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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location  Amend Existing Location Location#: 421340

Submit original plus one copy. This form is to be submitted to the COGCC prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas development operations. This Assessment may be approved as a standalone application or submitted as an informational report accompanying an Application for Permit-To-Drill, Form 2. Approval of this Assessment will allow for the construction of the below specified location; however, it does not supersede any land use rules applied by the local land use authority. This form may serve as notice to land owners and other interested parties, please see the COGCC web site at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc/> for all accompanying information pertinent to this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:  
**421340**  
Expiration Date:

This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.

1. CONSULTATION

- This location is included in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan. CDP # \_\_\_\_\_
- This location is in a sensitive wildlife habitat area.
- This location is in a wildlife restricted surface occupancy area.
- This location includes a Rule 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request.

2. Operator

Operator Number: 66571  
Name: OXY USA WTP LP  
Address: P O BOX 27757  
City: HOUSTON State: TX Zip: 77227

3. Contact Information

Name: Joan Proulx  
Phone: (970) 263.3641  
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4. Location Identification:

Name: Cascade Creek Number: 697-05C  
County: GARFIELD  
Quarter: LOT 14 Section: 5 Township: 6S Range: 97W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 8426

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. This point should be used as the point of measurement in the drawings to be submitted with this application. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 2989 feet FNL, from North or South section line, and 2296 feet FEL, from East or West section line.  
Latitude: 39.554580 Longitude: -108.242310 PDOP Reading: 2.1 Date of Measurement: 12/16/2010  
Instrument Operator's Name: R. Seal

5. Facilities (Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location):

Special Purpose Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>	Drilling Pits: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Wells: <input type="checkbox"/> 22	Production Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>	Dehydrator Units: <input type="checkbox"/>
Condensate Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Water Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/> 3	Separators: <input type="checkbox"/> 5	Electric Motors: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Multi-Well Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>
Gas or Diesel Motors: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Cavity Pumps: <input type="checkbox"/>	LACT Unit: <input type="checkbox"/>	Pump Jacks: <input type="checkbox"/>	Pigging Station: <input type="checkbox"/> 1
Electric Generators: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Gas Pipeline: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Oil Pipeline: <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Pipeline: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Flare: <input type="checkbox"/>
Gas Compressors: <input type="checkbox"/>	VOC Combustor: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Oil Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>	Fuel Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>	

Other:

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 06/01/2011 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 9.50  
 Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 12/01/2012 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 5.90  
 Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 8423 Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes   
 Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: Yes  No  Is H2S anticipated? Yes  No   
 Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS Cl) or oil based muds be used: Yes  No   
 Mud disposal: Offsite  Onsite  Method: Land Farming  Land Spreading  Disposal Facility   
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Surface Owner:

Name: OXY USA WTP LP Phone: 970.263.3641  
 Address: P O Box 27757 Fax: 970.263.3694  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: joan\_proulx@oxy.com  
 City: Houston State: TX Zip: 77227 Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surface Owner:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian  
 Mineral Owner:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian  
 The surface owner is:  the mineral owner  committed to an oil and gas lease  
 is the executer of the oil and gas lease  the applicant  
 The right to construct the location is granted by:  oil and gas lease  Surface Use Agreement  Right of Way  
 applicant is owner  
 Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place:  \$2000  \$5000  Blanket Surety ID \_\_\_\_\_

8. Reclamation Financial Assurance:

Well Surety ID: 20060137  Gas Facility Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Mgnt. Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes  No   
 Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 9772, public road: 22651, above ground utilit: 59664  
 , railroad: 65472, property line: 2407

10. Current Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land:  Irrigated  Dry land  Improved Pasture  Hay Meadow  CRP  
 Non-Crop Land:  Rangeland  Timber  Recreational  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivided:  Industrial  Commercial  Residential

11. Future Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land:  Irrigated  Dry land  Improved Pasture  Hay Meadow  CRP  
 Non-Crop Land:  Rangeland  Timber  Recreational  Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subdivided:  Industrial  Commercial  Residential

12. Soils:

List all soil map units that occur within the proposed location. Attach the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) report showing the "Map Unit Description" report listing the soil typical vertical profile. This data is to used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/> or from the COGCC web site GIS Online map page found at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc>. Instructions are provided within the COGCC web site help section.

NRCS Map Unit Name: Map Unit Symbol 55

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### 13. Plant Community:

Complete this section only if any portion of the disturbed area of the location's current land use is on non-crop land.

Are noxious weeds present: Yes  No

Plant species from:  NRCS or,  field observation Date of observation: \_\_\_\_\_

List individual species: Letterman's needlegrass, Slender wheatgrass, Arizona fescue, Columbia needlegrass, Mountain big sagebrush, Big bluegrass, Mountain snowberry, Saskatoon serviceberry, Yellow rabbitbrush

Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)
- Native Grassland (Bluestem, Grama, Wheatgrass, Buffalograss, Fescue, Oatgrass, Brome)
- Shrub Land (Mahogany, Oak, Sage, Serviceberry, Chokecherry)
- Plains Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Aspen, Maple, Poplar, Russian Olive, Tamarisk)
- Mountain Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Blue Spruce)
- Forest Land (Spruce, Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Juniper, Pinyon, Aspen)
- Wetlands Aquatic (Bullrush, Sedge, Cattail, Arrowhead)
- Alpine (above timberline)
- Other (describe): \_\_\_\_\_

### 14. Water Resources:

Rule 901.e. may require a sensitive area determination be performed. If this determination is performed the data is to be submitted with the Form 2A.

Is this a sensitive area:  No  Yes Was a Rule 901.e. Sensitive Areas Determination performed:  No  Yes

Distance (in feet) to nearest surface water: 390, water well: 19756, depth to ground water: 150

Is the location in a riparian area:  No  Yes Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed  No  Yes

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Suppl Area buffer zone:

No  0-300 ft. zone  301-500 ft. zone  501-2640 ft. zone

If the location is within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer have all public water supply systems within 15 miles been notified:  No  Yes

### 15. Comments:

This Form 2A and attached Form 4 Sundry are being submitted to reflect the expansion of the pad in order to accommodate staging of the drilling equipment. Well locations, directional plans, BHLs and objective formations are not changing. The initial Form 2A was approved on 1/28/11 (document 400121170). Oxy is both the surface and mineral owner; Rules 305 and 306 are waived. The well pad has not been constructed. A semi-closed loop system will be used. Per GarCo Vacation Ordinance dated 10-5-1987, CR 213 is now OXY's private property north of Sec 8, 7S, 97W, 6 PM. Oxy will provide appropriate housing for essential personnel in order to conduct safe, efficient drilling operations at this well site. Oxy will comply with Notice to Operators (NTO) Drilling wells on the Roan Plateau (June 12, 2008). Reference area photos will be provided during the upcoming growing season. The plats reference a "blooie pit;" this is not a pit but a flare box. The CDOW pre-consultation meeting occurred on July 16, 2010.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 05/02/2011 Email: joan\_proulx@oxy.com

Print Name: Joan Proulx Title: Regulatory Analyst

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of COGCC Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:**

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for any and all subsequent operations on the location unless this Form 2A is modified by Sundry Notice, Form 4 or an Amended Form 2A.

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**Attachment Check List**

Att Doc Num	Name
400160819	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400160825	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400160826	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
400160827	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
400160828	HYDROLOGY MAP
400160829	LOCATION DRAWING
400160830	REFERENCE AREA MAP
400160834	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400160835	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400160836	PROPOSED BMPs
400160837	PROPOSED BMPs

Total Attach: 11 Files

**General Comments**

<b><u>User Group</u></b>	<b><u>Comment</u></b>	<b><u>Comment Date</u></b>

Total: 0 comment(s)

**BMP**

Type	Comment
Wildlife	<p>OXY USA WTP LP and OXY USA Inc.</p> <p>Wildlife and Domestic Animals Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All firearms and hunting paraphernalia are strictly prohibited.</li> <li>• Employees, contractors, subcontractors, or visitors will not hunt, fish, trap, trade, feed, or harass animals or keep wildlife in captivity.</li> <li>• Employees, contractors, subcontractors or visitors shall not bring domestic animals to Oxy property.</li> <li>• All employees, contractors, subcontractors, or visitors shall comply with Colorado Division of Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife rules and regulations pertaining to wildlife.</li> <li>• All employees and visitors shall attend Oxy's Visitor Orientation presentation which includes training for Oxy's Wildlife and Domestic Animals policy.</li> <li>• Contractors and subcontractors shall read Oxy's Contractor, Health, Environment, and Safety Expectations Handbook, which contains Oxy's wildlife policies. After reading the handbook, all contractors and subcontractors shall sign, date, and return the last sheet of the handbook prior to coming on location.</li> <li>• All employees, contractors, subcontractors, or visitors shall comply with the following bear specific guidelines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Initiate a food and waste/refuse management program that uses bear-proof food storage containers and trash receptacles, including but not limited to all permanent facilities, drilling locations, temp housing facilities, completions and workover locations.</li> <li>o Food and food waste located at temporary job sites shall be kept in the vehicle and only disposed of in bear-proof containers.</li> <li>o Report bear conflicts immediately to Oxy HES and/or Regulatory Departments so that it may be reported to CDOW.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Wildlife	<p>Sensitive Wildlife Habitat: Greater Sage Grouse Production Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify seasonal habitats and migratory patterns of sage-grouse. Map all seasonal habitats using CDOW habitat selection models as they become available.</li> <li>• No surface occupancy within 0.6 mile of any known greater sage-grouse lek.</li> <li>• After drilling and completions activities reduce visits to well-sites through remote monitoring (i.e. SCADA) and the use of multi-function contractors.</li> <li>• Schedule, as best as possible, well site visitations to portions of the day between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the lekking season (March 1 to May 15).</li> <li>• Establish company guidelines to minimize wildlife mortality from vehicle collisions on roads.</li> <li>• Phase and concentrate all development activities, so that large areas of undisturbed habitat for wildlife remain and thorough reclamation occurs immediately after development and before moving to new sites. Development should progress at a pace commensurate with reclamation success.</li> <li>• Implement the species appropriate Infrastructure Layout and Drilling and Production Operations Wildlife Protection Measures found in Section II D. of the CDOW Wildlife BMP document as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Section II D. DRILLING AND PRODUCTION OPERATIONS WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURES: The purpose of these measures is to reduce disturbance on the actual drill site and the surrounding area, to reduce direct conflict with wildlife and hunters, and to prevent wildlife access to equipment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use centralized hydraulic fracturing operations.</li> <li>2. Transport water through centralized pipeline systems rather than by trucking.</li> <li>3. Where possible, locate pipeline systems under existing roadways, or roadways that are planned for development.</li> <li>4. Maximize use of state-of-the-art drilling technology (e.g., high efficiency rigs, coiled-tubing unit rigs, closed-loop or pitless drilling, etc.) to minimize disturbance.</li> <li>5. Conduct well completions with drilling operations to limit the number of rig moves and traffic.</li> <li>6. Install exclusionary devices to prevent bird and other wildlife access to equipment stacks, vents and openings.</li> <li>7. During pipeline installations install trench plugs, earthen ramps, or other means as necessary to ensure that open pipeline trenches do not trap wildlife, and that pipe strings to not impair wildlife movements.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Minimize surface disturbance and fragmentation of greater sage-grouse habitat through use of the smallest facility footprints possible, use of multiple well pads, clustering of roads and pipelines, and the widest possible spacing of surface facilities.</li> <li>• Where applicable design tanks and other facilities with structures such that they do not provide perches or nest substrates for raptors, crows and ravens.</li> <li>• Where needed, install raptor perch deterrents on equipment, fences, cross arms and pole tops in greater sage-grouse habitat.</li> <li>• Remove all unnecessary infrastructure.</li> <li>• Treat waste water pits and any associated pit containing water that provides a suitable medium for breeding mosquitoes with Bti (<i>Bacillus thuringiensis v. israelensis</i>) or take other effective action to control mosquito larvae that may spread West Nile Virus to wildlife, especially grouse.</li> <li>• Implement the species appropriate reclamation guidelines found in Section II G. of the CDOW Wildlife BMP document.</li> <li>• Section II G. RESTORATION, RECLAMATION AND ABANDONMENT: The purpose of these measures is to restore disturbed sites to their pre-development conditions, using native vegetation that can be used by the indigenous wildlife. Develop a reclamation plan in consultation with CDOW, NRCS, and the land owner or land management agency that incorporates wildlife species-specific goals and that defines reclamation performance standards, including the following components: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Use only certified weed-free native seed in seed mixes, unless use of non-native plant materials is recommended by CDOW.</li> <li>b. Use locally adapted seed whenever available, especially for species which have wide geographic ranges and much genetic variation (e.g., big sagebrush (<i>Artemisia tridentata</i>), antelope bitterbrush (<i>Purshia tridentata</i>), etc.).</li> <li>c. Where more than one ecotype of a given species is available and potentially adapted</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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to the site, include more than one ecotype per species in the seed mix.

d. Use appropriately diverse reclamation seed mixes that mirror an appropriate reference area for the site being reclaimed (see also species-specific recommendations).

e. Conduct seeding in a manner that ensures that seedbed preparation and planting techniques are targeted toward the varied needs of grasses, forbs and shrubs (e.g., seed forbs and shrubs separately from grasses, broadcast big sagebrush but drill grasses, etc.).

f. Emphasize bunchgrass over sod-forming grasses in seed mixes in order to provide more effective wildlife cover and to facilitate forb and shrub establishment.

g. Seed immediately after recontouring and spreading topsoil. Spread topsoil and conduct seeding during optimal periods for seed germination and establishment. Use of the same contractor for re-contouring land as used for seeding is often the most effective approach.

h. Do not include aggressive, non-native grasses (e.g., intermediate wheatgrass, pubescent wheatgrass, crested wheatgrass, smooth brome, etc.) in reclamation seed mixes. Site specific exceptions may be considered.

i. Distribute quick germinating site adapted native seed or sterile non-native seed for interim reclamation on cut and fill slopes and topsoil piles.

j. Plan for reclamation failure and be prepared to repeat seeding as necessary to meet vegetation cover, composition, and diversity standards.

## 2. Vegetative Cover Standard

a. Choose reference areas as goals for reclamation that have high wildlife value, with attributes such a diverse and productive understory of vegetation, productive and palatable shrubs, and a high prevalence of native species.

b. Establish vegetation with total perennial non-invasive plant cover of at least eighty (80) percent of pre-disturbance or reference area levels.

c. Establish vegetation with plant diversity of non-invasive species which is at least half that of pre-disturbance or reference area levels. Quantify diversity of vegetation using a metric that considers only species with at least 3 percent relative plant cover.

d. Observe and maintain a performance standard for reclamation success characterized by the establishment of a self-sustaining, vigorous, diverse, locally appropriate plant community on the site, with a density sufficient to control erosion and non-native plant invasion and diversity sufficient to allow for normal plant community development.

## 3. Timing

a. Use early and effective reclamation techniques, including interim reclamation to accelerate return of disturbed areas for use by wildlife.

b. Remove all unnecessary infrastructure.

c. Close and reclaim roads not necessary for development immediately, including removing all bridges and culverts and recontouring/reclaiming all stream crossings.

d. Reclaim reserve pits as quickly as possible after drilling and ensure that pit contents do not contaminate soil.

e. Remediate hydrocarbon spills on disturbed areas prior to reclamation.

f. Reclaim sites during optimum seasons (e.g. late fall/early winter or early spring).

Wildlife	<p>Continuation of Greater Sage Grouse Policy:</p> <p>g. Complete final reclamation activities so that seeding occurs during the first optimal season following plugging and abandonment of oil and gas wells.</p> <p>4. Interim reclamation</p> <p>a. Use a variety of native grasses and forbs to establish effective, interim reclamation on all disturbed areas (e.g., road shoulders and borrow areas), including disturbed areas where additional future ground disturbance is expected to occur.</p> <p>b. Oxy will make a good-faith effort to perform interim reclamation to final reclamation species composition and establishment standards.</p> <p>c. Perform “interim” reclamation on all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations.</p> <p>5. Riparian areas (none associated with this pad or associated access roads and pipelines)</p> <p>a. Replace all riparian vegetation removed during development at a rate of at least 3:1.</p> <p>b. Restore both form and function of impacted wetlands and riparian areas and mitigate erosion.</p> <p>6. Disposal</p> <p>a. Remove well pad and road surface materials that are incompatible with post-production land use and re-vegetation requirements.</p> <p>b. Remove and properly dispose of degraded silt fencing and erosion control materials after their utility has expired.</p> <p>c. Remove and properly dispose of pit contents where contamination of surface water, groundwater, or soil by pit contents cannot be effectively prevented.</p> <p>7. Establishing reclaimed areas</p> <p>a. Apply certified weed free mulch and crimp or tacyfy to remain in place to reclaim areas for seed preservation and moisture retention.</p> <p>b. Utilize staked soil retention blankets for erosion control and reclamation of large surface areas with 3:1 or steeper slopes. Avoid use of plastic blanket materials, known to cause mortality of snakes.</p> <p>c. Control weeds in areas surrounding reclamation areas in order to reduce weed competition.</p> <p>d. Educate employees and contractors about weed issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use early and effective reclamation techniques, including an aggressive interim reclamation program, to return habitat to use by greater sage-grouse as quickly as possible.</li> <li>• Reclaim/restore greater sage-grouse habitats with native grasses, forbs, and shrubs conducive to optimal greater sage-grouse habitat and other wildlife appropriate to the ecological site.</li> <li>• Use high diversity (10 species or more) reclamation seed mixes in greater sage-grouse habitat.</li> <li>• Use approved CP-4D (greater sage-grouse) seed mixes, based on soil type, precipitation, and elevation, available from Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service, or other seed mixes approved by CDOW.</li> <li>• Avoid aggressive non-native grasses in greater sage-grouse habitat reclamation.</li> <li>• Restore disturbed sagebrush sites with the appropriate sagebrush species or subspecies on disturbed sagebrush sites. Use locally collected seed for reseeding where possible.</li> <li>• Reclaim mapped summer habitat with a substantially higher percentage of forbs (&gt; 15 percent cover post establishment) than used in other areas.</li> <li>• Utilize native and select non-native forbs and legumes in seed mixes as they are a vital component of brood-rearing habitat.</li> </ul>
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