

# Final Reclamation Inspection

June 19, 2019

Operator: KERR MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP #47120

API: 05-123-14957

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Weld County, CO

NESW Section 8 T2N R65W

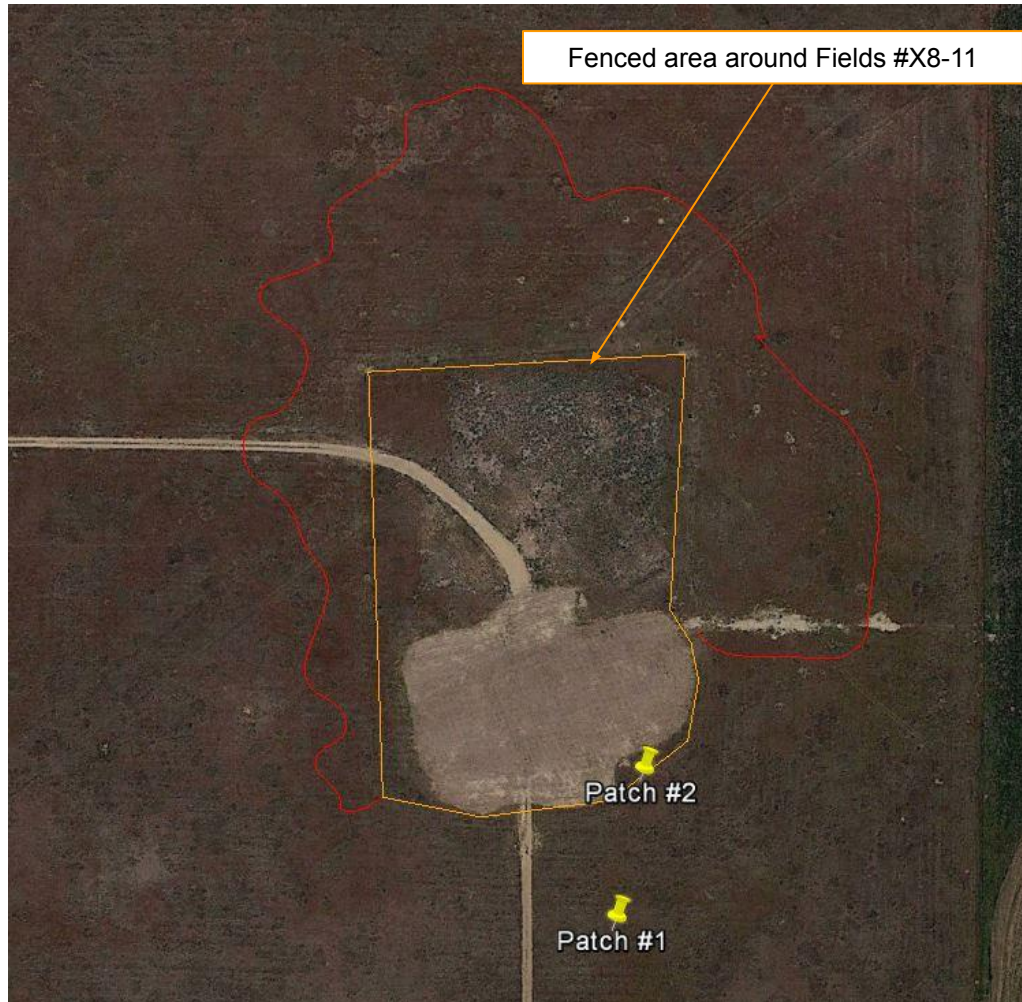
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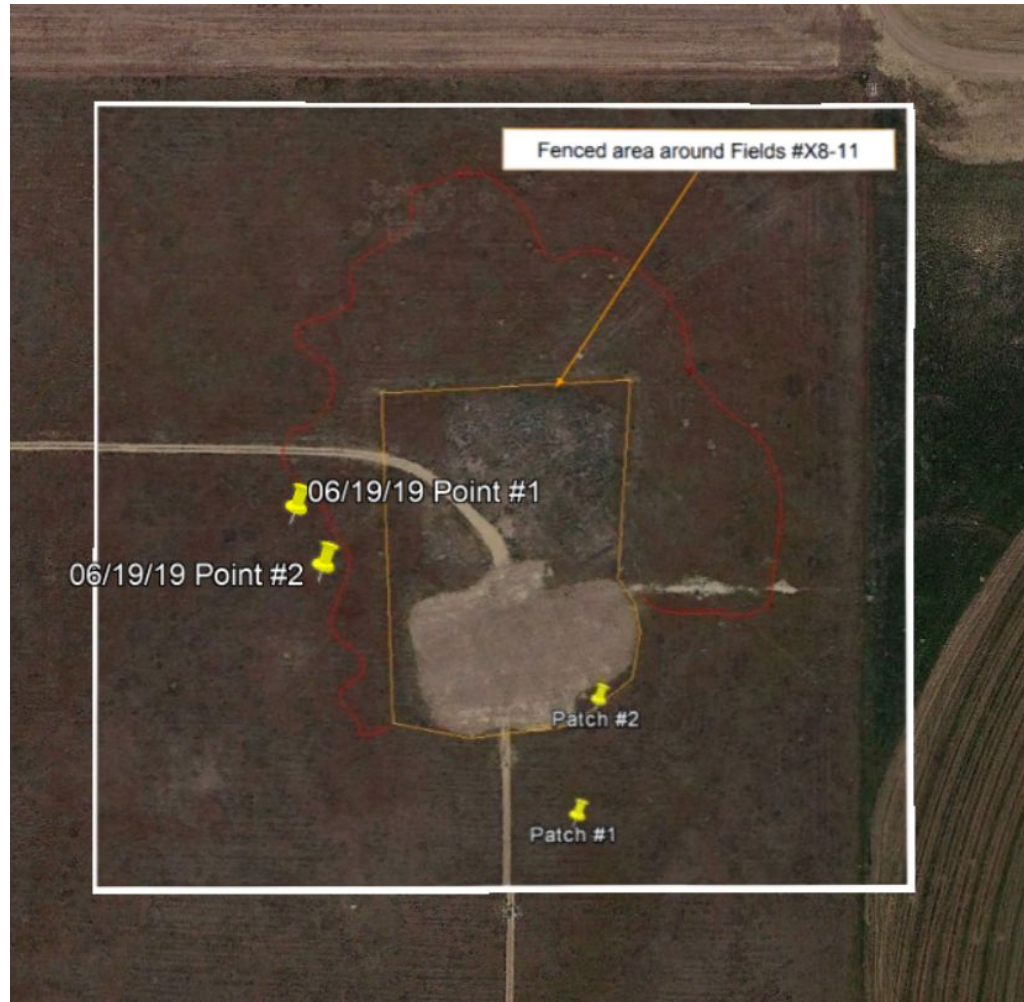
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Google Earth aerial imagery taken 6/9/2017, illustrating the approximate fenced area (orange line) and the approximate extent of Scotch thistle (red line) that was established on July 3, 2018. This red line area is the extent to which the Operator is responsible for controlling Scotch thistle. However, if the Operator fails to properly control Scotch thistle within this red line and lets the noxious weed go to seed then this extent could change.

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COGCC staff conducted an inspection on June 19, 2019 in response to a complaint about a grass species and Scotch thistle. Staff assessed whether or not the Operator was within compliance for controlling Scotch thistle within the red line area. Staff took two points where it appeared the westernmost thistles were being managed by the Operator. It appears the Operator is controlling Scotch within its responsible extent, if not slight beyond- see Photos 2 & 3.



**Photo 1.** Photo taken from the western access road, facing East. Photo illustrates the establishment of *Hordeum jubatum* throughout most of the access road. Surface owner thought this was a listed weed species; however, it is a native cool season grass. Therefore, there is no violation with the presence of this grass species.

Operator plans to perform compaction alleviation and reseed the access road as soon as possible in response to the lack of establishment of desirable species.

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**Photo 2.** Photo taken from the 6/19/19 Point #1 location. Photo illustrates an individual Scotch thistle plant that appears to have been recently sprayed as it appears to be wilting.

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**Photo 3.** Photo taken from the 6/19/19 Point #2 location. Photo illustrates a group of Scotch thistle plants that appear to have been recently sprayed as they appear to be wilting.