



July 2, 2018

Ms. Julie Murphy, Director  
Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801  
Denver, Colorado 80203

**RE: COGCC Rule 318A.a.: Surface Owner Exception Location Request  
Melbon Ranch 17H-M265 Pad: SWSW Section 17, Township 2 North, Range 65 West  
Proposed Wells: Melbon Ranch 4C-17H-M265 Doc #401667380, Melbon Ranch 4D-17H-M265  
Doc #401667381, Melbon Ranch 4E-17H-M265 Doc #401667382, Melbon Ranch 4F-17H-M265  
Doc #401667384, Melbon Ranch 4G-17H-M265 Doc #401667385, Melbon Ranch 4H-17H-M265  
Doc #401667386, Melbon Ranch 4I-17H-M265 Doc #401667387, Melbon Ranch 4J-17H-M265  
Doc #401667388, Melbon Ranch 4K-17H-M265 Doc #401667390  
Weld County, Colorado**

Dear Director Murphy:

Crestone Peak Resources Operating LLC (Crestone) proposes to drill nine (9) horizontal wells on the above referenced pad.

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rule 318A.a. requires surface locations within a square with sides four hundred (400) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any governmental quarter-quarter section ("400' window"); or within a square with sides eight hundred (800) feet in length, the center of which is the center of any governmental quarter section ("800' window"). The above referenced wells are proposed at a surface location outside a legal drilling window as defined by Rule 318A.a.

These wells were located outside of the GWA Window due to a negotiated SUA with the surface owner. Crestone has obtained written permission from the surface owner by way of Surface Use Agreement.

Crestone respectfully requests the COGCC approve the exception location request and Applications for Permit to Drill for the wells on the subject pad. Many thanks for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully,

Erin Lind  
Regulatory Analyst