

MESCALERO RIDGE 35 UNIT #23
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- F. Garbage, trash and waste paper produced during drilling operations will be collected in a contained trailer and disposed at an approved landfill. All waste material will be contained to prevent scattering by the wind. All water, fluids, salt or other chemicals will be disposed into the reserve pit. No toxic waste or hazardous chemicals will be generated by this operation.
- G. All waste material will be removed within 30 days after the well is either completed or abandoned. The reserve pit will be completely fenced until it has dried. At the point the reserve pit is found sufficiently dry, it will be backfilled and reclaimed as per BLM specifications. Only the portion of the drilling pad used by the production equipment (pumping unit) will remain in use. If the well is deemed non-commercial, only a dry hole marker will remain.

8. Ancillary Facilities

No campsite or other facilities will be constructed as a result of this well.

9. Well Site Layout

- A. The drill pad is shown on Exhibit #6. Approximate dimensions of the pad, pits and general location of the rig equipment are displayed. Top soil will be stored adjacent to the pad until reclamation efforts are undertaken. Only modest cuts will be necessary to build the pad which will be covered with 6" of compacted caliche.
- B. No permanent living facilities are planned, but temporary trailers for the tool pusher, drilling foreman and mud logger may be on location throughout drilling operations.
- C. The reserve pit will be lined using plastic sheeting of 5-7 mil thickness.

10. Plans for Restoration of Surface

- A. After concluding the drilling and/or completion operations, if the well is found non-commercial, the caliche will be removed from the pad and transported to the original caliche pit or used for other drilling locations. The road will be reclaimed as directed by the BLM. The reserve pit area will be broken out and leveled after drying to a condition where these efforts are feasible. The original top soil will again be returned to the pad and contoured, as close as possible, to the original topography.