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Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801
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RE: **Request for Surface Location Exception (Outside 318A.a)**

Schmunk EF 31-361HN

Schmunk EF 31-362HN

Schmunk EF 31-369HN

Schmunk EF 31-368HC

Schmunk EF 31-367HN

Schmunk EF 31-365HN

Schmunk EF 31-363HC

Township 7 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 31
Weld County, Colorado

Dear Director:

Great Western Operating Company, LLC is planning to drill the above mentioned well to the Niobrara formation.

The surface location of Great Western's proposed wells has been staked outside of the 318A.a drilling window. The location is being permitted as an exception location. This location is a good location to both reduce the impact on the surface owner and to increase the number of wells reachable from one well pad to minimize surface disturbance. Please find the attached signed location 318A.a waiver.

Great Western Operating Company, LLC respectfully request that the COGCC review the enclosed information and approve the requested exception location waiver and Application for Permit to Drill the above captioned wells.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Hartnett".

Shannon Hartnett
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Great Western Operating Company, LLC