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Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO:

☒ Drill ☐ Deepen ☐ Re-enter ☐ Recomplete and Operate

TYPE OF WELL OIL ☒ GAS ☐ COALBED ☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Refilling ☐

ZONE TYPE SINGLE ZONE ☒ MULTIPLE ZONES ☐ COMMINGLE ZONES ☐

Sidetrack ☐

Well Name: Pronghorn Federal

Well Number: F21-J24-31HNB

Name of Operator: BONANZA CREEK ENERGY OPERATING COMPANY LLC

COGCC Operator Number: 8960

Address: 410 17TH STREET SUITE #1400

City: DENVER

State: CO

Zip: 80202

Contact Name: Kate Miller

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20120018

WELL LOCATION INFORMATION

QtrQtr: Lot 3 Sec: 30 Twp: 5N Rng: 61W Meridian: 6

Latitude: 40.370170

Longitude: -104.259250

Footage at Surface: 2119 Feet FNL/FSL FSL 659 Feet FEL/FWL FWL

Field Name: WATTENBERG

Field Number: 90750

Ground Elevation: 4527

County: WELD

GPS Data: GPS Quality Value: 2.3 Type of GPS Quality Value: PDOP Date of Measurement: 02/07/2019

Instrument Operator's Name: Casey Kohout

If well is ☐ Directional ☒ Horizontal (highly deviated) submit deviated drilling plan.

Footage at Top of Prod Zone: FNL/FSL FNL 1848 FWL 260 FNL 1848 FWL Bottom Hole: FNL/FSL FNL 260 FSL 2061 FWL 260 FSL 2061 FWL  
Sec: 31 Twp: 5N Rng: 61W Sec: 31 Twp: 5N Rng: 61W

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

County: WELD

Municipality: N/A

Per § 34-60-106 (1)(f)(I)(A), the following questions pertain to the "local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location."

The local government with jurisdiction is: County

Does the local government with jurisdiction regulate the siting of Oil and Gas Locations, with respect to this location? If the local government does regulate the siting, but has waived its right to precede the COGCC in siting determination, indicate by selecting "YES" here and selecting "Waived" for the disposition below.

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, in checking this box, I hereby certify that an application has been filed with the local government with jurisdiction to approve the siting of the proposed oil and gas location.

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The local government siting permit type is: 1041WOGLA

The local government siting permit was filed on: 11/05/2019

The disposition of the application filed with the local government is: Approved

Additional explanation of local process:

1041WOGLA19-0039 was approved on 12/19/2019

## LOCATION SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Surface Ownership: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Surface Owner is: ☒ is the mineral owner beneath the location.

(check all that apply)

☒ 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 by this Well: No

The right to construct the Oil and Gas Location is granted by: Surface Use Agreement

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

## LEASE INFORMATION

Using standard QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng format, describe one entire mineral lease that will be produced by this well (Describe lease beneath surface location if produced. Attach separate description page or map if necessary.)

T5N-R61W-Section 31: Lots 3, 4 and E/2SW/4 aka SW/4

Total Acres in Described Lease: 160 Described Mineral Lease is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Federal or State Lease # \_\_\_\_\_

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Lease Line of described lease: 0 Feet

## CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 5280 Feet

Building Unit: 5280 Feet

High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet

Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet

Public Road: 5280 Feet

Above Ground Utility: 5280 Feet

Railroad: 5280 Feet

Property Line: 541 Feet

School Facility: 5280 Feet

School Property Line: 5280 Feet

Child Care Center: 5280 Feet

### INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of the Proposed Well to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.a.(5).
- 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, Designated Outside Activity Area, School Facility, and Child Care Center – as defined in 100 Series Rules.

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

## SPACING and UNIT INFORMATION

Distance from completed portion of proposed wellbore to nearest completed portion of offset wellbore permitted or completed in the same formation: 385 Feet

Distance from Completed Portion of Wellbore to Nearest Unit Boundary 490 Feet (Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.)

Federal or State Unit Name (if appl): \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPACING & FORMATIONS COMMENTS

Proposed Spacing Unit:  
Township 5 North, Range 61 West (Weld County):  
Section 30: SESW  
Section 31: E2W2  
Township 4 North, Range 61 West (Weld County):  
Section 6: NENW, NWNE

If this Form 2 is associated with a Drilling and Spacing Unit application, provide docket number: \_\_\_\_\_

## OBJECTIVE FORMATIONS

Objective Formation(s)	Formation Code	Spacing Order Number(s)	Unit Acreage Assigned to Well	Unit Configuration (N/2, SE/4, etc.)
NIOBRARA	NBRR		288	GWA

## DRILLING PROGRAM

Proposed Total Measured Depth: 11750 Feet

Distance from the proposed wellbore to nearest existing or proposed wellbore belonging to another operator, including plugged wells:

Enter distance if less than or equal to 1,500 feet: 542 Feet ☐ No well belonging to another operator within 1,500 feet

Will a closed-loop drilling system be used? Yes

Is H<sub>2</sub>S gas reasonably expected to be encountered during drilling operations at concentrations greater than or equal to 100 ppm? No (If Yes, attach an H<sub>2</sub>S Drilling Operations Plan)

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling? No

Will salt based (>15,000 ppm Cl) drilling fluids be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? Yes

BOP Equipment Type: ☒ Annular Preventor ☒ Double Ram ☐ Rotating Head ☐ None

## GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 318A

## DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE Drilling Fluids Disposal Methods: Recycle/reuse

Cuttings Disposal: OFFSITE Cuttings Disposal Method: Commercial Disposal

Other Disposal Description:

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? No

Reuse Facility ID: \_\_\_\_\_ or Document Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## CASING PROGRAM

Casing Type	Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Wt/Ft	Csg/Liner Top	Setting Depth	Sacks Cmt	Cmt Btm	Cmt Top
SURF	13+1/2	9+5/8	36	0	1600	743	1600	0
1ST	8+1/2	5+1/2	17	0	11750	1846	11750	

☒ Conductor Casing is NOT planned

## 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)

## GREATER WATTENBERG AREA LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☒ Rule 318A.a. Exception Location (GWA Windows).
- ☐ Rule 318A.c. Exception Location (GWA Twinning).

## RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

☐ Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

## OTHER LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 318.c. Exception Location from Rule or Spacing Order Number \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Rule 603.a.(2) Exception Location (Property Line Setback).

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

The Windows/Twinning exception location waiver is included as an attachment.

The Pronghorn Federal K21-O24-31HNB Doc#402010822, operated by Bonanza Creek Energy, is the nearest well in the same formation, the distance was measured in 2D.

The nearest wellbore belonging to another operator was measured to the RSU Anschutz Fed 4-61-5-0808C [API #: 05-123-50083], operated by Highpoint Operating Corporation. The distance was measured in 2D. The well status is currently PR.

No wells owned by other operators are Producing, Temporarily Abandoned, or Shut-In with treated intervals within 150' of this well's productive lateral, therefore stimulation setback consent is not needed.

This application is in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan No CDP #: \_\_\_\_\_

Location ID: 477049

Is this application being submitted with an Oil and Gas Location Assessment application? No

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: Aubrey Noonan

Title: Regulatory Analyst Date: 6/29/2020 Email: regulatory@bonanzacrk.com

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules, applicable orders, and SB 19-181 and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Director of COGCC Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

API NUMBER

05



## Conditions Of Approval

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in the Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for this Form 2 Permit-to-Drill and are enforceable to the same extent as all other representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Permit-to-Drill.

<u>COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
Drilling/Completion Operations	1) Submit Form 42 electronically to COGCC 48 hours prior to MIRU (spud notice) for the first well activity with a rig on the pad and provide 48 hour spud notice via Form 42 for all subsequent wells drilled on the pad. 2) Provide cement coverage from TD to a minimum of 500' above Niobrara. Verify coverage with cement bond log. Confirm rule and cement coverage with COGCC Area Engineer prior to drilling this well. 3) Oil-based drilling fluid is to be used only after all fresh water aquifers are covered.
Drilling/Completion Operations	Bradenhead Testing Per COGCC Order 1-232, Bradenhead tests shall be performed according to the following schedule and Form 17 submitted within 10 days of each test: 1) Within 60 days of rig release, prior to stimulation. If any pressure greater than 200 psi, must contact COGCC engineer prior to stimulation. 2) If a delayed completion, 6 months after rig release and prior to stimulation. If any pressure greater than 200 psi, must contact COGCC engineer prior to stimulation. 3) A post-production test within 60 days after first sales, as reported on the Form 10, Certificate of Clearance.

## Best Management Practices

<u>No</u>	<u>BMP/COA Type</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	Drilling/Completion Operations	Bradenhead Monitoring Operator will comply with the "COGCC Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring during Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area", dated May 29, 2012.
2	Drilling/Completion Operations	Wellbore Collision Prevention – Rule 317.r Prior to drilling operations, Operator will perform an anti-collision scan of existing offset wells that have the potential of being within close proximity of the proposed well. This anti-collision scan will include definitive MWD or gyro surveys of the offset wells with included error of uncertainty per survey instrument, and compared against the proposed well path with its respective error of uncertainty. If current surveys do not exist for the offset wells, Operator may have gyro surveys conducted to verify bottom hole location. The proposed well will only be drilled if the anti-collision scan results indicate that there is not a risk for collision, or harm to people or the environment.
3	Drilling/Completion Operations	Alternative Logging Program: One of the first wells drilled on the pad will be logged with an open-hole resistivity log and gamma-ray, from the kick-off point into the surface casing. All wells on the pad will have a cement bond log (CBL) with gamma-ray run on production casing (or on intermediate casing if production liner is run) into the surface casing. The horizontal portion of every well will be logged with a measured-while-drilling gamma-ray log. 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 "Alternative Logging Program - No open-hole logs were run" and shall clearly identify the type of log and the well (by API#) in which open-hole logs were run.

Total: 3 comment(s)

## Applicable Policies and Notices to Operators

Notice Concerning Operating Requirements for Wildlife Protection.  
[http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife\\_Notice.pdf](http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/Wildlife_Notice.pdf)

Policy for Bradenhead Monitoring During Hydraulic Fracturing Treatments in the Greater Wattenberg Area.  
<http://cogcc.state.co.us/documents/reg/Policies/PolicyGwaBradenheadMonitoringFinal.pdf>

## Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
402010373	FORM 2 SUBMITTED
402242229	SURFACE AGRMT/SURETY
402242230	EXCEPTION LOC WAIVERS
402327090	DEVIATED DRILLING PLAN
402428955	EXCEPTION LOC REQUEST
402429215	WELL LOCATION PLAT
402433301	PROPOSED SPACING UNIT
402434948	DIRECTIONAL DATA
402484296	OffsetWellEvaluations Data

Total Attach: 9 Files

### General Comments

<u>User Group</u>	<u>Comment</u>	<u>Comment Date</u>
Permit (Rejected)	<p>This application has been reviewed by COGCC staff and cannot be approved based on the information submitted; therefore, the COGCC is rejecting this application consistent with the Rejection Process – Form 2 and 2A (May 21, 2019) posted in the Form 2 and Form 2A Instructions section of our website. In compliance with § 24-65.1-108(1), C.R.S., the COGCC is returning this application to the applicant to remedy the deficiencies. The applicant may resubmit this application for COGCC review; upon determination of completeness for any resubmitted application, the COGCC will have 60 days in which to approve, deny, or request all additional information necessary to complete the regulatory review.</p> <p>In addition to all standard required information and attachments, the COGCC hereby confirms the following information is necessary prior to determination of completeness:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Proposed Wellbore Spacing Unit description of lands, Proposed Spacing Unit Buffer Map, and Spacing &amp; Formations Comments data field are inconsistent for 8 of 13 wells.</li> <li>2. List of wells on Exception Location Waivers are incomplete/incorrect for all wells.</li> </ol>	09/10/2020
Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The local government siting permit was filed on" corrected from 11/4/2019 to 11/5/2019 per approved Form 2A (Doc: 402008729).</li> <li>• Wells listed on Exception Location Request do not match wells listed on Exception Location Waiver.</li> <li>• Proposed Spacing Unit (doc 402433301) description does not match map and this Form.</li> </ul>	09/08/2020
Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Surface Casing Check complete</li> <li>•Offset well review complete – No mitigation required</li> <li>317.r - No wells</li> <li>317.s - No wells</li> <li>•Engineering review complete</li> </ul>	09/07/2020
Permit	Passed completeness.	07/14/2020
Permit	Exception Location Request letter does not include 318A.c exception. Directional Data does not match Deviated Drilling Plan. Return to draft.	06/30/2020

Total: 5 comment(s)

## Public Comments

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

**REJECTED**