

## SURFACE USE AGREEMENT

THIS SURFACE USE AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), dated effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2010, is made by and between the undersigned, Phil Haynes, Steven Koch, Karen Koch and Dee West, whose address is c/o Phil Haynes, 4022 CR 11, Dacono, Colorado 80514 herein called "Owner", and Noble Energy, Inc., 1625 Broadway, Suite 2200, Denver, Colorado 80202, herein called "Noble";

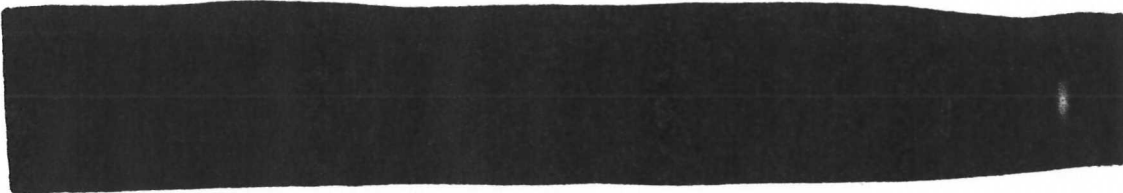
WHEREAS, Owner represents that they are the surface owners and in possession of an interest in part or all of the surface estate for the following described lands in Weld County, Colorado, said land herein called "Lands", to wit;

Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.  
Section 1: NE/4  
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WHEREAS, Owner recognizes that Noble has the right to conduct operations on the Lands pursuant to Oil & Gas Lease(s) covering the Lands and Owner and Noble desire to minimize any surface damage to the Lands and to reach an agreement regarding such surface damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the ten dollars and other valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Owner and Noble agree as follows:

1. Payment to Owner. Prior to commencement of drilling operations on the Lands, Noble shall pay Owner the following sum as full settlement and satisfaction of all damages growing out of, incident to, or in connection with the usual and customary exploration, drilling, stimulation, completion, re-stimulation, re-completion, deepening, reworking, equipping, production, maintenance, plugging and abandoning operations for the well(s) together with the installation, operation and maintenance of the associated flowline(s), access roads and production facilities, unless otherwise specifically provided herein:



B. If, by reasons directly resulting from the operations of Noble, there is damage to real or personal property upon the Lands which is not associated with usual and customary operations, including, but not limited to, damage to livestock, structures, buildings, fences, culverts, cement ditches, irrigation systems, and natural water ways, such damage will be repaired or replaced by Noble, or Noble will pay reasonable

compensation to Owner for such additional actual damage or an amount equal to the reasonable costs to repair such actual damages.

C. Owner agrees to notify any surface tenant that may be affected by Noble's operations on the Lands and Owner may allocate the payments made hereunder with such surface tenant as they shall mutually determine between themselves and Noble shall have no liability therefore.

2. Noble Obligations. In conducting operations on the Lands, Noble shall:

A. Locate, construct and install the wellsite, access road, flowlines, and production facilities, including, but not limited to, pumping units, production tanks, water pits, heater/treaters, separators and emission control units as depicted on Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by this reference made a part of this Agreement.

B. Limit the size of each wellsite to approximately 350 feet by 400 feet during any drilling, completion, recompletion or workover operations and shall be no more than 1/4 acre in size during other periods. The area required for any tank battery location associated with each well shall be limited to approximately one-half acre in size upon completion of construction. Access roads shall be limited to approximately 30 feet in width during drilling, completion, deepening, refracing, recompletion, reworking, equipping and production operations. The permanent access roads to the wellhead and tank battery location shall be limited to 15 feet in width.

C. Separate the topsoil at the time of excavation of pits in accordance with Rule 1002.b.(2) of the rules and regulations of the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") so that the topsoil and subsurface soil can be placed back in proper order as nearly as practicable.

D. Perform all reclamation in accordance with the rules and regulations of the COGCC, unless a variance is granted by the COGCC upon the request of Owner. Weather permitting, reclamation operations shall be completed within six months following drilling and subsequent related operations, unless Noble and Owner mutually agree to postponement because of crop or other considerations.

E. Use reasonable efforts to keep the well, Lands, and production facilities free of weeds, debris and erosion.

F. Regarding a wellsite that is located in pasture or non-crop land, the Surface Owner shall have the option to either have Noble reseed the affected area at Noble sole cost, risk and expense, or reseed the affected area itself

Such payment will constitute Surface Owner's acceptance of responsibility for compliance with COGCC Rule 1003.e.(2), Revegetation of Non-Crop Lands, insofar as any perennial forage crops that were present before disturbance shall be re-established.

3. Advance Notice. Owner hereby acknowledges receipt of Noble's Advance Notice of Drilling and that this notice complies with, or hereby waives, all COGCC requirements that it be given advance notice by Noble of the proposed operations. Owner acknowledges receiving from Noble a brochure prepared by the COGCC which describes the rights and responsibilities of Owner as surface owner.

4. Good Faith Consultation. Owner acknowledges and agrees that Noble has consulted in good faith with Owner as to its proposed operations, in accordance with COGCC requirements, or hereby waives such requirements.

(a) Noble will provide Owner with the COGCC Form 2A for the well(s) when submitted to the COGCC, and Noble undertakes to ensure that said Form 2A accurately reflects the provisions of this Agreement, including the specified surface locations of facilities shown on Exhibit A.

(b) Owner agrees not to object to said Form 2A, so long as it is consistent with this Agreement, and hereby agrees to not comment on said Form 2A, to not request an extension of the comment period, to not request an onsite inspection and further agrees to not to appeal the approval and issuance of the Form 2A and the related Form 2.

5. Successors and Assigns. When Noble is used in this Agreement, it shall also mean the successors and assigns of Noble, as well as its employees and officers, agents, affiliates, contractors, subcontractors and/or purchasers. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors and assigns of Owner and Noble and may be executed in counterparts.

6. Confidentiality. Owner agrees to keep the amount of consideration paid hereunder by Noble confidential and shall not disclose such information without the advance written consent from Noble. Owner further agrees to include language in any annexation, subdivision plat, planned unit development or other land use designation for which Owner may apply to put successors or assigns on notice that the property is subject to this Agreement. Noble may record a memorandum evidencing the existence of this Agreement, but in all other respects its terms and conditions shall be held confidential by the parties.

7. Governing Law/Venue. This Agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Colorado. Venue for any dispute shall be Weld County, Colorado.

8. Written Modifications/Notices. This Agreement may only be amended in writing signed by both parties. All notices to either party shall be in writing addressed to the parties at the address first set forth above.

9. Effective Date and Term. This Agreement shall become effective when it is fully executed and shall remain in full force and effect until Noble's leasehold estate expires or is terminated, and Noble has plugged and abandoned the well(s) and

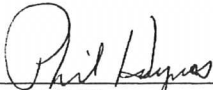
conducted reclamation in accordance with this Agreement and applicable COGCC rules and regulations, except that any release, discharge or indemnity from and against liability contained herein shall survive the expiration of this Agreement.

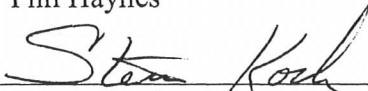
10. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall supersede that Addendum attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2007, signed by, Phil Haynes, Steven Koch, Karen Koch, and Dee West, regarding oil & gas operations on the following lands:


Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 1: Lot B, S/2NE/4, NW/4, S/2


AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED AS OF THE DATE FIRST WRITTEN ABOVE.

**OWNER: PHIL HAYNES, STEVEN KOCH, KAREN KOCH AND DEE WEST**

By:   
Phil Haynes

By:   
Steven Koch

By:   
Karen Koch

By:   
Dee West

**NOBLE ENERGY, INC.**

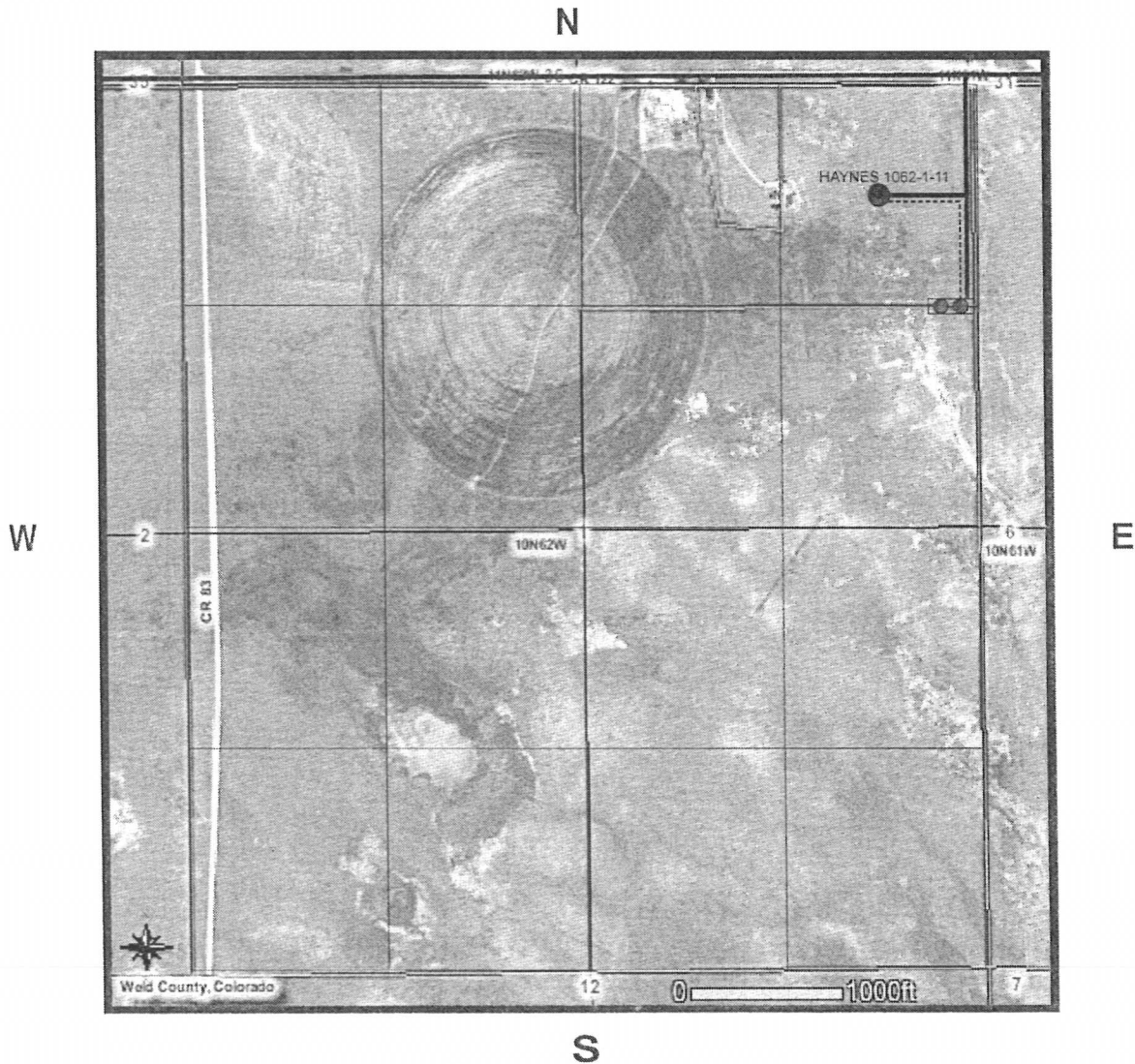
By:  P.A.  
P. David Padgett, Attorney-In-Fact 



## Exhibit "A"

Attached to and by reference made a part of that certain Surface Use Agreement dated MAY 13, 2010, by and between Noble Energy, Inc. as "Noble" and Phil Haynes, Steven Koch, Karen Koch and Dee West, as "Surface Owner" covering the following lands:

Township 10 North, Range 62 West, 6th P.M.  
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Weld County, Colorado



Road Access	
Flowline	
Tank Battery	

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# MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

STATE OF COLORADO     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF WELD         )

This Memorandum is made this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010, by Noble Energy, Inc. ("Noble"), 1625 Broadway, Suite 2200, Denver, CO 80202.

On May 13, 2010, Phil Haynes, Steven Koch, Karen Koch, and Dee West, ("Surface Owner") and Noble entered into a Surface Use Agreement (the "Agreement") providing for the use of the surface of the land described below by Noble in connection with certain oil and gas operations and the compensation to Surface Owner for all damages (except as provided in the Agreement) to the surface of the land associated with the drilling, testing, completion, recompletion, reworking, reentry, pumping, operation and maintenance of the wellsites to be located in:

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This Memorandum of Agreement is executed by Noble and placed of record in WELD County, Colorado for the purpose of placing all persons on notice of the existence of the Surface Use Agreement. A true and complete copy of the Agreement is available from Noble to any person with an interest in the above-described land.

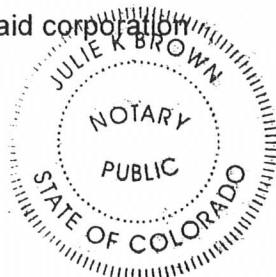
NOBLE ENERGY, INC.


By:  ACM  
P. David Padgett, Attorney-in-Fact

STATE OF COLORADO     )  
CITY AND                             ) ss.  
COUNTY OF DENVER         )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010, by P. David Padgett, Attorney-in-Fact for Noble Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of said corporation

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Notary Public

My commission expires: 04/30/2013