

**FORM
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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#: 311956

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:

311956

Expiration Date:

☒ 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: 20100130 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: _____

☐ Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: IGE Number: 129

County: LA PLATA

QuarterQuarter: NWSW Section: 9 Township: 33N Range: 8W Meridian: N Ground Elevation: 6711

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: 1440 feet FSL from North or South section line

980 feet FWL from East or West section line

Latitude: 37.115280 Longitude: -107.728570

PDOP Reading: 2.2 Date of Measurement: 01/10/2014

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 #

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	3	Injection Pumps		Cavity Pumps			
Gas or Diesel Motors	4	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 house	3
Meter Run	3

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

All pipelines will be located within the perimeter of the existing well pad.

CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 05/15/2014 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 1.17
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 09/15/2014 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 1.91
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 6711

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:

See Waste Management Plan attached for additional details

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted?

Reuse Facility ID: or Document Number:

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

SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: John E. Montgomery

Phone: 970-563-9491

Address: 1326 CR. 311

Fax: N/A

Address: _____

Email: montgomery1121@centurylink.net

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 01/25/2014

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: 229 Feet
Building Unit: 334 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet
Public Road: 987 Feet
Above Ground Utility: 334 Feet
Railroad: 5280 Feet
Property Line: 332 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: 01/25/2014

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, prarie junegrass, Rocky Mountain Juniper, rubber rabbitbrush, twoneedle pinion.

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: 975 Feet

water well: 763 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 35 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Info taken from proximate water wells. The wells below are shown on Hydrology Map expanded for proximate water wells.
Permit #211890- -, SWSW Sec. 9, T33N, R8W-static water level 50'
Permit #172673- -, NWSW Sec. 9, T33N, R8W-static water level 55'
Permit #148902- -, NWSE Sec. 9, T33N R8W-static water level 12'
Permit #44159-F, SWSW Sec. 9, T33N R8W-static water level 20'
Please see Hydrology Aerial Map for downgradient surface water detail.
Please see Hydrology Topo for closest surface water detail (appears to be upgradient from surface location)
Please note that Surface water detail hydrology topo appears to be upgradient

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 Reference Pictures as required by Rule 303.b.(3)G will be taken during growing season and provided within 12 months of the approval of this permit.

Please note that in the cultural distance information tab, the closest above ground utility is shown to be the utility drop to the existing residence on the property. La Plata Electric Service lines are along CR 311, approximately 975' from the surface location.

I have attached a Form 1A to this application to confirm my agency. Please copy me on any correspondence related to this permit.

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

Signed: _____ Date: 02/25/2014 Email: jlr@animas.net

Print Name: Robert D. 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: _____ Director of COGCC Date: _____

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

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Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	Community Outreach and Notification	Rule 604.a (2)-Rule 604.a (2)-All Noticing waived requirements were waived by surface owner
2	Pre-Construction	Rule 604.c.(2)W-Pre-construction consultation occurred at the time the Surface Damage Agreement was negotiated.
3	Traffic control	Rule 604.c.(2)D- Access is off County Road 311, approximately 1.2 miles North of it's intersection with County Road 318. Access gate is on the East side of the County Road. Access is granted in Surface Damage Agreement. 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	<p>Rule 604.c.(2)V.- the IGE 129 well will be located in the immediate vicinity of and partially within the footprint of the existing Elm ridge IGE 128 well pad.</p> <p>Rule 604.c.(2)B.- no fresh water pits are planned.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 311.</p> <p>Rule 604.c.(2)V-The existing well pad for the IGE 128 well is being used for this location.</p>
8	Noise mitigation	<p>(Rule 604.c.(2)ADrilling and Completion:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Post-production:</p> <p>No necessity for engines or motorized equipment is anticipated.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Elm Ridge will install sound walls if necessary</p>
9	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ii- No uncontrolled venting is anticipated (based on 500 mcf)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Rule 604.c.(2)H.- Elm Ridge will be using a 3M system per BLM specifications.</p> <p>Rule 604.c.(2)I.- BOPE pressure testing will be performed weekly.</p> <p>604.c.(2)K.- Pit level indicators will be used.</p> <p>604.c.(2)L- Drill stem tests are not typically done and none are anticipated.</p> <p>Rule 604.c.(2)O- Load lines will be bullplugged</p> <p>Rule 604.c.(2)Q- Guy line anchors will be identified per COGCC rules and are tested before each use.</p> <p>Rule 604.c.(2)S. – Existing well access road will be used and maintained for all weather use and will meet any safety requirements.</p>

Total: 9 comment(s)

Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
400561572	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400561710	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
400561713	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
400561745	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
400561868	LOCATION DRAWING
400561870	HYDROLOGY MAP A, TOPO
400561873	HYDROLOGY MAP B, TOPO
400561876	HYDROLOGY MAP B, AERIAL
400561888	RULE 306.E. WAIVER
400561950	REFERENCE AREA MAP
400561952	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400561954	LOCATION DRAWING
400562003	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
400566749	FACILITY LAYOUT DRAWING
400568182	OTHER

Total Attach: 15 Files

General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	Returned to draft: 1) Submitter must be designated agent. 2) Size of location after interim rec is larger than size of disturbed area during construction? 3) Attachment labeled OTHER is Location Drawing. 4) # of wells on facility tab should be "3". 5) Add related APD doc # to Related Forms Tab.	2/27/2014 9:49:35 AM

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