



September 23, 2021

Mr. Mike Gardner  
TEP Environmental Specialist  
TEP Rocky Mountain LLC  
1058 County Road 215  
Parachute, Colorado 81635

**RE: Status Report: Baseline Water Quality Sampling – Pitcher’s Mound CWMF**

Dear Mr. Gardner,

Western Water & Land, Inc. (WWL) completed a hydrologic Water Source evaluation for the TEP Rocky Mountain LLC (TEP) Pitcher’s Mound CWMF in accordance with Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) Rule 907. Pitcher’s Mound CWMF is located in NE¼, SW¼, Section 35, Township 1 S, Range 98 W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. This status report addresses field revisions and the sampling location status as relevant to the Baseline Water Quality Evaluation dated June 17, 2021.

The evaluation considered all Water Sources as defined in Rule 907 within a 1.0-mile radius of the referenced pit. Water Sources located within a 1.0-mile radius of the Pitcher’s Mound CWMF are shown in Figure 1. Please see the Baseline Water Quality Evaluation (June 17, 2021) for complete details on how the evaluation was conducted.

**Water Source Identification**

Water Sources as defined in Rule 907 include Colorado Division of Water Resources (DWR) registered water wells (water wells with existing valid well permits), permitted or adjudicated springs, and monitoring wells installed for baseline sampling and monitoring under COGCC Rules 411, 615, 907 or specified conditions of approval. Water Sources located within a 1-mile radius of Pitcher’s Mound CWMF are shown in Figure 1. Well permit files and water right files, where applicable, are included for preferred Water Sources in Attachment A. Structure owners are identified as reported in DWR databases. Abandoned, canceled, denied, or expired permits of any type are not shown in Figure 1 within the 1-mile radius unless otherwise described in this report. Similarly, water right decrees that are shown as having a non-existent or unusable structure in the state database may not be shown as a viable Water Source in Figure 1. Property owners are identified as reported in county property records.

The identified potentially Available Water Sources are summarized as follows:

- Water Well Permit No. 296742
  - Applicant Owner:  
Simple Oil LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:

Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652

- Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
- Well Depth: 1870 ft
- Well Yield: Unknown
- Water Well Permit No. 40202-M
  - Applicant Owner:  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:  
Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652
  - Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
  - Well Depth: 412 ft
  - Well Yield: Unknown
- Water Well Permit No. 40203-M
  - Applicant Owner:  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:  
Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652
  - Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
  - Well Depth: 1874 ft
  - Well Yield: Unknown
- Water Well Permit No. 40204-M
  - Applicant Owner:  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:  
Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652
  - Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
  - Well Depth: 1577 ft
  - Well Yield: Unknown
- Water Well Permit No. 40205-M
  - Applicant Owner:  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:

- Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652
  - Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
  - Well Depth: 1392 ft
  - Well Yield: Unknown
- Water Well Permit No. 52670-MH
  - Applicant Owner:  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:  
Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652
  - Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
  - Well Depth: 1980 ft
  - Well Yield: Unknown
- Water Well Permit No. 49223-MH
  - Applicant Owner:  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:  
Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652
  - Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
  - Well Depth: 1978 ft
  - Well Yield: Unknown
- Water Well Permit No. 297990
  - Applicant Owner:  
Natural Soda LLC  
3200 RBC RD 31  
Rifle, CO 81650
  - Property Owner:  
Bureau of Land Management  
2300 River Frontage Rd  
Silt, CO 81652
  - Use(s): Monitoring/Sampling
  - Well Depth: 1451 ft
  - Well Yield: Unknown

### **Access Request**

All attempts requesting permission to sample potentially Available Water Sources from the well permit holders and the property owners are recorded in the Correspondence Logs below. Access request letters,

certified mailing receipts, mailings that were returned to sender, mailed responses, and email correspondence are included in Attachment A.

Correspondence Log: Pitcher's Mound CWMF				
Contact Attempt Date	Contact Name	Contact Method	Responsible Person	Results
6/15/2021	Natural Soda LLC	Certified Mail: Access Request Letter	Trevor Smith, WWL	No Response

### Summary and Conclusion

As a result of formal communications with potential well and property owners within a 1.0-mile radius of the Pitcher's Mound CWMF, it was found that no access was granted to wells owned by Natural Soda LLC. A Sundry Notice (Form 4) will be submitted to COGCC that states the results of this Water Source evaluation for the Pitcher's Mound CWMF location under the requirements of Rule 907.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (970) 242-0170.

Sincerely,

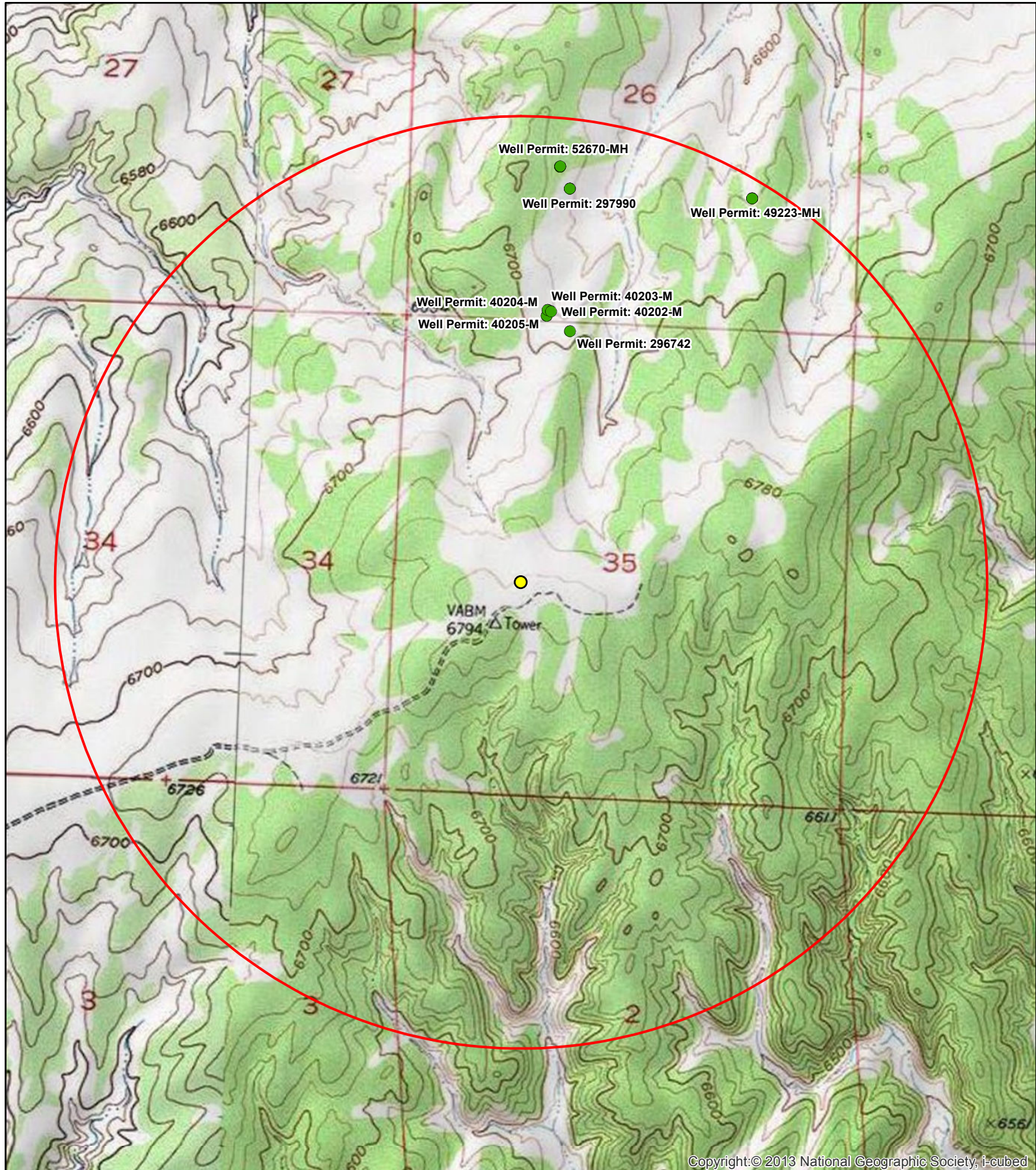


Bruce D. Smith  
Principal Hydrogeologist  
WESTERN WATER & LAND, INC.

Attachments:

Figure 1 – Water Source Evaluation Map  
Attachment A – Access Request Documentation





**Legend**

- Pitcher's Mound CWMF
- 1-Mile Radius Evaluation Area
- Constructed Well



0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet  
1:17,000

**Figure 1: Pitcher's Mound CWMF  
Rule 907 Water Source Evaluation  
NE 1/4, SW 1/4, S35, T1S, R98W, 6 PM**

Rio Blanco County, Colorado  
TEP Rocky Mountain, LLC





**Attachment A**

**Access Request Documentation**



## Baseline Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program Acknowledgment Form

I \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), acknowledge that I have been contacted by Western Water & Land, Inc. (WWL), environmental consultant to TEP Rock Mountain LLC (TEP), regarding the permission to access and sample up to four of the following water well permit numbers: 49223-MH, 52670-MH, 40202-M, 40203-M, 40204-M, 40205-M, 297990, 167607, 40206-M, 40207-M, 40208-M, 77833-F, 296731, and 296734. If permission is granted to WWL, WWL will select four of the water well permits above, assuming no preference is made by Natural Soda LLC. WWL, on behalf of TEP, may be periodically monitoring these water sources as part of their environmental monitoring of the Pitcher's Mound CWMF and NE Ryan Gulch CWMF, located in the NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 35, Township 1S, Range 98W, 6th P.M and NE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 25, Township 1S, Range 98W, 6th P.M, respectively. With your approval, other water sources may be added as needed. Monitoring will be done consistent with Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) rules or as a voluntary measure. Data to be collected include field water quality parameters and laboratory analytical data. I understand that the resulting data will be submitted to the COGCC and will be part of a public database. In addition, copies of collected data will be provided to me by WWL or TEP. Please indicate whether you grant or do NOT grant WWL permission to access and sample up to four of the above-mentioned water sources and fill out the information below. Please return the fill-out form in the pre-stamped and addressed envelope provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I DO grant permission** to allow for access and environmental sampling of the above-mentioned water sources for baseline groundwater quality.

\_\_\_\_\_ **I DO NOT grant permission** to allow for access and environmental sampling of the above-mentioned water sources for baseline groundwater quality.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred method of report delivery: ☐ Hard Copy via USPS Certified Mail ☐ Electronically via Email

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July 8, 2021

Dear Trevor Smith:

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**7014 0150 0000 4300 1756.**

#### Item Details

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#### Shipment Details

**Weight:** 2.0oz

#### Recipient Signature

Signature of Recipient: (Authorized Agent)	MA HOS/ C/9 Natural Soda
Address of Recipient:	3200 RBC Rifle, CO 81650

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TIEP Pitcher's Mound  
Evaluation  
Access Request Letter  
CWMP

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Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required)	\$0.00
Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)	\$0.00
Total Postage & Fees	\$6.55

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JUN 15 2021  
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501

Sent To: Natural Soda LLC  
Street, Apt. No., or PO Box No.: 3200 RBC Cty Rd 31  
City, State, ZIP+4: Rifle, CO 81650

PS Form 3800, August 2006 See Reverse for Instructions