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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
The Chancery Building
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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Attn: Mr. Matt Lepore

**RE: Request to the Director for 318A.a Surface Location (Outside 318A Drilling Window)
River West 2, 3 and 4**

Codell/Niobrara/J Sand New Drill

Township 6 North Range 68 West, 6th Principal Meridian

Section 24: NW/4NW/4:

River West-2: 1264 FNL & 701 FWL

River West-3: 1274 FNL & 701 FWL

River West-4: 1284 FNL & 701 FWL

Larimer County, Colorado

Mr. Lepore:

Ranchers Exploration Partners, LLC (Ranchers) is planning to drill the above mentioned wells to the Codell/Niobrara/J Sand formation(s).

The surface location of Ranchers proposed River West wells has been staked outside of the 318A.a drilling window. The locations are being permitted as an exception location. Ranchers has obtained written permission contained in a waiver from the surface owner.

Thank you for your attention to the enclosed. Ranchers respectfully requests that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested Exception Location Waiver and Application for Permit to Drill for the above referenced wells.

Sincerely,

Mike Ward, Manager COO