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- 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.
- B. The pit lining will be buried or hauled away in order to return the location and road to their pristine nature. All pits will be filled and location leveled, weather permitting, within 120 days after abandonment.
- C. The location and road will be rehabilitated as recommended by the BLM.
- D. The reserve pit will be fenced on three sides throughout drilling operations. After the rotary rig is removed, the reserve pit will be fenced on the fourth side to preclude endangering wildlife. The fencing will be in place until the pit is reclaimed.
- E. If the well is deemed commercially productive, the reserve pit will be restored as described in 10 (A) within 120 days after the completion date. Caliche from areas of the pad site not required for operations will be reclaimed. The original top soil will be returned to the area of the drill pad not necessary to operate the well. These unused areas of the drill pad will be contoured, as close as possible, to match the original topography.

11. Surface Ownership

The well site is owned by the Bureau of Land Management.

12. Other Information

- A. The area surrounding the well site is grassland. The top soil is very sandy in nature. The vegetation is moderately sparse with native prairie grass.
- B. There is permanent water in the immediate area.
- C. A Cultural Resources Examination will be completed by Desert West Archaeological Services and forwarded to the Carlsbad, New Mexico BLM office.