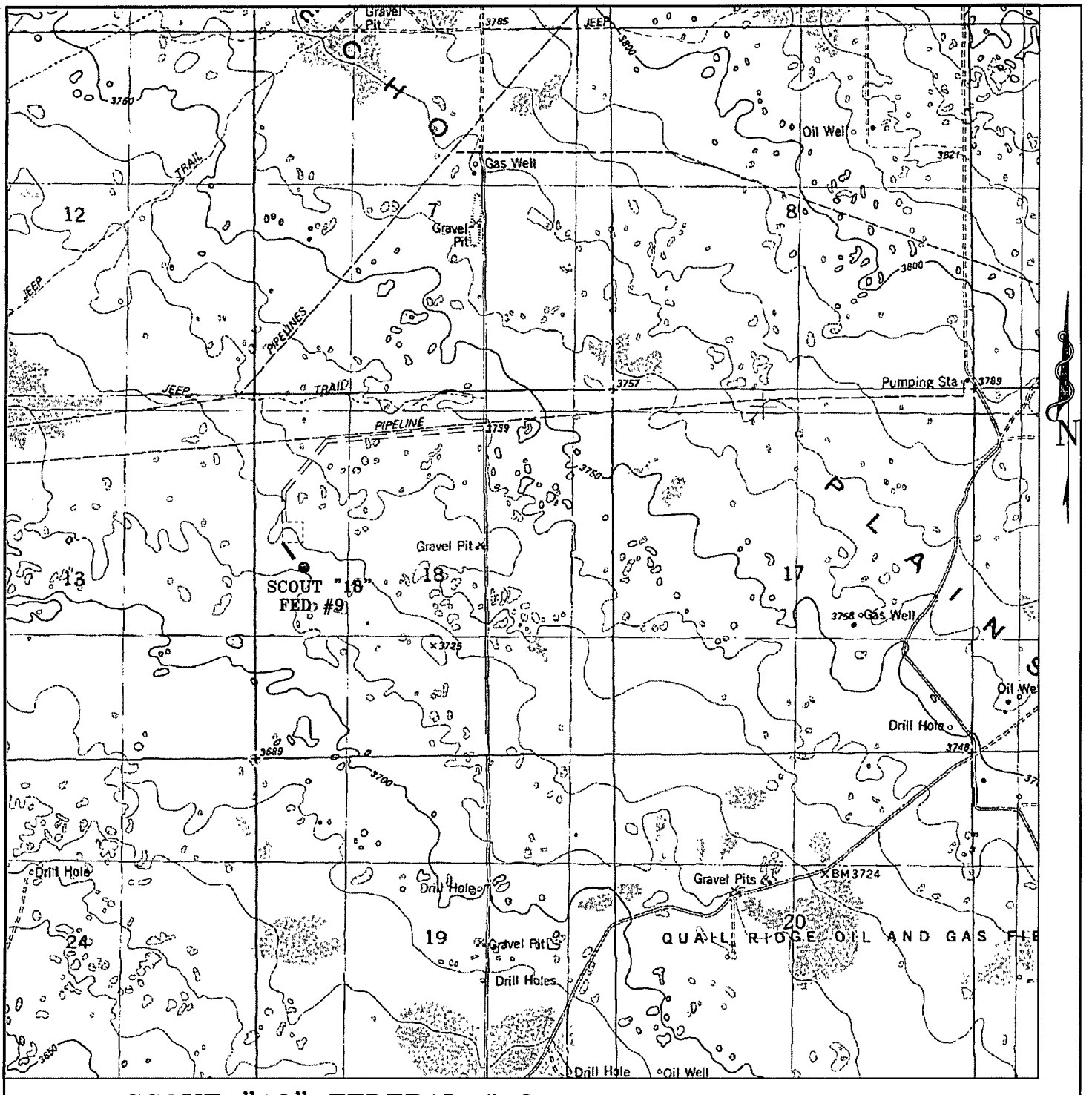

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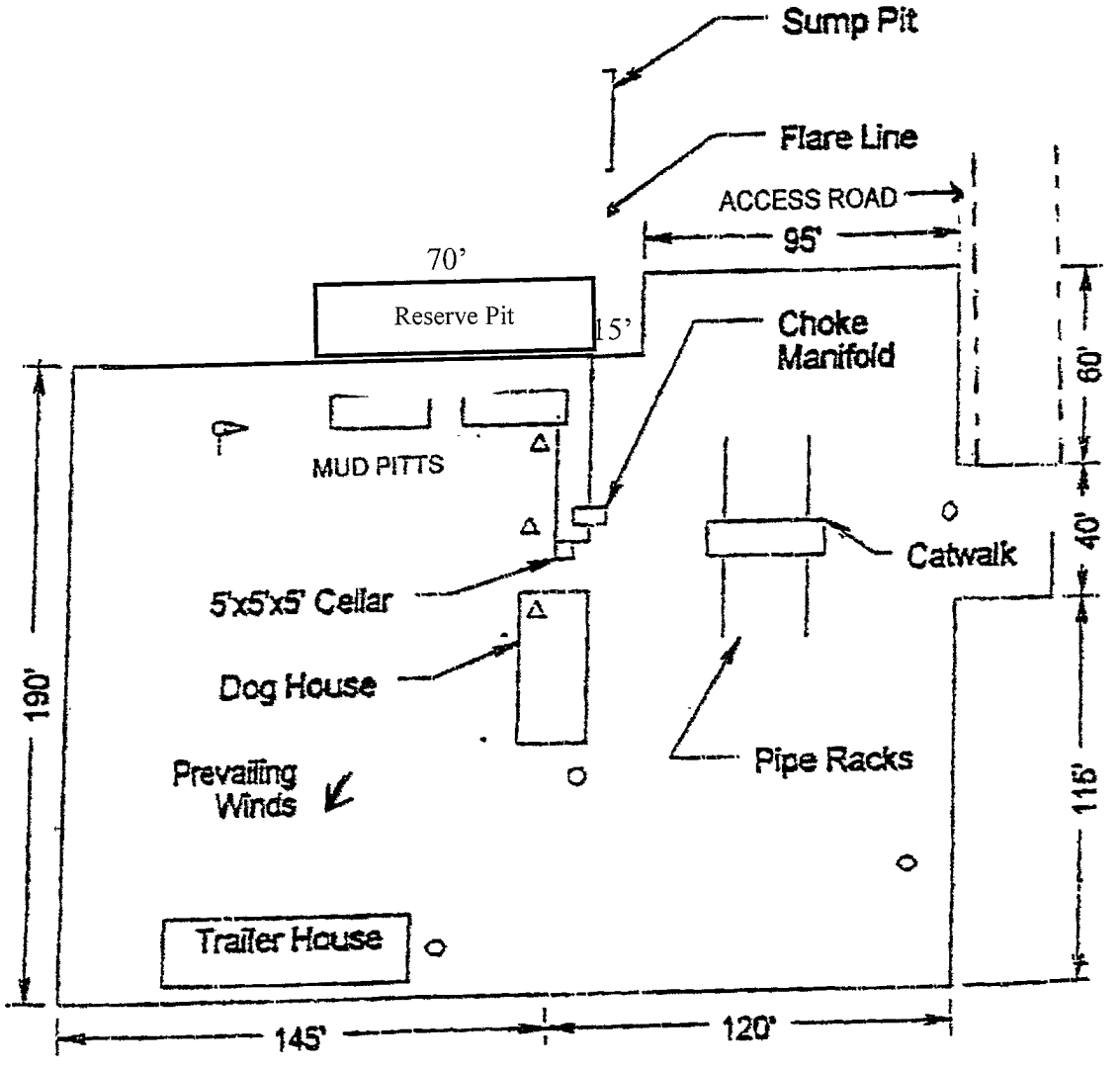
Exhibit C



- Wind Direction Indicators (wind sock or streamers)
- △ H2S Monitors (alarms at bell nipple and shale shaker)
- ○ Briefing Areas
- ○ Remote BOP Closing Unit
- □ Sign and Condition Flags

Exhibit D – Rig Layout Plan
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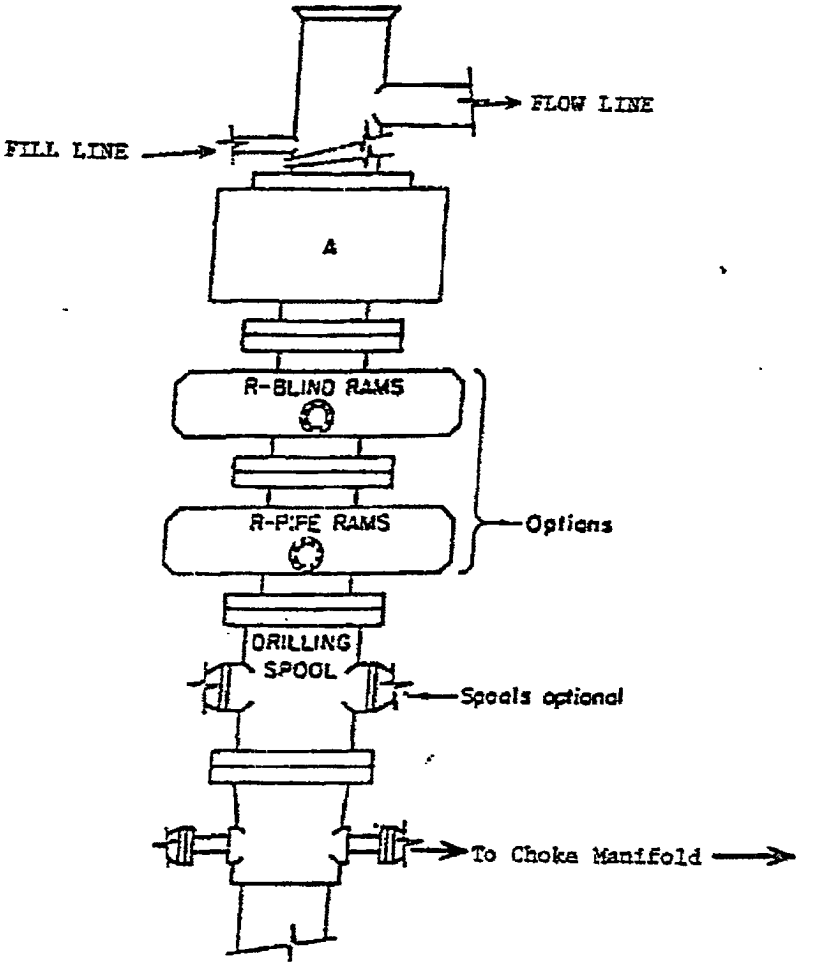
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Section 18-T19S-R34E
2510' FNL & 720' FWL
Lea County, NM



ARRANGEMENT SRRA

900 Series
3000 PSI WP

Exhibit E – Blowout Preventor
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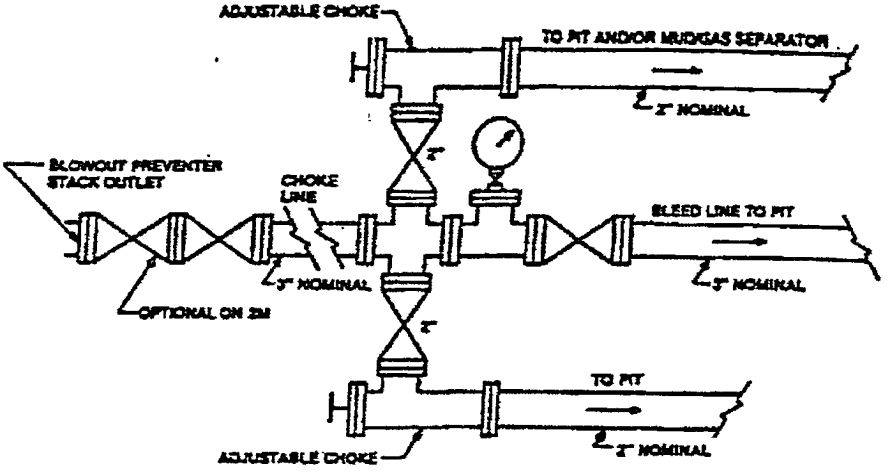

Typical choke manifold assembly for 3M WP system

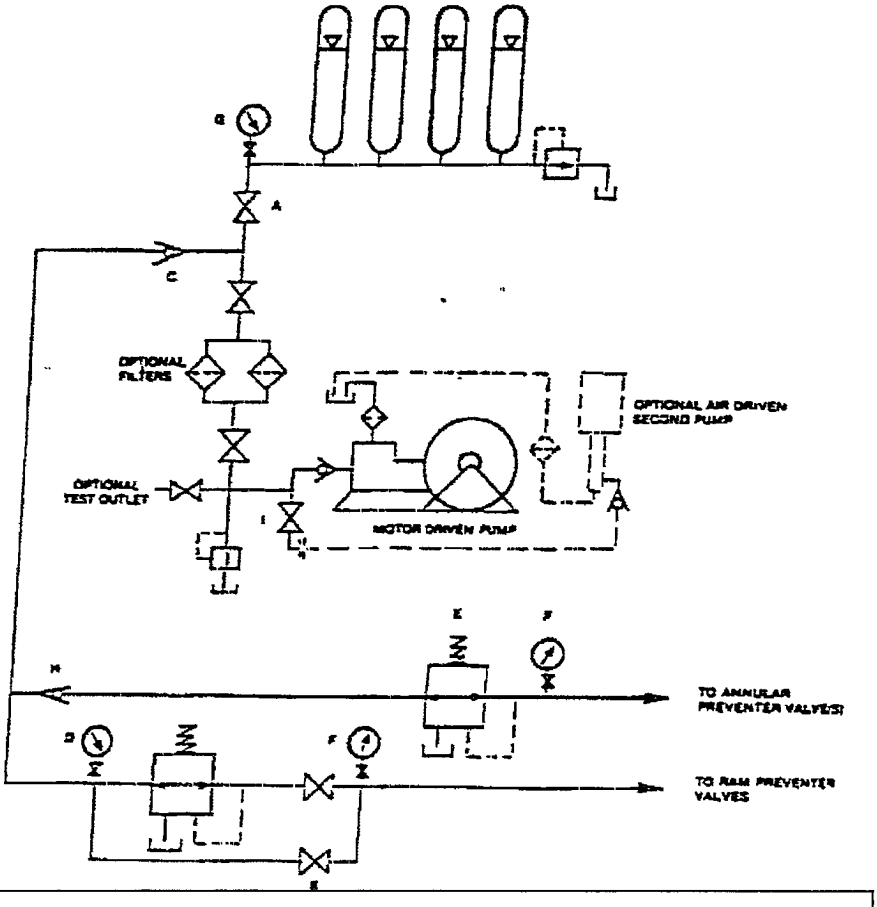

Exhibit E1 – Choke Manifold
Scout 18 Federal No. 9
Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Section 18-T19S-R34E
2510' FNL & 720' FWL
Lea County, NM

SPECIAL DRILLING STIPULATIONS

THE FOLLOWING DATA IS REQUIRED ON THE WELL SIGN

Operator's Name: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Well Name & #: Scout 18 Federal # 9
Location: 2510' F N L & 720' F W L Sec. 18 , T. 19 S., R. 34 E.
Lease: NM-3622 County: Lea 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

(X) Lesser Prairie Chicken (stips attached)
( ) San Simon Swale (stips attached)
( ) Flood plain (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.

( ) 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: Pits East V-Door South

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 ½ inch) with the following seed mixture, in pounds of Pure Live Seed (PLS), per acre. 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. **See attached seed mixture.**

( ) A. Seed Mixture 1 (Loamy Sites)
Side Oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*) 5.0
Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus cryptandrus*) 1.0
Plains lovegrass (*Eragrostis intermedia*) 0.5

( ) B. Seed Mixture 2 (Sandy Sites)
Sand Dropseed (*Sporobolus crptandrus)* 1.0
Sand Lovegrass (*Eragostis trichodes*) 1.0
Plains Bristlegrass (*Setaria magrostachya*) 2.0

( ) C. Seed Mixture 3 (Shallow Sites)
Side oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula)* 5.0
Green Spangletop (*Leptochloa dubia*) 2.0
Plains Bristlegrass (*Setaria magrostachya*) 1.0

( ) D. Seed Mixture 4 (Gypsum Sites)
Alkali Sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*) 1.0
Four-Wing Saltbush (*Atriplex canescens*) 5.0

(x) OTHER Lesser Prairie Chicken Seed Mix

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.

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Company Reference: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Well Name and Number: Scout 18 Federal # 9

Seed Mixture for LPC Sand/Shinnery Sites

The holder shall seed all disturbed areas with the seed mixture listed below. The seed mixture shall be planted in the amounts specified in pounds of pure live seed (PLS)* per acre. There shall be no primary or secondary noxious weeds in the seed mixture. Seed will be tested and the viability testing of seed will be done in accordance with State law(s) and within nine (9) months prior to purchase. Commercial seed will be either certified or registered seed. The seed container will be tagged in accordance with State law(s) and available for inspection by the authorized officer.

Seed will be planted using a drill equipped with a depth regulator to ensure proper depth of planting where drilling is possible. The seed mixture will be evenly and uniformly planted over the disturbed area (smaller/heavier seeds have a tendency to drop the bottom of the drill and are planted first). The holder shall take appropriate measures to ensure this does not occur. Where drilling is not possible, seed will be broadcast and the area shall be raked or chained to cover the seed. When broadcasting the seed, the pounds per acre are to be doubled. The seeding will be repeated until a satisfactory stand is established as determined by the authorized officer. Evaluation of growth will not be made before completion of at least one full growing season after seeding.

Species to be planted in pounds of pure live seed* per acre:

Species	lb/acre
Plains Bristlegrass	5lbs/A
Sand Bluestem	5lbs/A
Little Bluestem	3lbs/A
Big Bluestem	6lbs/A
Plains Coreopsis	2lbs/A
Sand Dropseed	1lbs/A
**Four-winged Saltbush	5lbs/A

* This can be used around well pads and other areas where caliche cannot be removed.

*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed **x** percent purity **x** percent germination = pounds pure live seed

PRAIRIE CHICKENS

No surface use is allowed during the following time periods; unless otherwise specified, this stipulation does not apply to operation and maintenance of production facilities.

On the lands described below: All of Section 18; Township 19 South, Range 34 East

For the purpose of: Protecting Prairie Chickens:

Drilling for oil and gas, and 3-D geophysical exploration operations will not be allowed in Lesser Prairie Chicken Habitat during the period of March 15 through June 15, each year. During that period, other activities that produce noise or involve human activity, such as the maintenance of oil and gas facilities, geophysical exploration other than 3-D operations, and pipeline, road, and well pad construction, will be allowed except between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. The 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during the period. Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks know at the time of permitting. Normal vehicle use on existing roads will not be restricted. Exhaust noise from pump jack engines must be muffled or otherwise controlled so as not to exceed 75 db measured at 30 feet from the source of the noise.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - DRILLING

Well Name & No. Scout 18 Federal # 9
Operator's Name: Cimarex Energy Co.
Location: 2510' FNL, 720' FWL, SEC18, T19S, R34E, Lea County, NM
Lease: NM-3622

I. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS:

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is to be notified at the Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene St., Carlsbad, NM 88220, (505) 361-2822 for wells in Eddy County; and the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240, (505) 393-3612 for wells in Lea County, in sufficient time for a representative to witness:

A. Spudding

B. Cementing casing: 8.625 inch 5.5 inch

C. BOP tests

2. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H2S) Drilling Plan should be activated prior to drilling into the N/A Formation. A copy of the plan shall be posted at the drilling site.

3 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.

4. Submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, one original and five copies) for each casing string, describing the casing and cementing operations. Include pertinent information such as; spud date, hole size, casing (size, weight, grade and thread type), cement (type, quantity and top), water zones and problems or hazards encountered. The Sundry shall be submitted within 15 days of completion of each casing string. The reports may be combined into the same Sundry if they fall within the same 15 day time frame.

5. The API No. assigned to the well by NMOCD shall be included on the subsequent report of setting the first casing string.

6. 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.

7. Gamma-Ray/Neutron logs shall be run from the base of the Salado Formation to the surface; cable speed not to exceed 30 feet per minute.

II. CASING:

1. The 8.625 inch surface casing shall be set @ APPROXIMATELY 900 FEET, below usable water and cement circulated to the surface. If cement does not circulate to the surface the appropriate BLM 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. The minimum required fill of cement behind the 5-1/2 inch production casing is **cement shall CIRCULATE TO THE SURFACE.**

5. Whenever a casing string is cemented in the R-111-P Potash Area, cement shall be allowed to stand a minimum of twelve (12) hours under pressure and a total of twenty-four (24) hours before drilling the plug or initiating tests.

III. PRESSURE CONTROL:

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1. All BOP systems and related equipment shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2. The BOP and related equipment shall be installed and operational before drilling below the **8.625** inch casing shoe and shall be tested as described in Onshore Order No. 2. Any equipment failing to test satisfactorily shall be repaired or replaced.

2. Minimum working pressure of the blowout preventer and related equipment (BOPE) is 2000 psi.

3. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified in sufficient time for a representative to witness the tests.
- A variance to test the _____ to the reduced pressure of ____psi with the rig pumps is approved.
- The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
- The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
- 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.
- Testing must be done in a safe workman-like manner. Hard line connections shall be required.

IV. MUD

1. There is potential for the Shallow Red Beds to hydrate.

Engineers can be reached at 505-706-2779 for any variances that might be necessary.

F Wright 12/12/06

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Company Reference: Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado
Well # & Name: Scout 18 Federal # 9

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 of 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).

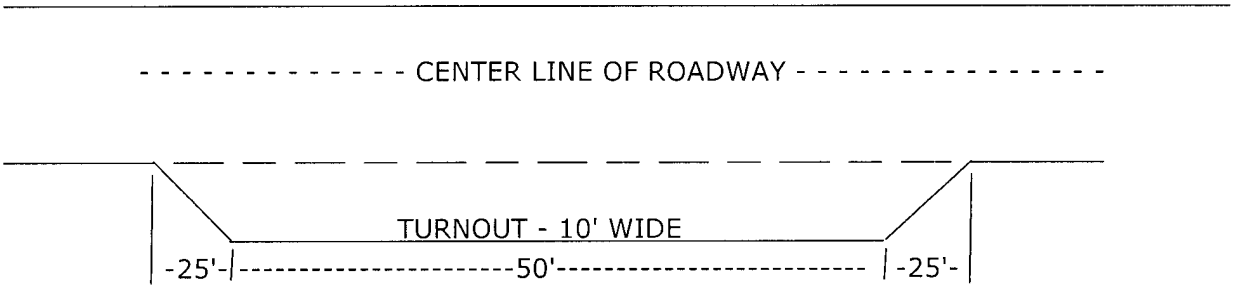
C. On road slopes exceeding 2%, drainage dips shall drain water into an adjacent lead-off ditch. Drainage dip location and spacing shall be determined by the formula:

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

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