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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:

**433287**

Expiration Date:

**06/12/2016**

☒ 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: ANGELA NEIFERT-KRAISER

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4. Location Identification:

Name: Federal Number: RGU 43-23-198

County: RIO BLANCO

Quarter: LOT 16 Section: 23 Township: 1S Range: 98W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 6570

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: 1025 feet FSL, from North or South section line, and 663 feet FEL, from East or West section line.

Latitude: 39.944665 Longitude: -108.353759 PDOP Reading: 2.8 Date of Measurement: 05/07/2013

Instrument Operator's Name: MICHAEL LANGHORNE

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

Special Purpose Pits: <input type="text"/>	Drilling Pits: <input type="text"/>	Wells: <input type="text" value="9"/>	Production Pits: <input type="text"/>	Dehydrator Units: <input type="text"/>
Condensate Tanks: <input type="text"/>	Water Tanks: <input type="text" value="5"/>	Separators: <input type="text" value="9"/>	Electric Motors: <input type="text"/>	Multi-Well Pits: <input type="text"/>
Gas or Diesel Motors: <input type="text"/>	Cavity Pumps: <input type="text"/>	LACT Unit: <input type="text"/>	Pump Jacks: <input type="text"/>	Pigging Station: <input type="text"/>
Electric Generators: <input type="text"/>	Gas Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Oil Pipeline: <input type="text"/>	Water Pipeline: <input type="text" value="2"/>	Flare: <input type="text"/>
Gas Compressors: <input type="text"/>	VOC Combustor: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Oil Tanks: <input type="text" value="3"/>	Fuel Tanks: <input type="text"/>	

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 09/01/2013 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 6.78  
 Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 05/01/2014 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.77  
 Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 6570 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, backfill & evap

## 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 Mgnt. Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## 9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes ☐ No ☒  
 Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 3439, public road: 3482, above ground utility: 947,  
 railroad: 144000, property line: 10287

## 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 - 50 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: 64. Piceance fine sandy loam, 5 to 15 percent slope

NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: 05/09/2012

List individual species: Wheatgrass, Mahogany, Sage, Juniper and 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: 519, water well: 604, depth to ground water: 507

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 RGU 43-23-198 well pad which will be newly constructed from which a total of 19 wells will be drilled when totally drilled out; we are permitting 9 of wells at this time to be drilled on the first visit. The location reference point for this pad is the RGU 31-26-198 from which all measurements were taken. Reference photos will be provided at a later date. A closed mud system will be used. Both minerals and surface are owned by the United States Government. See attached plats etc for additional details.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 05/22/2013 Email: Angela.Neifert-Kraiser@wpenergy.com

Print Name: Angela Neifert-Kraiser Title: 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:  Director of COGCC Date: 6/13/2013

**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.**

**GENERAL SITE 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 pipelines

Operator must ensure 110 percent secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at well site during drilling and completion operations; 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 location is in an area of moderate to high run-on/run-off potential; therefore 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 run-off.

The moisture content of any drill 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 drill cuttings are to remain/disposed of 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.

Berms or other containment devices shall be constructed to be sufficiently impervious (preferably corrugated steel with poly liner) to contain any spilled or released material around crude oil, condensate, and produced water storage tanks.

**GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING COA:**

Operator shall comply with Rule 609. STATEWIDE GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING.

**PIPELINE COAs:**

Operator shall pressure test pipelines in accordance with Rule 1101.e.(1) prior to putting into initial service.

Operator must implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids along all portions of the surface pipeline route where temporary pumps and other necessary equipment are located.

Operator must routinely inspect the entire length of the surface pipeline to ensure integrity.

Operator must ensure 110 percent secondary containment for any potential volume of fluids that may be released from the surface pipeline at all stream, intermittent stream, ditch, and drainage crossings.

Operator will utilize, to the extent practical, all existing access and other public roads, and/or existing pipeline right-of-ways, when placing/routing the surface pipelines. This will reduce surface disturbance and fragmentation of wildlife habitat in the area.

### Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
2106629	CORRESPONDENCE
400419746	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400421682	PROPOSED BMPs
400421696	SENSITIVE AREA DATA
400421697	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400421700	LOCATION PICTURES
400421714	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400421801	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400421803	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
400421804	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
400421806	HYDROLOGY MAP
400421817	LOCATION DRAWING
400421822	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400421860	REFERENCE AREA MAP

Total Attach: 14 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	No LGD or public comments. Final Review--passed.	6/13/2013 12:05:54 PM
OGLA	Initiated/Completed OGLA Form 2A review on 06-07-13 by Dave Kubeczko; placed notification, fluid containment, spill/release BMPs, cuttings moisture content, tank berming, flowback to tanks, Rule 609 GW sampling, and pipeline COAs on Form 2A and sent email to operator on 06-07-13; passed by CPW on 06-03-13 with WMP acceptable; passed OGLA Form 2A review on 06-13-13 by Dave Kubeczko; notification, fluid containment, spill/release BMPs, cuttings moisture content, tank berming, flowback to tanks, Rule 609 GW sampling, and pipeline COAs.	3/7/2013 1:41:48 PM
Permit	Checked "executor".	3/6/2013 1:03:00 PM
DOW	The permit location is within the boundaries of the WPX/CPW wildlife mitigation plan, and the BMPs contained in the agreement are sufficient.  Jacob Davidson, 6-3-2013, 11:27	6/3/2013 11:26:47 AM
Permit	Pass completeness.	5/23/2013 11:03:29 AM

Total: 5 comment(s)

## BMP

<u>Type</u>	<u>Comment</u>
Planning	<p>PLANNING BMP's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Share/consolidate corridors for pipeline ROWs to the maximum extent possible.</li> <li>* Locate roads outside of drainages where possible and outside of riparian habitat.</li> <li>* Minimize the number, length, and footprint of oil and gas development roads</li> <li>* Use existing roads where possible</li> <li>* Combine utility infrastructure (gas, electric, and water) planning with roadway planning to avoid separate utility corridors</li> <li>* Combine and share roads to minimize habitat fragmentation</li> <li>* Maximize the use of directional drilling to minimize habitat loss/fragmentation</li> <li>* Maximize use of remote completion/frac operations to minimize traffic</li> <li>* Maximize use of remote telemetry for well monitoring to minimize traffic</li> </ul>
Final Reclamation	<p>PRODUCTION/RECLAMATION BMP's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Remove well pad and road surface materials that are incompatible with post-production land use and re-vegetation requirements</li> <li>* Use only certified weed-free native seed in seed mixes, except for non-native plants that benefit wildlife</li> <li>* WPX Energy will use certified, weed free grass hay, straw, hay or other mulch materials used for the reseeding and reclamation of disturbed areas.</li> <li>* Install exclusionary devices to prevent bird and other wildlife access to equipment stacks, vents and openings.</li> <li>* Reduce visits to well-sites through remote monitoring (i.e. SCADA) and the use of multi-function contractors.</li> </ul>
Construction	<p>CONSTRUCTION BMP's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Structures for perennial or intermittent stream channel crossings should be constructed using appropriately sized bridges or culverts</li> <li>* Design road crossings of streams at right angles to all riparian corridors and streams to minimize the area of disturbance to the extent possible. Construct retention basins and ponds that benefit wildlife</li> </ul>
Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>DRILLING/COMPLETIONS BMP's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Use centralized hydraulic fracturing operations.</li> <li>* 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).</li> <li>* Conduct well completions with drilling operations to limit the number of rig moves and traffic.</li> </ul>

Total: 4 comment(s)