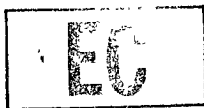


UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

OCD Hobbs

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0135
Expires: July 31, 2010**SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS**
*Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to re-enter an abandoned well. Use form 3160-3 (APD) for such proposals.***SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE - Other instructions on reverse side.**

1. Type of Well <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil Well <input type="checkbox"/> Gas Well <input type="checkbox"/> Other		5. Lease Serial No. NMLC029509B
2. Name of Operator COG OPERATING LLC		6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name
3a. Address 550 WEST TEXAS AVENUE SUITE 1300 MIDLAND, TX 79701		7. If Unit or CA/Agreement, Name and/or No.
3b. Phone No. (include area code) Ph: 432-685-4340		8. Well Name and No. J C FEDERAL 13
4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description) Sec 22 T17S R32E 990FNL 2310FEL		9. API Well No. 30-025-38697
		10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory MALJAMAR; YESO, WEST
		11. County or Parish, and State LEA COUNTY, NM

12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Acidize
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Deepen
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Fracture Treat
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug and Abandon
	<input type="checkbox"/> Plug Back
	<input type="checkbox"/> Production (Start/Resume)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recomplete
	<input type="checkbox"/> Temporarily Abandon
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Disposal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
	<input type="checkbox"/> Well Integrity
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

13. Describe Proposed or Completed Operation (clearly state all pertinent details, including estimated starting date of any proposed work and approximate duration thereof. If the proposal is to deepen directionally or recompleat horizontally, give subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths of all pertinent markers and zones. Attach the Bond under which the work will be performed or provide the Bond No. on file with BLM/BIA. Required subsequent reports shall be filed within 30 days following completion of the involved operations. If the operation results in a multiple completion or recompleat in a new interval, a Form 3160-4 shall be filed once testing has been completed. Final Abandonment Notices shall be filed only after all requirements, including reclamation, have been completed, and the operator has determined that the site is ready for final inspection.)

COG Operating LLC respectfully requests permission to run a 4" water line from the J C Federal 13 battery to the J C Federal 2 battery which will tie into a 6" main line behind the J C Federal 2 battery.

An plat depicting the proposed rout is attached for your review.

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14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Electronic Submission #88218 verified by the BLM Well Information System For COG OPERATING LLC, sent to the Hobbs	
Name (Printed/Typed) PHYLLIS A EDWARDS	Title REGULATORY ANALYST
Signature (Electronic Submission)	Date 06/21/2010

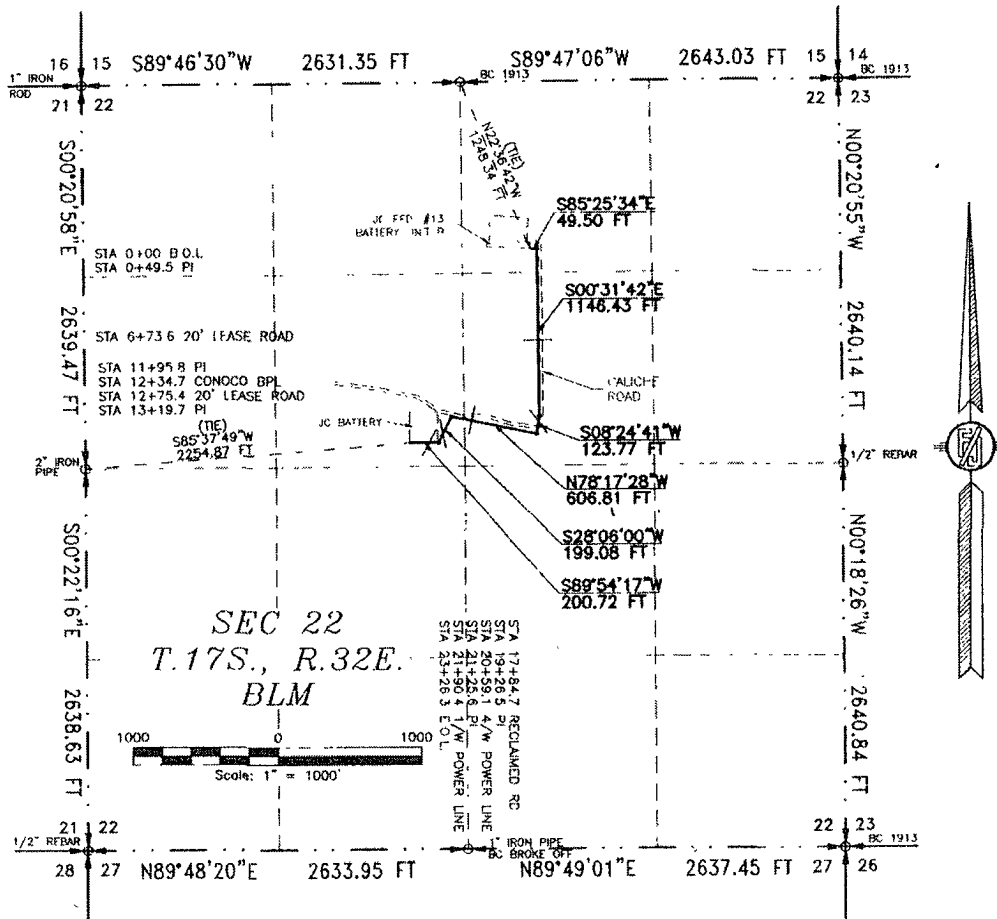
THIS SPACE FOR FEDERAL OR STATE OFFICE USE

Approved By /s/ Don Peterson	Title FIELD MANAGER	SEP 2 2010
Conditions of approval, if any, are attached. Approval of this notice 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.		Office CARLSBAD FIELD OFFICE

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.

**** OPERATOR-SUBMITTED ** OPERATOR-SUBMITTED ** OPERATOR-SUBMITTED ****

COG OPERATING LLC
CENTERLINE SURVEY OF A PIPELINE CROSSING
SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M.
LEA COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
JUNE 2010



DESCRIPTION

A STRIP OF LAND 30 FEET WIDE CROSSING STATE OF NEW MEXICO LAND IN SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M., LEA COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND BEING 15 FEET EACH SIDE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED CENTERLINE SURVEY:

BEGINNING AT A POINT WITHIN THE NW/4 NE/4 OF SAID SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M., WHENCE THE NORTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M. BEARS N27°36'42"W, 1248.34 FEET; THENCE S85°25'34"E A DISTANCE OF 49.50 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S00°31'42"E A DISTANCE OF 1146.43 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S08°24'41"W A DISTANCE OF 123.77 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE N78°17'28"W A DISTANCE OF 606.81 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S28°06'00"W A DISTANCE OF 199.08 FEET TO AN ANGLE POINT OF THE LINE HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE S89°54'17"W A DISTANCE OF 200.72 FEET THE TERMINUS OF THIS CENTERLINE SURVEY, WHENCE THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M. BEARS S85°37'49"W, 2254.87 FEET,

SAID STRIP OF LAND BEING 2326.32 FEET OR 140.99 RODS IN LENGTH, CONTAINING 1.602 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND BEING ALLOCATED BY FORTIES AS FOLLOWS:

NW/4 NE/4	211.21 L.F.	12.80 RODS	0.145 ACRES
SW/4 NE/4	1625.28 L.F.	98.50 RODS	1.119 ACRES
SE/4 NW/4	489.83 L.F.	29.68 RODS	0.337 ACRES

SURVEYOR CERTIFICATE

I, FILMON F. JARAMILLO, A NEW MEXICO PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR NO. 12797, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE CONDUCTED AND AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SURVEY, THAT THIS SURVEY IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT THIS SURVEY AND PLAT MEET THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LAND SURVEYING IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THIS CERTIFICATE IS EXECUTED AT SOCORRO,

NEW MEXICO, THIS 12th DAY OF JUNE 2010

Filmon F. Jaramillo
 FILMON F. JARAMILLO, P.S. 12797
 301 SOUTH CANAL
 CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO 88502
 (505) 487-5830

MADRON SURVEYING, INC.
 301 SOUTH CANAL
 CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO 88502
 Phone (505) 887-5830

GENERAL NOTES

1.) THE INTENT OF THIS ROUTE SURVEY IS TO ACQUIRE AN EASEMENT ACROSS STATE LAND TO INSTALL PE LINE

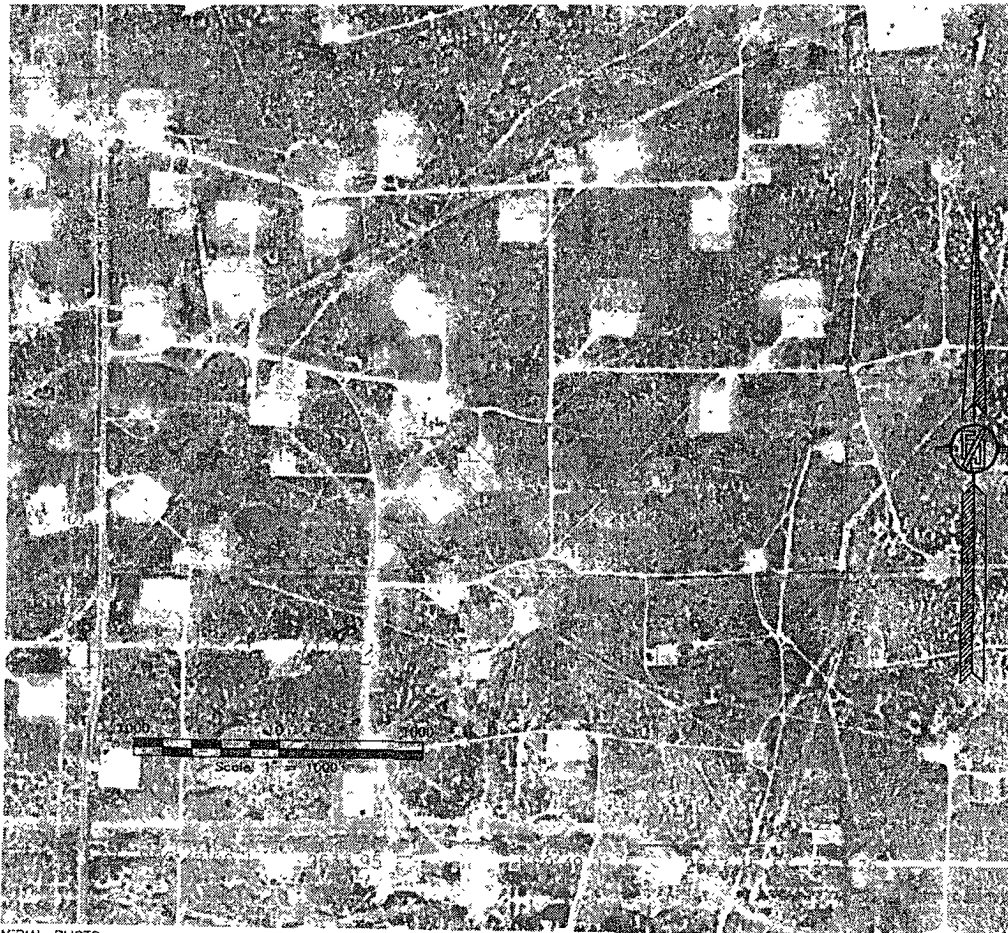
2.) BASIS OF BEARING IS NEW MEXICO STATE PLANE EAST ZONE

SURVEY NO. 126

MADRON SURVEYING, INC. CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO

COG OPERATING LLC
CENTERLINE SURVEY OF A PIPELINE CROSSING
SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, N.M.P.M.
LEA COUNTY, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
JUNE 2010

ROUTE SHOWN ON AERIAL PHOTO



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SURVEY NO. 126-AERIAL

MADRON SURVEYING, INC. 901 SOUTH LAMM CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO
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**PECOS DISTRICT
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

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OPERATOR'S NAME:	COG Operating
LEASE NO.:	NMLC029509B
WELL NAME & NO.:	JC Federal No 13
SURFACE HOLE FOOTAGE:	990' FNL & 2310' FEL
BOTTOM HOLE FOOTAGE	
LOCATION:	Section 22, T. 17 S., R 32 E., NMPM
COUNTY:	Lea County, New Mexico

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Standard Conditions of Approval (COA) apply to this APD. If any deviations to these standards exist or special COAs are required, the section with the deviation or requirement will be checked below.

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I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

The approval of the Application For Permit To Drill (APD) is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations: 43 Code of Federal Regulations 3160, the lease terms, Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, Notices To Lessees, New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) Rules, National Historical Preservation Act As Amended, and instructions and orders of the Authorized Officer. Any request for a variance shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer on Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Report on Wells.

II. PERMIT EXPIRATION

If the permit terminates prior to drilling and drilling cannot be commenced within 60 days after expiration, an operator is required to submit Form 3160-5, Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells, requesting surface reclamation requirements for any surface disturbance. However, if the operator will be able to initiate drilling within 60 days after the expiration of the permit, the operator must have set the conductor pipe in order to allow for an extension of 60 days beyond the expiration date of the APD. (Filing of a Sundry Notice is required for this 60 day extension.)

III. ARCHAEOLOGICAL, PALEONTOLOGY & HISTORICAL SITES

Any cultural and/or paleontological resource discovered by the operator or by any person working on the operator's behalf shall immediately report such findings to the Authorized Officer. The operator is fully accountable for the actions of their contractors and subcontractors. The operator 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 shall be made by the Authorized Officer to determine the appropriate actions that shall be required to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values of the discovery. The operator shall be held responsible for the cost of the proper mitigation measures that the Authorized Officer assesses after consultation with the operator on the evaluation and decisions of the discovery. Any unauthorized collection or disturbance of cultural or paleontological resources may result in a shutdown order by the Authorized Officer.

IV. NOXIOUS WEEDS

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

V. SPECIAL REQUIREMENT(S)

Mitigation Measures: The mitigation measures include the special drilling stipulations, the standard stipulation for the lesser prairie chicken, the standard stipulation for surface pipelines, and the standard stipulations for permanent resource roads.

Timing Limitation Stipulation/Condition of Approval for Lesser Prairie-Chicken: Oil and gas activities including 3-D geophysical exploration, and drilling will not be allowed in lesser prairie-chicken habitat during the period from March 15 through June 15 annually. 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 am and 9:00 am. The 3:00 am to 9:00 am restriction will not apply to normal, around-the-clock operations, such as venting, flaring, or pumping, which do not require a human presence during this period.

Additionally, no new drilling will be allowed within up to 200 meters of leks known 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 ft. from the source of the noise.

JC Federal # 13: Pit North V- Door East

VI. CONSTRUCTION

A. NOTIFICATION

The BLM shall administer compliance and monitor construction of the access road and well pad. Notify the Hobbs Field Station at (505) 393-3612 at least 3 working days prior to commencing construction of the access road and/or well pad.

When construction operations are being conducted on this well, the operator shall have the approved APD and Conditions of Approval (COA) on the well site and they shall be made available upon request by the Authorized Officer.

B. V-DOOR DIRECTION: East

C. TOPSOIL

The operator shall stockpile the topsoil in a low profile manner in order to prevent wind/water erosion of the topsoil. The topsoil will be used for interim and final reclamation.

D. CLOSED LOOP SYSTEM

Tanks are required for drilling operations: No Pits.

The operator shall properly dispose of drilling contents at an authorized disposal site.

E. FEDERAL MINERAL MATERIALS PIT

If the operator elects to surface the access road and/or well pad, mineral materials extracted during construction of the reserve pit may be used for surfacing the well pad and access road and other facilities on the lease.

Payment shall be made to the BLM prior to removal of any additional federal mineral materials from any site other than the reserve pit. Call the Carlsbad Field Office at (505) 234-5972.

F. WELL PAD SURFACING

Surfacing of the well pad is not required.

If the operator elects to surface the well pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

The well pad shall be constructed in a manner which creates the smallest possible surface disturbance, consistent with safety and operational needs.

G. ON LEASE ACCESS ROADS

Road Width

The access road shall have a driving surface that creates the smallest possible surface disturbance and does not exceed fourteen (14) feet in width. The maximum width of surface disturbance, when constructing the access road, shall not exceed thirty (30) feet.

Surfacing

Surfacing material is not required on the new access road driving surface. If the operator elects to surface the new access road or pad, the surfacing material may be required to be removed at the time of reclamation.

Where possible, no improvements should be made on the unsurfaced access road other than to remove vegetation as necessary, road irregularities, safety issues, or to fill low areas that may sustain standing water.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to require surfacing of any portion of the access road at any time deemed necessary. Surfacing may be required in the event the road deteriorates, erodes, road traffic increases, or it is determined to be beneficial for future field development. The surfacing depth and type of material will be determined at the time of notification.

Crowning

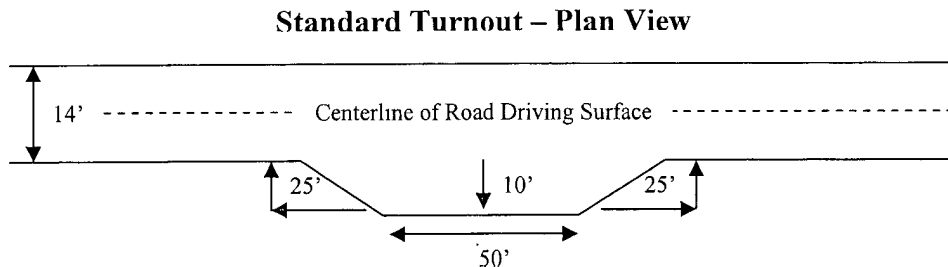
Crowning shall be done on the access road driving surface. The road crown shall have a grade of approximately 2% (i.e., a 1" crown on a 14' wide road). The road shall conform to Figure 1; cross section and plans for typical road construction.

Ditching

Ditching shall be required on both sides of the road.

Turnouts

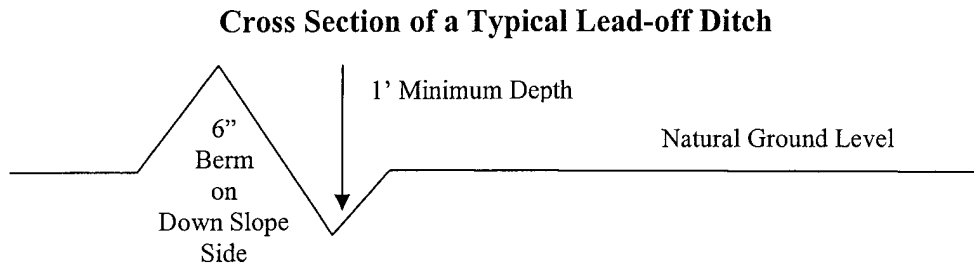
Vehicle turnouts shall be constructed on the road. Turnouts shall be intervisible with interval spacing distance less than 1000 feet. Turnouts shall be constructed on all blind curves. Turnouts shall conform to the following diagram:



Drainage

Drainage control systems shall be constructed on the entire length of road (e.g. ditches, sidehill outslowing and insloping, lead-off ditches, culvert installation, and low water crossings).

A typical lead-off ditch has a minimum depth of 1 foot below and a berm of 6 inches above natural ground level. The berm shall be on the down-slope side of the lead-off ditch.



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

Formula for Spacing Interval of Lead-off Ditches

Example - On a 4% road slope that is 400 feet long, the water flow shall drain water into a lead-off ditch. Spacing interval shall be determined by the following formula:

$$400 \text{ foot road with } 4\% \text{ road slope: } \frac{400'}{4\%} + 100' = 200' \text{ lead-off ditch interval}$$

Culvert Installations

Appropriately sized culvert(s) shall be installed at the deep waterway channel flow crossing.

Cattleguards

An appropriately sized cattleguard(s) sufficient to carry out the project shall be installed and maintained at fence crossing(s).

Any existing cattleguard(s) on the access road shall be repaired or replaced if they are damaged or have deteriorated beyond practical use. The operator shall be responsible for the condition of the existing cattleguard(s) that are in place and are utilized during lease operations.

A gate shall be constructed and fastened securely to H-braces.

Fence Requirement

Where entry is required across a fence line, the fence shall be braced and tied off on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting.

The operator shall notify the private surface landowner or the grazing allotment holder prior to crossing any fence(s).

Public Access

Public access on this road shall not be restricted by the operator without specific written approval granted by the Authorized Officer.

SHOULDER **TURNOUT 10'** **TRANSITION** **25'** **50'** **25'** **TRANSITION** **FULL TURNOUT WIDTH**

TYPICAL TURNOUT PLAN

TURNOUTS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED ON ALL SINGLE LANE ROADS ON ALL BLIND CURVES WITH ADDITIONAL TURNOUTS AS NEEDED TO KEEP SPACING BELOW 1000 FEET.

TOP WIDTH
2" CROWN

NATURAL GROUND

HEIGHT OF FILL AT SHOULDER	EMBANKMENT SLOPE
4' - 6'	2:1
ABOVE 6'	2.5:1

EMBANKMENT SECTION

ROAD TYPE	CROSS
EARTH SURFACE	22 - 25 FT / FT
AGGREGATE SURFACE	22 - 24 FT / FT
PAVED SURFACE	22 - 23 FT / FT

THE DEPTH OF MEASURED FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DITCH

3:1 COMMON **4:1 COMMON** **4:1 MINIMUM** **NATURAL GROUND**

SIDE HILL SECTION

NATURAL GROUND **TOP WIDTH** **2" CROWN** **NATURAL GROUND**

CUT SLOPE ROUNDING

NATURAL GROUND LINE **BACK SLOPE** **FILL SLOPE** **TRAVEL SURFACE** **ISLOPE 2:45**

TYPICAL OUTSLOPE SECTION

NATURAL GROUND LINE **BACK SLOPE** **FILL SLOPE** **TRAVEL SURFACE** **ISLOPE 2:45**

TYPICAL INSLOPE SECTION

VII. DRILLING

A. DRILLING OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS

The BLM is to be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness:

- a. Spudding well
- b. Setting and/or Cementing of all casing strings
- c. BOPE tests

☒ **Lea County**

Call the Hobbs Field Station, 414 West Taylor, Hobbs NM 88240,
(505) 393-3612

- 1. A Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Drilling Plan should be activated 500 feet prior to drilling into the **Grayburg** formation. **Hydrogen Sulfide has been reported through out the township measuring 100-1400 ppm in the gas stream.**
- 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.

B. CASING

- 1. The 13-3/8 inch surface casing shall be set **a minimum of 25 feet into the Rustler Anhydrite at approximately 805 feet** and cemented to the surface. **Fresh water mud to be used to setting depth.**
 - a. If cement does not circulate to the surface, the appropriate BLM office shall be notified and a temperature survey utilizing an electronic type temperature survey with a surface log readout will be used or a cement bond log shall be run to verify the top of the cement.
 - b. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a primary cement job will be a minimum 18 hours for a water basin, 24 hours in the potash area, or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater. (This is to include the lead cement).
 - c. Wait on cement (WOC) time for a remedial job will be a minimum of 4 hours after bringing cement to surface or 500 pounds compressive strength, whichever is greater.
 - d. If cement falls back, remedial action will be done prior to drilling out that string.

**Possible lost circulation in the Grayburg and San Andres formations.
Possible water and brine flows in the Salado and Artesia Group.**

2. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **8-5/8** inch intermediate casing is:

☒ Cement to surface. If cement does not circulate see B.1.a-d above.
3. The minimum required fill of cement behind the **5-1/2** inch production casing is:

☒ Cement should tie-back at least 200 feet into previous casing string. Operator shall provide method of verification.
4. If hardband drill pipe is rotated inside casing, returns will be monitored for metal. If metal is found in samples, drill pipe will be pulled and rubber protectors which have a larger diameter than the tool joints of the drill pipe will be installed prior to continuing drilling operations.

C. PRESSURE CONTROL

1. All blowout preventer (BOP) and related equipment (BOPE) shall comply with well control requirements as described in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 and API RP 53 Sec. 17.
2. The appropriate BLM office shall be notified a minimum of 4 hours in advance for a representative to witness the tests.
 - a. The tests shall be done by an independent service company.
 - b. The results of the test shall be reported to the appropriate BLM office.
 - c. All tests are required to be recorded on a calibrated test chart. A copy of the BOP/BOPE test chart and a copy of independent service company test will be submitted to the appropriate BLM office.
 - d. The BOP/BOPE test shall include a low pressure test from 250 to 300 psi. The test will be held for a minimum of 10 minutes if test is done with a test plug and 30 minutes without a test plug.

Engineer on call phone (after hours): Carlsbad: (575) 706-2779

WWI 122907

VIII. PRODUCTION (POST DRILLING)

A. WELL STRUCTURES & FACILITIES

Placement of Production Facilities

Production facilities should be placed on the well pad to allow for maximum interim recontouring and revegetation of the well location.

Containment Structures

The containment structure shall be constructed to hold the capacity of the entire contents of the largest tank, plus 24 hour production, unless more stringent protective requirements are deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.

Painting Requirement

All above-ground structures including meter housing that are not subject to safety requirements shall be painted a flat non-reflective paint color
Shale Green, Munsell Soil Color Chart # 5Y 4/2

B. PIPELINES

STANDARD STIPULATIONS FOR SURFACE INSTALLED PIPELINES

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.

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

1. The holder shall indemnify the United States against any liability for damage to life or property arising from the occupancy or use of public lands under this grant.
2. 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 USC 2601 et seq. (1982) with regards to any toxic substances that are used, generated by or stored on the right-of-way or on facilities authorized under this right-of-way 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.

3. 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 activity of the Right-of-Way holder's activity on the Right-of-Way), or resulting from the activity of the Right-of-Way holder 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.

4. The holder shall be liable for damage or injury to the United States to the extent provided by 43 CFR Sec. 2883.1-4. The holder shall be held to a standard of strict liability for damage or injury to the United States resulting from pipe rupture, fire, or spills caused or substantially aggravated by any of the following within the right-of-way or permit area:

- a. Activities of the holder including, but not limited to construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the facility.
- b. Activities of other parties including, but not limited to:
 - (1) Land clearing.
 - (2) Earth-disturbing and earth-moving work.
 - (3) Blasting.
 - (4) Vandalism and sabotage.
- c. Acts of God.

The maximum limitation for such strict liability damages shall not exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for any one event, and any liability in excess of such amount shall be determined by the ordinary rules of negligence of the jurisdiction in which the damage or injury occurred.

This section shall not impose strict liability for damage or injury resulting primarily from an act of war or from the negligent acts or omissions of the United States.

5. If, during any phase of the construction, operation, maintenance, or termination of the pipeline, any oil, salt water, or other pollutant should be discharged from the pipeline system, impacting Federal lands, the control and total removal, disposal, and cleaning up of such oil, salt water, 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 resulting therefrom, on the Federal lands, the Authorized Officer may take such measures as he deems necessary to control and clean up the discharge and restore the area, including, where appropriate, the aquatic environment and fish and wildlife habitats, at the full

expense of the holder. Such action by the Authorized Officer shall not relieve the holder of any responsibility as provided herein.

6. All construction and maintenance activity will be confined to the authorized right-of-way width of 25 feet.

7. No blading or clearing of any vegetation will be allowed unless approved in writing by the Authorized Officer.

8. The holder shall install the pipeline on the surface in such a manner that will minimize suspension of the pipeline across low areas in the terrain. In hummocky or dune areas, the pipeline will be "snaked" around hummocks and dunes rather than suspended across these features.

9. The pipeline shall be buried with a minimum of 24 inches under all roads, "two-tracks," and trails. Burial of the pipe will continue for 20 feet on each side of each crossing. The condition of the road, upon completion of construction, shall be returned to at least its former state with no bumps or dips remaining in the road surface.

10. The holder shall minimize disturbance to existing fences and other improvements on public lands. The holder is required to promptly repair improvements to at least their former state. Functional use of these improvements will be maintained at all times. The holder will contact the owner of any improvements prior to disturbing them. When necessary to pass through a fence line, the fence shall be braced on both sides of the passageway prior to cutting of the fence. No permanent gates will be allowed unless approved by the Authorized Officer.

11. In those areas where erosion control structures are required to stabilize soil conditions, the holder will install such structures as are suitable for the specific soil conditions being encountered and which are in accordance with sound resource management practices.

12. Excluding the pipe, all above-ground structures not subject to safety requirement shall be painted by the holder to blend with the natural color of the landscape. The paint used shall be a color which simulates "Standard Environmental Colors" – **Shale Green**, Munsell Soil Color No. 5Y 4/2; designated by the Rocky Mountain Five State Interagency Committee.

13. The pipeline will be identified by signs at the point of origin and completion of the right-of-way and at all road crossings. At a minimum, signs will state the holder's name, BLM serial number, and the product being transported. Signs will be maintained in a legible condition for the life of the pipeline.

14. The holder shall not use the pipeline route as a road for purposes other than routine maintenance as determined necessary by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the holder. The holder will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the pipeline

route is not used as a roadway.

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

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IX. INTERIM RECLAMATION & RESERVE PIT CLOSURE

A. INTERIM RECLAMATION

If the well is a producer, interim reclamation shall be conducted on the well site in accordance with the orders of the Authorized Officer. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (Notice of Intent), Form 3160-5, prior to conducting interim reclamation.

During the life of the development, all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations should undergo interim reclamation in order to minimize the environmental impacts of development on other resources and uses.

At the time reserve pits are to be reclaimed, operators should work with BLM surface management specialists to devise the best strategies to reduce the size of the location. Any reductions should allow for remedial well operations, as well as safe and efficient removal of oil and gas.

During reclamation, the removal of caliche is important to increasing the success of revegetating the site. Removed caliche may be used for road repairs, fire walls or for building other roads and locations. In order to operate the well or complete workover operations, it may be necessary to drive, park and operate on restored interim vegetation within the previously disturbed area. Disturbing revegetated areas for production or workover operations will be allowed. If there is significant disturbance and loss of vegetation, the area will need to be revegetated. Communicate with the appropriate BLM office for any exceptions/exemptions if needed.

B. RESERVE PIT CLOSURE

The reserve pit, when dried and closed, shall be recontoured, all trash removed, and reseeded as follows:

BLM SERIAL #:
COMPANY REFERENCE:
WELL # & NAME:

Seed Mixture 2, for Sandy 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:

<u>Species</u>	<u>lb/acre</u>
Sand dropseed (<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>)	1.0
Sand love grass (<i>Eragrostis trichodes</i>)	1.0
Plains bristlegrass (<i>Setaria macrostachya</i>)	2.0

*Pounds of pure live seed:

Pounds of seed x percent purity x percent germination = pounds pure live seed
(Insert Seed Mixture Here)

X. FINAL ABANDONMENT & REHABILITATION REQUIREMENTS

Upon abandonment of the well and/or when the access road is no longer in service the Authorized Officer shall issue instructions and/or orders for surface reclamation and restoration of all disturbed areas.

On private surface/federal mineral estate land the reclamation procedures on the road and well pad shall be accomplished in accordance with the private surface land owner agreement.