

**FORM
2A**Rev
08/13**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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Oil and Gas Location Assessment☐ New Location ☐ Refile ☒ Amend Existing Location Location#: 311909

Submit signed original form. This Oil and Gas Location Assessment is to be submitted to the COGCC for approval prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas operations. Approval of this Oil and Gas Location 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. Please see the COGCC website at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/> for all accompanying information pertinent this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

311909

Expiration Date:

01/02/2017☒ This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.**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.

Operator

Operator Number: 26625

Name: ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION CO LLC

Address: 12225 GREENVILLE AVE STE 950

City: DALLAS State: TX Zip: 75243-9362

Contact Information

Name: Terry Lindeman

Phone: (505) 632-3476

Fax: (505) 632-8151

email: tlindeman@elmridge.net

RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

☐ Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20100131 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: _____

☐ Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: IGE Number: 141

County: LA PLATA

QuarterQuarter: NWNW Section: 17 Township: 33N Range: 8W Meridian: N Ground Elevation: 6665

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 1214 feet FNL from North or South section line

1102 feet FWL from East or West section line

Latitude: 37.107920 Longitude: -107.746230

PDOP Reading: 2.1 Date of Measurement: 04/03/2008

Instrument Operator's Name: Scott Weibe

RELATED REMOTE LOCATIONS

(Enter as many Related Locations as necessary. Enter the Form 2A document # only if there is no established COGCC Location ID#)

This proposed Oil and Gas Location is:

LOCATION ID # FORM 2A DOC #

Well Site is served by Production Facilities

311909

FACILITIES

Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location

Wells	3	Oil Tanks		Condensate Tanks		Water Tanks	3	Buried Produced Water Vaults	
Drilling Pits		Production Pits		Special Purpose Pits		Multi-Well Pits		Temporary Large Volume Above Ground Tanks	
Pump Jacks	1	Separators	2	Injection Pumps		Cavity Pumps			
Gas or Diesel Motors	1	Electric Motors		Electric Generators		Fuel Tanks		Gas Compressors	
Dehydrator Units		Vapor Recovery Unit		VOC Combustor		Flare		LACT Unit	
								Pigging Station	

OTHER FACILITIES

Other Facility Type

Number

Meter Run	1
Meter House	1

Per Rule 303.b.(3)C, description of all oil, gas, and/or water pipelines:

Existing gas line location-tie-in on pad. No water lines. Electric motors will be used if electricity is available.

CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 03/15/2014 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 2.93
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 06/15/2014 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 2.09
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 6665

DRILLING PROGRAM

Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes

Is H₂S anticipated? No

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: No

Will salt based mud (>15,000 ppm Cl) be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? No

DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE Drilling Fluids Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Cutting Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Other Disposal Description:

Where is commercial disposal facility?

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? No

Reuse Facility ID: or Document Number:

Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility ID, if applicable:

SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: Opal Lechner

Phone: 970-563-4560

Address: 12922 C.R. 310

Fax: None

Address: _____

Email: None

City: Ignacio State: CO Zip: 81137

Surface Owner: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Check all that apply. The Surface Owner: ☐ is the mineral owner

☐ is committed to an oil and Gas Lease

☐ has signed the Oil and Gas Lease

☐ is the applicant

The Mineral Owner beneath this Oil and Gas Location is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Minerals beneath this Oil and Gas Location will be developed from or produced to this Oil and Gas Location: Yes

The right to construct this Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: _____ Surface Surety ID: _____

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation 09/15/2008

CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND USE

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

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

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 464 Feet
Building Unit: 501 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet
Public Road: 1082 Feet
Above Ground Utility: 634 Feet
Railroad: 5280 Feet
Property Line: 169 Feet

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of nearest Well or edge of nearest Production Facility to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.b.(3)A.
- Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.
- Building - nearest building of any type. If nearest Building is a Building Unit, enter same distance for both.
- Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, and Designated Outside Activity Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION INFORMATION

Check all that apply. This location is within a: ☒ Buffer Zone
☐ Exception Zone
☐ Urban Mitigation Area

- Buffer Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(2), within 1,000' of a Building Unit.
- Exception Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(1), within 500' of a Building Unit.
- Urban Mitigation Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

Pre-application Notifications (required if location is within 1,000 feet of a building unit):

Date of Rule 305.a.(1) Urban Mitigation Area Notification to Local Government: _____

Date of Rule 305.a.(2) Buffer Zone Notification to Building Unit Owners: 10/15/2013

SOIL

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.org/> 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: Arboles Clay, 3 to 12 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: _____

NRCS Map Unit Name: _____

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: _____

List individual species: Western wheatgrass, big sagebrush, blue gramma, bottleneck squirreltail, India ricegrass, muttongrass, prairie junegrass, Rocky Mountain Juniper, rubber rabbitbrush, twoneedle pinon

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): _____

WATER RESOURCES

Is this a sensitive area: ☐ No ☒ Yes

Distance to nearest

downgradient surface water feature: 5280 Feet

water well: 434 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 37 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Distance to closest water well (on Lechner property) as surveyed and shown by 500' Radius Visible Improvement Detail Map (attached)
Downgradient surface water feature measured from wellhead to nearest drainage shown to lie to the Southwest of the well location as determined by using the topography feature and measurement tools on La Plata County GIS website.
Ground water level determined by averaging the static water table data prior to test from wells in the vicinity as shown on DWR reports. Well #130274 located on parcel # 595317200199 owned by Opal Lechner-static water levels = 40'; well #0216892 located on Parcel #595317200333 owned by AmyLou Peterson, static water level = 30'; well #0432576 located on parcel #595318100443 owned by Mildred Helton, static water level = 40'; well # 9122130 located on parcel #595317200342 owned by Stephen D. Waters, static water level = 38'.

Is the location in a riparian area: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes attach permit.

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer No
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: _____

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 608

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of Building Unit)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)A. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location now within a Designated Setback as a result of Rule 604.a.)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)B. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location is within a Designated Setback due to Building Unit construction after Location approval)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(3) Exception Location (Building Units constructed after August 1, 2013 within setback per an SUA or site-specific development plan)

RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

- ☐ Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number _____

ALL exceptions and variances require attached Request Letter(s). Refer to applicable rule for additional required attachments (e.g. waivers, certifications, SUAs).

OPERATOR COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL

Comments

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

Signed: _____ Date: 11/15/2013 Email: jlr@animas.net

Print Name: Robert Joyce Title: Agent

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: 1/3/2014

Conditions Of Approval

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.

COA Type	Description
	<p>Operator must implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids, including any fluids conveyed via temporary surface pipelines or buried permanent pipelines.</p> <p>Operator must ensure 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.</p> <p>The access road will be maintained as to not allow any sediment to migrate from the access road to nearby surface water or any drainages leading to surface water.</p> <p>Strategically apply fugitive dust control measures, including enforcing established speed limits on private roads, to reduce fugitive dust and coating of vegetation and deposition in water sources.</p> <p>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.</p>
	Operator shall comply with Buffer Zone Move-In, Rig-Up Notice Policy dated 12-16-2013.
	Notify the COGCC 48 hours prior to start of pad reconstruction/regarding (if necessary), 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).
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Operator shall pressure test pipelines in accordance with Rule 1101.e.(1) prior to putting into initial service any temporary surface or permanent buried pipelines and following any reconfiguration of the pipeline network. Operator shall notify the COGCC Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) Specialist for Western Colorado (Dave Kubeczko; email dave.kubeczko@state.co.us) and the COGCC Field Inspection Supervisor for Southwest Colorado (Steve Labowskie; email steve.labowskie@state.co.us) 48 hours prior to testing surface poly/steel or buried poly/steel pipelines.</p>

Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	Community Outreach and Notification	Rule 604.a (2)-Notices sent 9-24-13-Certified Mail/Return Receipt Requested. All notices were delivered and return receipts were signed by addressee and returned. Return Receipts are scanned and uploaded as attachments.
2	Pre-Construction	Rule 604.c.(2)W-Pre-construction consultation occurred at the time the Surface Damage Agreement was negotiated. In subsequent conversations with the surface owner, Opal Lechner, no changes were requested and none are anticipated.

3	Traffic control	Rule 604.c.(2)D- Access is off County Road 309A, approximately 0.8 miles North of its intersection with County Road 318. Access gate is on the East side of the County Road. Access is granted by existing Surface Damage Agreement (attached). Elm Ridge agrees to comply with any La Plata County traffic control measures required for this well.
4	General Housekeeping	Rule 604.c.(2)P-Trash containers will be maintained on site. Trash will be hauled to and disposed at a commercial landfill.
5	Storm Water/Erosion Control	Wattles will be placed, where necessary, around the perimeter of the site prior to, or at the beginning of construction. The size and quantity of the wattles used will vary according to the location to insure adequate protection of drainage areas.
6	Material Handling and Spill Prevention	Rule 604.c.(2)F- Wells are monitored daily by the pumpers. Pressure monitoring is not necessary. Maximum reservoir pressure is approximately 1200 psig. These are low pressure gathering lines. All gathering lines are checked yearly for leaks. Per Rule 604.c.(2)G.- Berms will be constructed with corrugated metal sides and will be sufficient in height and area to contain 150% of the volume of the largest single tank. Synthetic liners are being and will be used under tanks on location. Rule 604.c.(2)N-Any materials not in use that might constitute a fire hazard will be removed a minimum distance of twenty five feet from the wellhead, tanks and separator. No electrical equipment installations are planned inside the bermed area.
7	Construction	Rule 604.c.(2)V.- the IGE 141 well will be located in the immediate vicinity of and partially within the footprint of the existing Harmon Gas Unit A 2 well pad. Rule 604.c.(2)B.- no fresh water pits are planned. Rule 604.c.(2)E- The existing well access road will be used. No new disturbance is anticipated. Standard specifications for this access road include a driving surface constructed with with 6 inches of 3" minus gravel over a driving surface approximately 12 feet in width, crowned, with ditches and culverts where necessary for drainage. Rule 604.c.(2)M.- The tract of land where the well pad is located is perimeter fenced with a cattle guard at entrance to well access on CR 309A. Rule 604.c.(2)V-The existing well pad for the Harmon Gas Unit A 2 well is being used for this location.
8	Noise mitigation	Noise levels will be monitored by operator and if exceeds acceptable levels operator agrees to install sound walls or, if necessary, provide reasonable motel accommodations for the affected party. Post-production: No necessity for engines or motorized equipment is anticipated. If such equipment becomes necessary, Elm Ridge will first try to electrify the location if it is practical and feasible. If not, they will orient exhaust away from the affected party and will use hospital grade mufflers, buried, in series. Elm Ridge will install sound walls if necessary
9	Drilling/Completion Operations	Rule 604.c.(2)B.- A closed loop system will be used. No fresh water pits are planned. Fresh water will be stored in above ground tanks Per Rule 604.c.(2)C.)-i.- There are producing wells within one mile of the location of the proposed IGE 127 well. It is anticipated that this will be a producing well and, if so, Elm Ridge will comply with applicable requirements under Rule 805. ii- No uncontrolled venting is anticipated (based on 500 mcf) iii-aa., bb. cc.- Elm Ridge will use a system capable of handling 1.5 Mmcf. Anticipated flowback is 0.5 Mmcf or less. No necessity for flaring is anticipated. Rule 604.c.(2)H.- Elm Ridge will be using a 3M system per BLM specifications. Rule 604.c.(2)I.- BOPE pressure testing will be performed weekly. 604.c.(2)K.- Pit level indicators will be used. 604.c.(2)L- Drill stem tests are not typically done and none are anticipated. Rule 604.c.(2)O- Load lines will be bullplugged Rule 604.c.(2)Q- Guy line anchors will be identified per COGCC rules and are tested before each use. Rule 604.c.(2)S. – Existing well access road will be used and maintained for all weather use and will meet any safety requirements.

Total: 9 comment(s)

Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
2106826	CORRESPONDENCE
400498044	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400513450	LOCATION DRAWING
400513451	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400513452	WELL LOCATION PLAT
400513453	FACILITY LAYOUT DRAWING
400513456	LOCATION DRAWING
400513458	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400513725	LOCATION PICTURES
400514184	HYDROLOGY MAP
400514346	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400514750	CORRESPONDENCE
400514753	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400515604	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Total Attach: 14 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Final review completed; no public comment received.	12/31/2013 1:50:02 PM
DOW	CPW conducted an onsite of the location on December 9, 2013 with the operator and La Plata County. CPW recommended a wildlife seed mix be used at the site for interim and final reclamation. The operator indicated that they are willing to use the seed mix and are in the process of obtaining surface owner consent. Attached is the recommended seed mix.	12/17/2013 10:10:45 AM
Permit	Unchecked 604b2 exception since an exception is not being asked for and the operator has done and provided the proof of notifications. per operator 12/11/2013. Permit passed completeness 11/21/2013	12/12/2013 6:22:36 AM
OGLA	Initiated/Completed OGLA Form 2A review on 12-09-13 by Dave Kubeczko, requested acknowledgement of notification, GW monitoring, fluid containment, sediment control access road, dust control, spill/release BMPs, tank berming, flowback to tanks, cuttings low moisture content, and pipeline COAs from operator on 12-09-13; received acknowledgement of COAs from operator on 12-16-13; corrected to sensitive area due to close water well and shallow GW; conducted wildlife consultation on 12-09-13; passed by CPW on 12-17-13 with recommended seed mix proposed by CPW; passed OGLA Form 2A review on 12-27-13 by Dave Kubeczko; notification, GW monitoring, fluid containment, sediment control access road, dust control, lined pit/closed loop, stormwater BMPs, spill/release BMPs, tank berming, flowback to tanks, cuttings low moisture content, and pipeline COAs.	12/9/2013 1:47:51 PM
Permit	Returned to draft: SUA not signed. The surface owner shouldn't be committed to a lease if he doesn't he is not the mineral owner. This looks like the third well on the pad and this well looks like it is on facility 311909 and not 325150. Need some evidence that person /persons have been notified by mail that they are within the buffer zone. Hydrology map is for the IGE 127 not 141. Multi well diagram does not show the IGE 401. Reference area map does not show reference area and reference area map is needed when there are reference area photo's when land use is rangeland. this may be rangeland instead of dry land. Per rule 303b(3)j a waste management plan describing how the Operator intends to satisfy the general requirements of Rule 907a.	11/18/2013 6:12:21 AM

Total: 5 comment(s)