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**Attachments:** [Centennial Ridge comments Myers 21-06CH.pdf](#)

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Mr. Koepsell,

We spoke on the phone Wednesday concerning the proposed Hilcorp Energy well Myers 21-06CH.

While our neighborhood is not enthused about possibly having an oil well near us, at least initially our primary concern is with the proposed access road. Changing its location would be beneficial to our subdivision and, we believe, would also make sense to Hilcorp Energy for a variety of reasons.

You requested that I email our comments for inclusion in the public comments for this well. Attached is a .pdf file containing our comments along with the rationale for changing the access road location. Please submit this document with comments on the Myers 21-06CH application for consideration. We have also contacted Hilcorp Energy directly and will also be contacting the El Paso County government.

Thank you for your assistance,

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## **Centennial Ridge (Centennial Mesa View) Comments/Suggestions wrt proposed Hilcorp Energy well: Myers 21-06CH**

Centennial Ridge subdivision consists of ten existing homes and three vacant lots on Centennial Mesa View which is a private street north off Colorado Hwy 94 approximately five miles west of Ellicott, Colorado. Each home sits on a lot of 35 acres or more and is valued from approximately \$400k-\$700k. Our homes are in the Upper Black Squirrel Water District and have individual water wells generally producing four to six gallons per minute. We are all people who like the quiet, privacy, views, and wildlife that comes with life on the plains.

The proposed Hilcorp Energy oil well identified as Myers 21-06CH would have a drill site approximately 1/2 mile northwest of the northwest corner of our subdivision. The underground horizontal portion of the well would run several hundred feet to the west of a portion of the subdivision. The proposed access road would be located immediately to the north of our northern boundary and also angle to the southeast from a portion of our eastern boundary. Thus we would be surrounded on all or parts of three sides by the effects of this one well.

We have major concerns with the location of the proposed access road. A road at that location would create major problems from noise, dust, traffic, security, safety, and we believe would result in an adverse impact upon our property values. While the drilling company is expected to keep dust to a minimum, there are already reports (Colorado Springs Gazette, March 21, 2012) of serious problems adjacent to the access road of another well started in El Paso County (albeit not by Hilcorp Energy).

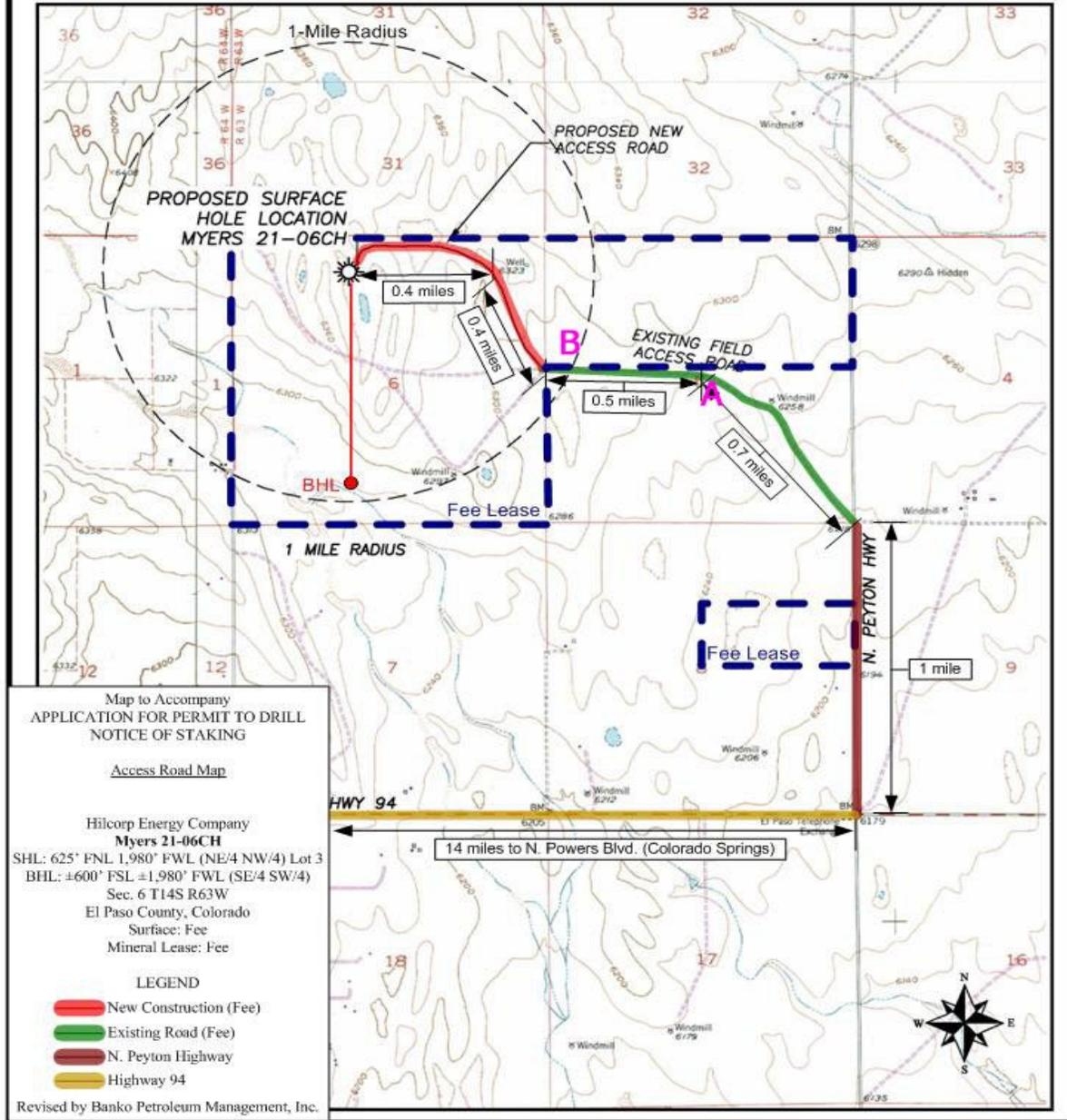
We request that the access road for Myers 21-06CH be moved from the proposed location adjacent to Centennial Ridge subdivision to a location along the north boundary of the leased property, approximately one-half mile to the north. The access road shown on the Hilcorp Energy application documents proposes to use what is shown as an unimproved road on the USGS quadrangle, and identifies it as an 'existing field road'. This is in fact not a road in any real sense. It is a jeep track/cow path used to repair ranch fence and by cattle as an easy path to the nearest water tank. We have attached photographs of this track. As can be seen in the photos the track could not be used for the volume of traffic expected for an oil well; a complete road construction would be required.

The location we request would proceed due east from the well site to Peyton Highway, and would be well over 1/2 mile from any residences. The road would follow the boundary fence between two ranches. The nearest structure would be a cattle barn approximately 3/8 mile north of the relocated road near its junction with Peyton Highway. This route should have the same construction requirements as the route in the application, but would be about one-half mile shorter in length. This should result in less expense to Hilcorp Energy for construction and maintenance. We have included a photograph from the application showing the view to the east from the well site. The existing track at that location is similar to the track along our subdivision boundary.

While we have concerns with oil well fracking, the source of water to be used in the drilling process, and the removal of used water/chemicals and drilling mud from the well site, these concerns have at least tentatively been responded to by Hilcorp Energy or by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. We have been told to expect that the million plus gallons of water needed for the drilling processes will be brought in from a location outside our water source and that the well wastes will be trucked to a location away from our area. We continue to seek confirmation with more specific details on these matters.

### ACCESS ROAD MAP MYERS 21-06CH

SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 63 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN



Application road map from Hilcorp Energy. Have added identifiers A and B to show locations from which our photographs were taken.



From A. Looking to the southeast along application route toward the windmill shown on maps. Note the quality of the existing road.



From A. Looking west along track. Centennial Ridge subdivision to left of fence.



From B. Northwest corner of Centennial Ridge subdivision, looking east along track shown as existing road in the Myers 21-06CH well application



From B. Looking northwest toward well site. From this location the application proposes building .8 miles of new road. Conditions are not significantly different than in previous photos.



From B. Looking southeast. Two of the homes in Centennial Ridge subdivision.



LOOKING EAST  
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Hilcorp Energy survey photograph extracted from application. Looking east from proposed Myers 21-06CH well site. This is the alternate route for access from Peyton Highway which we propose. Peyton Highway is approximately 1 1/2 miles away at end of fence shown.

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