

FORM
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State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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(SUBMITTED)

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

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

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:

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: 10433

Name: LARAMIE ENERGY LLC

Address: 1401 SEVENTEENTH STREET #1400

City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202

Contact Information

Name: Joan Proulx

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

☒ Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20120081

☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: _____

☐ Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Nichols

Number: 24-07

County: MESA

Quarter: SENW Section: 24 Township: 9S Range: 94W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 7212

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: 2257 feet FNL from North or South section line

2797 feet FWL from East or West section line

Latitude: 39.263386 Longitude: -107.830825

PDOP Reading: 1.9 Date of Measurement: 08/30/2016

Instrument Operator's Name: 1.9

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	20	Oil Tanks*		Condensate Tanks*	8	Water Tanks*		Buried Produced Water Vaults*	
Drilling Pits		Production Pits*		Special Purpose Pits		Multi-Well Pits*		Modular Large Volume Tanks	
Pump Jacks		Separators*	20	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*	1	Flare*		Pigging Station*	

OTHER FACILITIES*

Other Facility Type

Number

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:

An 8" steel gathering line will be installed which will run from the pad for approximately 1,214' and will tie into the existing 8" line which runs to the north of the existing Nichols 24-6 pad. Flowlines from the wellheads to the separators will be 2" steel and will be buried 4' deep.

CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 09/01/2017

Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 6.10

Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 05/08/2019

Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 2.20

Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 7212

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: Recycle/reuse

Cutting Disposal: ONSITE

Cuttings Disposal Method: Other

Other Disposal Description:

Due to character limit (255), See submittal comments for Drilling Waste Management

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: Ben Nichols III

Phone: 970-640-3176

Address: P O Box 86

Fax:

Address:

Email: bwnicholsranch@gmail.com

City: Molina State: CO Zip: 81643

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: No

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 08/01/2016

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:	2546 Feet	2596 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:	775 Feet	662 Feet
Above Ground Utility:	835 Feet	793 Feet
Railroad:	5280 Feet	5280 Feet
Property Line:	926 Feet	891 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

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: _____

- 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.
- Large UMA Facility - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

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 (on 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: Map Unit Symbol 53, Pagoda Hesperus complex; 12 to 40 percent slopes.

NRCS Map Unit Name: _____

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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: Gambel oak, Mountain brome, Saskatoon serviceberry, Columbia needlegrass, Letterman's needlegrass, Elk sedge, Slender wheatgrass, Mountain snowberry, Nodding brome

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: 1693 Feet

water well: 2474 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 100 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

Depth based on nearest surface water elevation subtracted from proposed location elevation. Sensitive area determination: the nearest water well is almost 1/2 mile from the proposed site.

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: _____

Is the Location within a Floodplain? ☒ No ☐ Yes Floodplain Data Sources Reviewed (check all that apply)

☐ Federal (FEMA)

☐ State

☒ County

☐ Local

☒ Other COGCC GIS

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 609

WILDLIFE

- ☐ This location is included in a Wildlife Mitigation Plan
- ☐ This location was subject to a pre-consultation meeting with CPW held on _____

Operator Proposed Wildlife BMPs

No	Target Species	BMP Type	Description
1	Black Bear	Wildlife - Avoidance	

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of a Building Unit) and is in an Urban Mitigation Area
- ☐ 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	<p>The Nichols 24-07 pad is a proposed pad with 20 wells, 5 of which will reach Federal minerals.</p> <p>Location Drawing Production Layout Access Road Map Hydrology Map Stormwater Wildlife BMP's</p> <p>Disposal Description: (Drilling Waste Management) PE plans to drill the wells within this project boundary with a dewatering system with no need for a reserve pit. Drilling fluids are recycled and re-used with cuttings being de-watered and captured in a catch pan, stacked in a cuttings management area and allowed to dry. Once the cuttings are dry and satisfy the COGCC for rule 910 analytics, the cuttings will be stacked along the cut slope then buried and covered with a minimum of 3 feet of cover. This operation will occur after the completion of the wells.</p>
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I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Email: jproulx@laramie-energy.com

Print Name: Joan Proulx Title: Regulatory Analyst

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

Best Management Practices

No	BMP/COA Type	Description
1	Wildlife	<p>Black Bear BMP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a food and waste/refuse management program that uses bear-proof food storage containers and trash receptacles. • Initiate an education program that reduces bear conflicts. • Establish policy to prohibit keeping food and trash in sleeping quarters. • Establish policy to support enforcement of state prohibition on feeding of black bear. • Report bear conflicts immediately to CPW .
2	Drilling/Completion Operations	<p>One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged open-hole with a triple combo log (HRI w/ SP, GR, CAL and Spectral Density/Dual Spaced Neutron) from TD into the surface casing. All wells on the pad will have a radial analysis bond log with gamma ray run on production casing from TD to surface after rig moves off pad. All wells not logged with an open hole log will have a cased hole NEO neutron emulated open hole log run from TD to surface. The Form 5, Completion Report, for each well on the pad will list all logs run and have those logs attached. The Form 5 for a well without open hole logs shall clearly state "No open-hole logs were run" and shall clearly identify (by API#, well name & number) the well in which open-hole logs were run.</p>

Total: 2 comment(s)

Attachment Check List

Att Doc Num	Name
401235936	MULTI-WELL PLAN
401235943	REFERENCE AREA MAP
401235948	HYDROLOGY MAP
401235951	OTHER
401235954	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
401235956	OTHER
401235961	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
401235969	ACCESS ROAD MAP
401235978	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
401235982	LOCATION PICTURES
401237547	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
401239302	OTHER
401239312	LOCATION DRAWING

Total Attach: 13 Files

General Comments

User Group	Comment	Comment Date
		Stamp Upon Approval

Total: 0 comment(s)

Public Comments

No public comments were received on this application during the comment period.

