

**FORM
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04/01**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment☒ New Location ☐ Amend Existing Location Location#: _____

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:

430488

Expiration Date:

10/16/2015☒ 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: 96850

Name: WPX ENERGY ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLC

Address: 1001 17TH STREET - SUITE #1200

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

3. Contact Information

Name: Howard Harris

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4. Location Identification:

Name: Federal Number: BCU 442-36-199

County: RIO BLANCO

QuarterQuarter: LOT 12 Section: 36 Township: 1N Range: 99W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 6869

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: 1464 feet FNL, from North or South section line, and 1102 feet FEL, from East or West section line.

Latitude: 40.015216 Longitude: -108.447395 PDOP Reading: 2.4 Date of Measurement: 09/15/2011

Instrument Operator's Name: J. Kirkpatrick

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"/>	Wells: <input type="checkbox"/> 4	Production Pits: <input type="checkbox"/>	Dehydrator Units: <input type="checkbox"/>
Condensate Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>	Water Tanks: <input type="checkbox"/>	Separators: <input type="checkbox"/> 4	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"/> 1	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: _____

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 01/01/2013 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 7.34
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 06/01/2014 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.33
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 6869 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: Re-Use, Evap & Backfill

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: 37800, public road: 1400, above ground utilit: 38000
, railroad: 90200, property line: 11600

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: 73 Rentsac Channery Loam, 5 to 50 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: _____
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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: 09/15/2011
List individual species: Wheatgrass, Mahogany, Sage, Juniper, Pinyon

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: 1042, water well: 22374, depth to ground water: 200
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 location Assessment is for the BCU 442-36-199 well pad which is a newly constructed well pad from which four wells will be drilled at this time. The location reference point for this pad is the BCU 442-36-199 well from which all measurements were taken. Reference photos will be provided at a later date. See attached plats etc. for additional detail. A closed mud system will be used.

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

Signed: _____ Date: 09/21/2012 Email: howard.harris@wpenergy.com
Print Name: Howard Harris Title: Sr. Regulatory Specialist

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: Matthew Lee Director of COGCC Date: 10/17/2012

**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.

SITE SPECIFIC COAs:

Notify the COGCC 48 hours prior to start of pad construction, rig mobilization, spud, and start of hydraulic stimulation operations using Form 42 (the appropriate COGCC individuals will automatically be email notified, including the LGD for hydraulic stimulation operations).

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

Operator must ensure secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at well site during drilling and completion operations (as shown on the Proposed BMPs attachment); including, but not limited to, construction of a berm or diversion dike, diversion/collection trenches within and/or outside of berms/dikes, site grading, or other comparable measures (i.e., best management practices (BMPs) associated with stormwater management) sufficiently protective of nearby surface water. Any berm constructed at the well pad location will be stabilized, inspected at regular intervals (at least every 14 days), and maintained in good condition.

The moisture content of any cuttings in a cuttings pit, trench, or pile shall be as low as practicable to prevent accumulation of liquids greater than de minimis amounts. At the time of closure, if the drill cuttings are to be left onsite, they must also meet the applicable standards of table 910-1.

Flowback and stimulation fluids must be sent to tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment before the fluids can be placed into any pipeline, storage vessel, or lined pit (only if an amended Form 2A has been submitted/approved and a Form 15 Earthen Pit Permitted has been submitted/approved) 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.

The access road will be constructed to prevent sediment migration from the access road to nearby surface water or any drainages leading to other nearby surface waters.

The location is in an area of high run off/run-on potential; therefore the pad shall be constructed to prevent any stormwater run-on and/or stormwater runoff. Standard stormwater BMPs must be implemented at this location to insure compliance with CDPHE and COGCC requirements and to prevent any stormwater run-on and /or stormwater runoff.

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
1293016	CORRESPONDENCE
400323485	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400329236	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400329237	PROPOSED BMPs
400329238	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
400329239	LOCATION DRAWING
400329240	HYDROLOGY MAP
400329241	LOCATION PICTURES
400329243	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400329244	REFERENCE AREA MAP
400329246	SENSITIVE AREA DATA
400330796	MULTI-WELL PLAN

Total Attach: 12 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	No LGD or public comments. Final Review--passed.	10/17/2012 2:02:19 PM
OGLA	Initiated/Completed OGLA Form 2A review on 10-16-12 by Dave Kubeczko; placed fluid containment, spill/release BMPs, tank berming, flowback to tanks, sediment control access road/pad, and cuttings low moisture content COAs on Form 2A; no CPW; passed OGLA Form 2A review on 10-17-12 by Dave Kubeczko; fluid containment, spill/release BMPs, tank berming, flowback to tanks, sediment control access road/pad, and cuttings low moisture content COAs.	10/16/2012 4:34:12 PM
Permit	Operator amended multi well plan location to correlate with submitted location (sec. 36, 1N, 99W).	9/26/2012 11:35:57 AM
Permit	Return to Draft: 1. Attached multi well plan location (sec. 36, 1S, 99W) does not match location submitted (sec. 36, 1N, 99W).	9/23/2012 11:34:40 PM

Total: 4 comment(s)

BMP

Type	Comment
Final Reclamation	<p>Remove well pad and road surface materials that are incompatible with post-production land use and re-vegetation requirements</p> <p>Use only certified weed-free native seed in seed mixes, except for non-native plants that benefit wildlife</p> <p>WPX Energy will use certified, weed free grass hay, straw, hay or other mulch materials used for the reseeded and reclamation of disturbed areas.</p> <p>Install exclusionary devices to prevent bird and other wildlife access to equipment stacks, vents and openings.</p> <p>Reduce visits to well-sites through remote monitoring (i.e. SCADA) and the use of multi-function contractors.</p> <p>Avoid dust suppression activities within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of any reservoir, lake, wetland, or natural perennial or seasonally flowing stream or river where possible.</p>
Construction	<p>Structures for perennial or intermittent stream channel crossings should be constructed using appropriately sized bridges or culverts</p> <p>Design road crossings of streams to allow fish passage at all flows and to minimize the generation of sediment.</p> <p>Design road crossings of streams at right angles to all riparian corridors and streams to minimize the area of disturbance to the extent possible.</p>
Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>Install and maintain adequate measures to exclude all types of wildlife (e.g., big game, birds, and small rodents) from all fluid pits (e.g., fencing, netting, and other appropriate exclusion measures).</p>
Planning	<p>Share/consolidate corridors for pipeline ROWs to the maximum extent possible.</p> <p>Maximize the utility of surface facilities by developing multiple wells from a single pad (directional drilling), and by co-locating multipurpose facilities (for example, well pads and compressors) to avoid unnecessary habitat fragmentation and disturbance of additional geographic areas.</p> <p>Minimize newly planned activities and operations within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of any reservoir, lake, wetland, or natural perennial or seasonally flowing stream or river.</p> <p>Locate roads outside of drainages where possible and outside of riparian habitat.</p> <p>Avoid constructing any road segment in the channel of an intermittent or perennial stream</p> <p>Avoid new surface disturbance and placing new facilities in key wildlife habitats in consultation with CDOW.</p> <p>Use existing roads where possible</p> <p>Combine utility infrastructure (gas, electric, and water) planning with roadway planning to avoid separate utility corridors</p> <p>Combine and share roads to minimize habitat fragmentation</p> <p>Where possible, consolidate pipeline and existing roadways, or roadways that are planned for development</p> <p>Place roads to avoid obstructions to migratory routes for wildlife, and to avoid displacement of wildlife from public to private lands.</p> <p>Design roads with visual and auditory buffers or screens (e.g., topographic barriers, vegetation, and distance).</p> <p>Maximize the use of directional drilling to minimize habitat loss/fragmentation</p> <p>Maximize use of remote telemetry for well monitoring to minimize traffic</p> <p>Restrict oil and gas activities as practical during critical seasonal periods</p>
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