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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#: 312743

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:

**312743**

Expiration Date:

**06/29/2015**

☒ 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: 10150

Name: BLACK HILLS PLATEAU PRODUCTION LLC

Address: 1515 WYNKOOP ST STE 500

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

3. Contact Information

Name: Jessica Donahue

Phone: (720) 210-1333

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email: Jessica.Donahue@blackhillscorp.com

4. Location Identification:

Name: Winter Flats Number: 10-43-99

County: MESA

QuarterQuarter: NESE Section: 10 Township: 9S Range: 99W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 6150

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: 1386 feet FSL, from North or South section line, and 896 feet FEL, from East or West section line.

Latitude: 39.284326 Longitude: -108.419341 PDOP Reading: 2.3 Date of Measurement: 01/22/2009

Instrument Operator's Name: Jessica Donahue

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"/> 1	Production Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>	Dehydrator Units: <input type="checkbox"/>
Condensate Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Separators: <input type="checkbox"/> 1	Electric Motors: <input type="checkbox"/>	Multi-Well Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>
Gas or Diesel Motors: <input type="checkbox"/>	Cavity Pumps: <input type="checkbox"/>	LACT Unit: <input type="checkbox"/>	Pump Jacks: <input type="checkbox"/>	Pigging Station: <input type="checkbox"/>
Electric Generators: <input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>	Oil Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>	Fuel Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>	

Other: Flowback pit

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 08/01/2012 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 2.00  
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 04/01/2013 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.00  
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 6156 Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes ☐ No ☒  
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: No mud will be used

## 7. Surface Owner:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Waste Mgmt. Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes ☐ No ☒  
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 39216, public road: 2230, above ground utilit: 39216  
, railroad: 47182, property line: 12872

## 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 be 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: #3, Barx Loam

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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: 06/08/2012  
List individual species: Cheat grass

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: 1921, water well: 38315, depth to ground water: 90  
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 Supply 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 updated 2A is for an uphole recompletion. No drilling mud will be used. The pit will be for freshwater and flowback water only. The pit will be fenced and netted as appropriate during flowback. The pit will be double-lined and left with a 2' freeboard.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 06/01/2012 Email: Jessica.Donahue@blackhillscorp.com

Print Name: Jessica Donahue Title: Regulatory Technician

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: 6/30/2012

**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.**

**FORM 15 PIT PERMIT COAs:**

Form 15 Pit permit must be reviewed and approved by director prior to receiving flowback fluids in pit.

Notify COGCC Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) Specialist for Western Colorado (Dave Kubeczko; email dave.kubeczko@state.co.us) and the COGCC Field Inspection Supervisor for Northwest Colorado (Shaun Kellerby; email shaun.kellerby@state.co.us) 48 hours prior to start of construction of the pit, pit liner installation, and start of fracing operations (via Form 42).

The completions pit must be double-lined. The pit will also require a leak detection system (Rule 904.e).

Based on the cross-sections, a portion of the pit berm wall will be in fill; therefore, operator must submit as-built drawings (plan view and cross-sections) of the completion pit within 14 calendar days of construction.

After installation of the uppermost liner and prior to operating the pit, the synthetic liner(s) shall be tested by filling the pit with at least 70 percent of operating capacity of water, measured from the base of the pit (not to exceed the 2-foot freeboard requirement). The operator shall monitor the pit for leaks for a period of 72 hours prior to draining the pit and commencing operations. The leak detection system must also be monitored during the entire test. Operator shall notify the COGCC Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) Specialist for Western Colorado (Dave Kubeczko; email dave.kubeczko@state.co.us) 48 hours prior to start of the hydrotest. Hydrotest monitoring results must be maintained by the operator for the life of the pit and provided to COGCC prior to using the pit.

In lieu of conducting an initial hydrostatic test of the pit, the operator can monitor fluid levels in the pit continuously using a minimum of two pressure transducers located at the upgradient and downgradient ends of the pit (based on the original topographic profile). These pressure transducers should be linked to the operator's SCADA system such that they can be remotely monitored. In addition, the pit liner will be marked at the two foot freeboard depth line so that operations personnel (as well as COGCC inspectors) can easily verify that the required fluid free board is being maintained. The electronically collected water level measurement data shall be used to confirm changes in pit inflow and outflow during operations based on estimates from truck and/or pipeline delivery or removal activities. Any abnormalities that are noticed during operations will be reported to the operator's field supervisor immediately so that any necessary follow-up can be scheduled.

Flowback and stimulation fluids must be sent to tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment before the fluids can be placed into any pipeline or pit located on the well pad or into tanker trucks for offsite disposal. The flowback and stimulation fluid tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment must be placed on the well pad in an area with additional downgradient perimeter berming. The area where flowback fluids will be stored/reused must be constructed to be sufficiently impervious to contain any spilled or released material.

No portion of any pit that will be used to hold liquids shall be constructed on fill material, unless the pit and fill slope are designed and certified by a professional engineer, subject to review and approval by the director prior to construction of the pit. The construction and lining of the pit shall be supervised by a professional engineer or their agent. The entire base of the pit must be in cut.

For pits containing fluids other than freshwater only; the pit must be fenced. If the pit is not drained, or closure has not begun within 30 days after last use for well completion, the pit must be netted. The operator must maintain the fencing and netting until the pit is closed.

Submit additional disposal facilities (wells, pits, etc.), if necessary (i.e., if original disposal option changes), for pit liquid contents to COGCC via a Form 4 Sundry prior to disposal.

At the time of pit closure, operator must submit disposal information for solids, if necessary, via a Form 4 Sundry Notice to the COGCC Location Specialist for Western Colorado (Dave Kubeczko; email dave.kubeczko@state.co.us). The disposal method will need to be approved prior to operator starting pit closure.

**SITE SPECIFIC COAs:**

Operator must implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids, including any fluids conveyed via buried or temporary surface pipelines.

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### Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
2034428	CORRESPONDENCE
400287592	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400291553	LOCATION DRAWING
400291554	LOCATION DRAWING
400291560	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC

Total Attach: 5 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	No LGD or public comments. Final Review--passed.	6/29/2012 1:39:06 PM
Permit	Checked committed to O & G lease, and executor. Nearest rd should be 2230. Deleted plugging bond.	6/15/2012 3:48:26 PM
OGLA	Initiated/Completed OGLA Form 2A review on 06-13-12 by Dave Kubeczko; requested acknowledgement of fluid containment, spill/release BMPs, moisture content/containment cuttings, sediment control, stormwater BMPs, lined pit/closed loop, no pit in fill, Form 15, pit fencing/netting, and flowback to tanks COAs from operator on 06-08-12; received acknowledgement of COAs from operator on 06-15-12; location was onsited on 06-05-12; no CPW; passed OGLA Form 2A review on 06-28-12 by Dave Kubeczko; fluid containment, spill/release BMPs, moisture content/containment cuttings, sediment control, stormwater BMPs, lined pit/closed loop, no pit in fill, Form 15, pit fencing/netting, and flowback to tanks COAs.	6/13/2012 3:26:31 PM
Permit	Operator added Surety ID	6/5/2012 10:57:33 AM
Permit	Returned to draft. No Surety ID#.	3/4/2012 1:35:34 PM

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