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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)**

Taoka KF 01-021HN
Taoka KF 01-022HN
Taoka KF 01-023HN
Taoka KF 01-025HN
Taoka KF 01-027HN
Taoka KF 01-028HN
Taoka KF 01-029HN

Township 1 North, Range 65 West, 6th P.M.
Section 1
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 black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Vannoy".

Brittany Vannoy
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Great Western Operating Company, LLC