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COLORADO OIL & GAS  
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Re: An unidentified well located at SE NW S33-34N-12W, La Plata county.

Dear Brad,

Enclosed is a letter I've sent to Meridian Oil Inc., and two water well permits issued by the Colorado State Engineer, Division of Water Resources.

A preliminary review of state records indicate only one oil and gas well ever drilled or permitted in the stated section of land. That well is the one we visited with the abandoned meter house and is designated as the Jarvis Unit #1 located at SE NW S33-34N-12W and is operated by Meridian Oil Inc.

It is unclear to me as to the identification of the well we visited approximately 200 ft to the south of the Jarvis Unit #1. It has the possibility of being an abandoned oil and gas well, an abandoned oil and gas well converted to a water well, a water well, and possibly one of the water wells shown on the permits I've submitted to you.

Here is what I propose to you. Talk to the people named on the permits (Dale White and Dave Hanna) and see if they can be helpful in identifying the well. If the well can be used as a water well, why not use it? If you can prove to me it is an unidentified and abandoned oil and gas well, I can probably claim it for the state. I would then hire equipment and a crew to plug and abandon it and pay the expenses through the environmental reclamation fund. If this is the case, and if you incur some expenses proving it is an oil and gas well, then submit the invoice(s) and you'll probably be reimbursed.

A copy of this letter will be submitted to Meridian Oil Inc and to the Division of Water Resources to see if they can be helpful in identifying the well.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Weems - Area Engineer

xc: Meridian  
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WP file: Jarvis