

Conservation Division
Southern Rocky Mountain Area

NOTICE
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To: All Lessees and Operators of Federal and Indian Oil and Gas Leases

In order that the Department may properly protect the environment during the development of all Federal and Indian leased mineral resources - Each Application for Permit to Drill under a Federal and Indian oil and gas lease must be accompanied by a Development Plan for Surface Use covering all proposed operations that might disturb the surface prior to commencing development work under the lease. One copy of the plan must be attached to each copy of the Application for Permit to Drill.

The Application for Permit to Drill and the Development Plan for Surface Use must be filed in sufficient time before you contemplate commencing any operations to allow adequate time for contacting the appropriate surface management agency and joint inspection of the proposed well location and access road where necessary.

A subsequent Development Plan for Surface Use must be submitted for approval when any changes in the proposed operation are necessary or if additional surface is to be used at a later date.

Work on roads and drilling locations must not be commenced prior to approval of the Application for Permit to Drill. A copy of the drilling permit and Development Plan for Surface Use must be posted at the drill site.

The following is furnished for your information and guidance in preparing the required Development Plan for Surface Use:

1. Existing roads including location of the exit from the main highway. *See Attached FIGURE #1*

This information should be submitted on a map (USGS topographic, county road, or oil field map with a scale sufficient to be legible) and include at least one locatable reference point and the main access road in the vicinity of the proposed location along with all existing roads within a minimum 3-mile radius of the proposed location. Trails and shortcuts need be shown only if they will be used for access. Additional required information under Nos. 2, 3, and 4 below may be placed on this map if appropriately labeled.

2. Planned access roads.

This information should be submitted on a map and include all access roads that are to be constructed or improved upon or used in connection with the drilling and producing of the proposed well. Road construction should be kept to a minimum. Indicate the length and width of new road. Indicate whether roads will be compacted or surfaced. Operator should keep in mind that he may be required to *Fig. 1*
restore the surface to its original condition. *Existing road*
only graded in spots if bad to use - New road caliche surface where needed

3. Location of existing wells.

This information should be submitted on a map and include all wells (abandoned, temporarily abandoned, shut-in, injection, drilling, etc.) within a one-mile radius of the proposed location for a development well. For exploratory well drill sites, such information should be shown within a two-mile radius of the proposed location. An exploratory well is a well two miles or more from an existing Known Geologic Structure or if not established, two miles or more from an existing producible well. *See Fig. 1*