



ELBERT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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**Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
c/o Director, COGCC
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RE: Letter of Support GMT OGDG Applications

Dear Commission Members:

The purpose of this letter is to encourage the COGCC to proceed with a timely review and approval of the two applications discussed below. Approval will facilitate significant economic investment in Elbert County.

GMT Exploration (GMT), as operator, has drilled and completed five Niobrara wells in Elbert County. County Government's experience with GMT, as operator of these wells, has been very positive. Elbert County has economically benefited from these existing operations and encourages ongoing future development.

GMT has submitted two applications to the COGCC for new Oil and Gas Development Plans (OGDP) located in Elbert County:

- Cinnamon 6-64 located in section 19, T6S, R64W
- Ragged 6-64 located in section 4, T6S, R64W

County officials recognize that these proposed locations are regulated by the COGCC and proposed new well locations cannot be utilized prior to their approval.

Elbert County's Public Works and Public Health & Environment Departments, and Fire district have had discussions with GMT regarding ongoing oil and gas activity in the area, including the proposed locations and they encourage future operations. The proposed locations minimize and mitigate ongoing impacts on current land use and are located more than 2000 feet from any existing home in the area.

The county staff has observed that GMT is very conscious regarding protecting our environment, including ensuring their operations do not negatively impact water availability or quality. They have also been diligent in mitigating sound and dust generation.

GMT and our Public Works have entered into agreements regarding trucking haul routes and road maintenance. Additionally, GMT has made every effort to address and resolve any concern brought to them or county staff, articulated by the public.

If you have any questions regarding this letter of support, feel free to contact any one of us.

Respectfully,



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