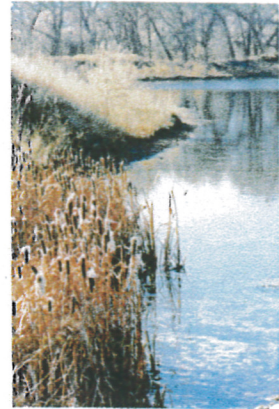


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**RE: Noble Energy, Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D Drill Pad,
Seasonal Restriction for Raptor Nest**

Dear Mr. Rodine:

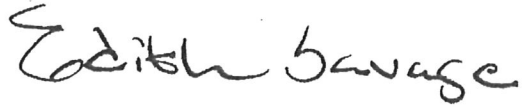
A site investigation of the proposed Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D drill pad was conducted on January 21, 2011 to investigate a raptor nest adjacent to the proposed drill pad. The proposed site is located approximately 0.40 miles southwest of the intersection of U.S. Highway 76 and Weld County Road 49. The site is located within Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 65 West of the 6th Prime Meridian, Weld County, Colorado (Noble Energy Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D Drill Pad Location Map).

The area of investigation included an old growth cottonwood tree located north of the drill pad (Noble Energy Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D - Cottonwood Tree with Raptor Nest). A raptor nest was identified within an old growth cottonwood tree. A red-tailed hawk was flying near the tree. At the time of the investigation the nest may have been active.

Based on the Recommended Buffer Zones and Seasonal Restrictions for Colorado Raptors (Gerald R. Craig, Colorado Division of Wildlife updated December 19, 2002) seasonal restrictions to human encroachment for red-tailed hawk nests are recommended from February 15 to July 15. In order to minimize disturbance to the raptor nest, development of the site should begin July 15 and be concluded by February 15.

If you have any questions or require further information about the proposed Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D drill pad or raptor nest please contact me.

Sincerely,

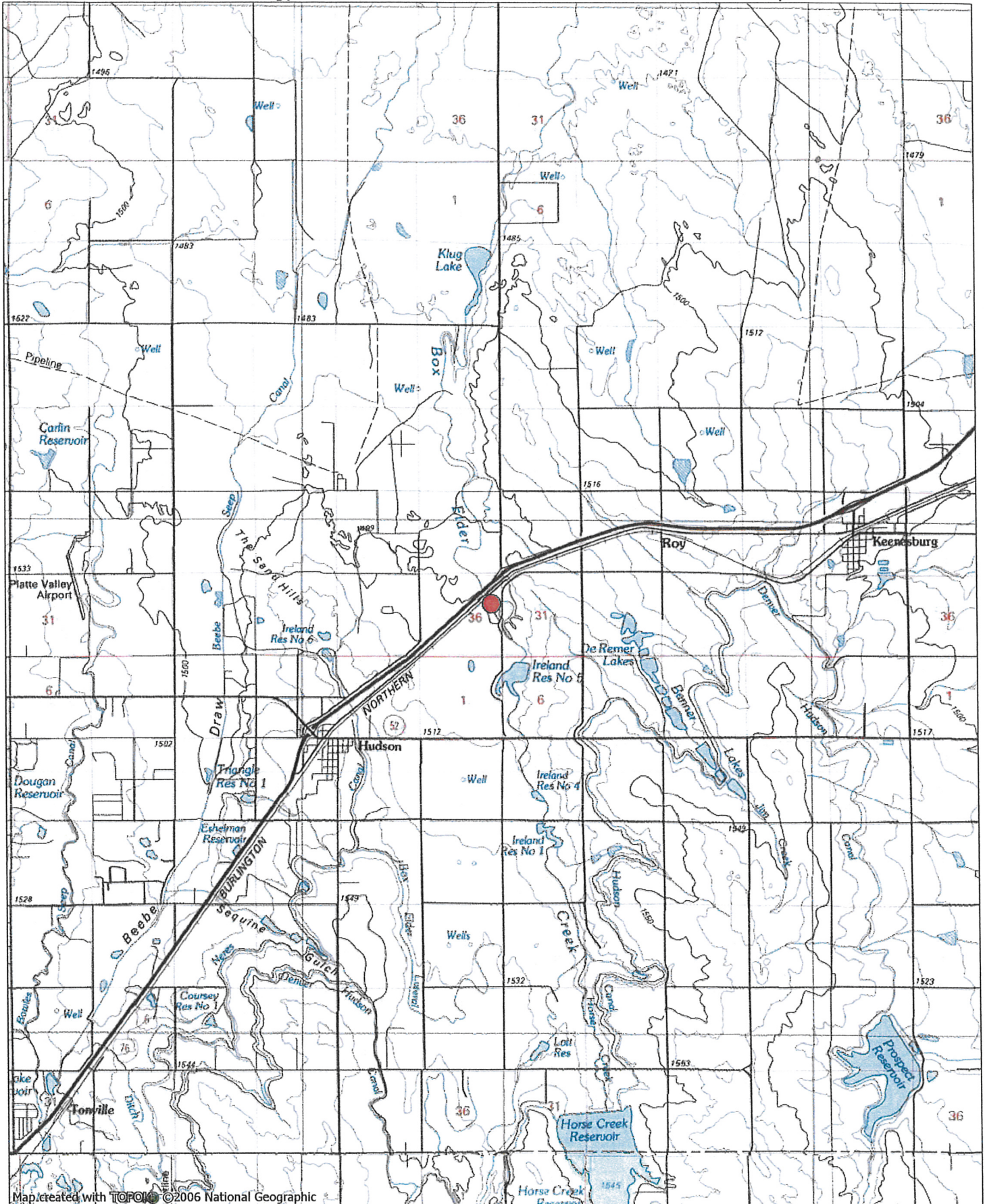
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Edith Savage
Principal

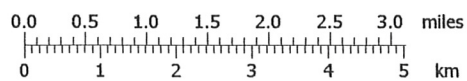
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Map

Noble Energy Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D – Cottonwood Tree
with Raptor Nest

Noble Energy Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D Drill Pad Location Map



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**Figure 2. Noble Energy Hudson State X36-01D and X36-07D
Cottonwood Tree with Raptor Nest**