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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

☐ New Location ☐ Refile ☒ Amend Existing Location Location#: 436835

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:

**436835**

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: 10150  
Name: BLACK HILLS PLATEAU PRODUCTION LLC  
Address: 1515 WYNKOOP ST STE 500  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Information

Name: Jessica Donahue  
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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

- ☐ Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Waste Management Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Homer Deep Unit Number: 7-23  
County: GARFIELD  
QuarterQuarter: NESW Section: 7 Township: 8S Range: 98W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 5676  
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: 1835 feet FSL from North or South section line  
2399 feet FWL from East or West section line  
Latitude: 39.371980 Longitude: -108.369820  
PDOP Reading: 2.6 Date of Measurement: 10/13/2012  
Instrument Operator's Name: Paul Reid

## 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	5	Oil Tanks*	5	Condensate Tanks*		Water Tanks*	10	Buried Produced Water Vaults*	
Drilling Pits		Production Pits*		Special Purpose Pits		Multi-Well Pits*		Modular Large Volume Tanks	1
Pump Jacks		Separators*	5	Injection Pumps*		Cavity Pumps*		Gas Compressors*	
Gas or Diesel Motors*		Electric Motors		Electric Generators*		Fuel Tanks*		LACT Unit*	
Dehydrator Units*		Vapor Recovery Unit*		VOC Combustor*		Flare*		Pigging Station*	

## OTHER FACILITIES\*

Other Facility Type

Number

Pipelines

4

\*Those facilities indicated by an asterisk (\*) shall be used to determine the distance from the Production Facility to the nearest cultural feature on the Cultural Setbacks Tab.

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

1: 4" steel natural gas pipeline  
1: 4" steel produced water pipeline  
1: 10" steel recycled water pipeline  
1: 4" steel oil pipeline

## CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 02/18/2015

Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 6.24

Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 09/15/2015

Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 2.67

Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 5673

## DRILLING PROGRAM

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

Is H<sub>2</sub>S 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? Yes

## DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE

Drilling Fluids Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Cutting Disposal: ONSITE

Cuttings Disposal Method: Cuttings trench

Other Disposal Description:

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: Bureau of Land Management

Phone: 970-244-3000

Address: 2815 H Road

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City: Grand Junction State: CO Zip: 81506

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: oil and gas lease

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

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

Provide the distance to the nearest cultural feature as measured from Wells or Production Facilities onsite.

	From WELL	From PRODUCTION FACILITY
Building:	2744 Feet	2499 Feet
Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Public Road:	703 Feet	703 Feet
Above Ground Utility:	2744 Feet	2744 Feet
Railroad:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Property Line:	1965 Feet	1965 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.
- For measurement purposes only, Production Facilities should only include those items with an asterisk(\*) on the Facilities Tab.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOR MULTI-WELL PADS AND PRODUCTION FACILITIES WITHIN DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATIONS ONLY:

- ☐ Check this box if this Oil and Gas Location has or will have Production Facilities that serve multiple wells (onl or offsite) and the Production Facilities are proposed to be located less than 1,000 feet from a Building Unit. *(Pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i., the operator must evaluate alternative locations for the Production Facilities that are farther from the Building Unit, and determine whether those alternative locations were technically feasible and economically practicable for the same proposed development.)*
- ☐ By checking this box, I certify that no alternative placements for the Production Facilities, farther from the nearest Building Unit, were available based on the analysis conducted pursuant to Rule 604.c.(2)E.i.

In the space below, explain rationale for siting the multi-well Production Facility(ies) that supports your Rule 604.c.(2)E.i determination. Attach documentation that supports your determination to this Form 2A.

## 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: 70 - Uffens Loam, 1-8 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: Cheatgrass

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: 100 Feet

water well: 630 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 80 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Water well located in NENE S&, Permit #277891, Receipt # 9503012A; Depth is 20'; Elevation is approximately 5613'. The well is not located near a public water source nor consistent surface water.

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 zone: No

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 609

## 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: This amendment is for an existing location, constructed in February 2015, to add an additional future wellbore and requisite increase in surface equipment to the location. This also is to change the drilling mud system. These wells were originally permitted to use freshwater mud. Black Hills would like to use oil-based muds in the lateral portion of each horizontal well. Also, Black Hills would like to use a modular tank on location during completion operations to store freshwater.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 04/09/2015 Email: Jessica.Donahue@blackhillscorp.com

Print Name: Jessica Donahue Title: Regulatory Technician

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.

### Best Management Practices

No BMP/COA Type

Description

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### Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
400820779	FORM 2A SUBMITTED
400826110	OTHER
400827552	OTHER
400827559	HYDROLOGY MAP
400827560	LOCATION DRAWING
400827565	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
400829514	MULTI-WELL PLAN

Total Attach: 7 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit	1.) Multi-well Plan is required to add an additional wellbore. Returned to draft.	4/22/2015 3:12:39 PM
Permit	Date planned to commence construction is already past; must be a future date. Missing reference area map and photos, updated location drawing, and updated hydrology map. Attachment "OTHER" does not meet COGCC quality rules; illegible Return to draft.	4/16/2015 10:30:16 AM
Permit	Return to draft per operator request.	4/15/2015 3:42:58 PM

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