



## Hill 2527

### Local Government Consultation Summary

A Pre-Application meeting took place on January 25, 2023 to discuss the Hill 2527 (Hill Pad). In attendance, Jennifer Teeters, Natalie DeLaCroix, Laura Gomez and several other representatives with Weld County, Doug Andrews, John Noto, Rebecca Treitz and Ben Frissell, with ECMC, Ray Ogle with the BLM and Allison Scheiber, Heather Mitchell and Jeff Berghorn attended for Verdad Resources.

Verdad submitted a development area that included Sections 25, 26, and 27 of T8N R61W. This a 1920-acre unit would be developed by new pad located in NWNW of Sec. 30 T8N R60W. Verdad described drilling east and west from the proposed location plans to drill ten 3- mile laterals

Weld county reviewed 5 alternatives, one on the far west side of the unit, one outside of HPH, and 3 existing Verdad locations were discussed. The location on the west side of the unit in Section 28 would be a new location, require longer access roads and connections. This location is also further into HPH and Verdad would rather avoid drilling west to east for technical reasons.

Option 2 is located on the East side of the unit, outside of HPH. Verdad reached out to the landowner, but they already have a pad on their location operated by Bison. There is a small corner of land on the Hill parcel, but the pad would still be in HPH and the access road would be longer as well as connections to gas, oil and water. CDOT does not allow access off the HWY if you can access off a county road.

Option 3 is an existing Verdad pad located in then SWSW of Section 26, Orlando Hill 26-44-8-61 (LOC ID: 419688). This would need to be expanded, it is further into the HPH, could use existing access roads, but would require more wells develop the unit in both directions. This creates longer impact times and disturbances.

Option 4 and 5 are existing well pads operated by Verdad. These are acquired locations, located in the NE of Sec 27, Speaker 27 -8-61 (LOCID: 434772) and the NW of Sec. 27, Speaker 2-27-31-8-61 (LOCID: 424603). These locations are closer to RBUs, Access off the HWY to these locations is a safety risk. The speed limit is 65 mph and the access road is short. These are also further into the HPH and connection to oil and water line is further. Either pad would need to be expanded to accommodate new wells. These pads also include existing wells that Verdad intends to plug, however Verdad would prefer to drill from the other direction to avoid recovery risks of plugged wells in the same formation.

The proposed Hill location is zoned as agricultural and is located in the Ag rural planning Area. It is designated as LZ-1 for lighting and NL-4 for construction/NL-1 for production pursuant to meeting.

The proposed haul route for the Hill location begins at the intersection of HWY 14 and CR 392, heading East about 9.9 miles, turning south onto CR 97 off HWY 14, about .1 miles until the Hill access road is reached. Verdad emailed Weld County Public Works on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 to inquire about an access point on parcel 054325000007 coming off HWY 14 and CR 97. In this same email Verdad inquired to Weld County if a CDOT permit would be needed. Weld county replied on July 19<sup>th</sup> 2023 confirming Verdad



should apply for an access permit with Weld, and that a CDOT permit was not required. On July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 Verdad reached out to Allyson Young, a CDOT access manager, to confirm Weld County's statement. Allyson Young confirmed on July 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 that per Verdads current access route and traffic amount, a CDOT permit would not be required.

During the course of this meeting, ECMC mentioned the need for an ALA on this location, but did like that the wells were planned to be three-mile laterals. CPW was not in attendance, but an email with the location was sent to them, and an onsite was being planned.

There were not concerns voiced from any of the regulatory agencies attending. Verdad moved forward with location, after and Onsite with CPW on March 1, an additional meeting with ECMC and CPW on April 4, 2023, signing the SUA on May 15, 2023. Notices of WOGLA and ODGP were also sent on May 16, 2023. Verdad plans to submit the applications concurrently.

Verdad filed WOLGA application on 9/13/2023.

See the attached Pre-meeting minutes and maps from Weld County attached to this summary.

**1041 WOGLA  
PRE-APP MEETING**



Meeting Date: **January 25, 2023**

Staff Specialist: **Jennifer Teeters**

Location Name: **Hill 2527 Pad**

Parcel Number(s): **054130000001**

Company/Applicant: **Verdad Resources LLC**

Invitees: **Verdad Resources LLC - Heather Mitchell; COGCC - John Noto and Sabrina Trask; CPW - Brandon Marette and Troy Florian; CDPHE - Richard Coffin; BLM - Ray Ogle and Weld County Staff**

Legal Description: **NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 30 of Township 8 North, Range 60 West of the 6th P.M., Weld County, Colorado**

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**NOTES**

This meeting was held on, Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 1:00PM. In attendance were Heather Mitchell (Verdad), Jeff Berghorn (Verdad) Jennifer Teeters (OGED Staff), Elisa Kunkel (OGED Staff), Shanee Turner (OGED Staff), Jason Maxey (OGED Staff) Kelly Holliday (OGED Staff), Stephanie Frederick (OGED Staff), Natalie DeLaCroix (Weld County Development Review), Jazmyn Trujillo Martinez (Weld County Development Review), Laura Gomez Hernandez (Weld County Development Review), Ryan Fernandez (Weld County Health and Environment), Lauren Light (Weld County Health and Environment), Doug Andrews (COGCC), John Noto (COGCC), Rebecca Treitz (COGCC), Ben Frissell (COGCC) and Ray Ogle (BLM).

Verdad Resources LLC (Verdad) submitted a pre-application meeting request to the Weld County Oil & Gas Energy Department (OGED Staff) for the Hill 2527 Pad proposed to be located in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 30, Township 8 North, Range 60 West indicated by the pink polygon on the map below, accessing minerals in all of Sections 25, 26, and 27, T8N-R60W as identified by the purple outline being the Development Area (DA).

The proposed location is zoned Agricultural. It is located outside of any Floodplain, Geologic Hazards, MS4, or Airport overlay districts. There are no Building Units (BU) within 2,000' of the proposed Hill 2527 Pad.

The DA Map below was created and utilized for the pre-application meeting discussion and will be referenced throughout this summary.

- Alternative 1 – This area is in Section 28, Township 8N, Range 60W. By placing the pad at this alternate, Verdad would face operational difficulties. This alternative would remain in High Priority Habitat. In addition, this location would call for a longer access creating more disturbance. This alternative would call for additional infrastructure for gathering.
- Alternative 2 – This area is in Section 30, Township 8N, Range 60W. Although this location is out of High Priority Habitat, this location would cause for a great offset for gathering. Drilling from this alternative would add 2,500 feet of drilling which Verdad does not find suitable for their operations.
- Alternative 3 – Verdad spoke to this as an alternative they considered. The Orlando Hill location is in the S2 of Section 26, Township 8N, Range 60W. The initial thought to add wells to this existing pad having 2-mile laterals to the west and one-mile laterals to the east. That plan however would call for a larger pad size. This location would still be within High Priority Habitat.
- Alternative 4 and 5 – The speaker locations already permitted under Verdad were not the preferred locations due to the proximity to the Highway and Building Units.
- Proposed Location – The pink polygon portrays the Hill 2527 pad. This location was the preferred area by the landowner. This location is within the High Priority Habitat however compared to the alternates; this proposed site has the shortest access road of new disturbance. From a technical standpoint, Verdad can access minerals in all of section 25,

26, and 27 from this pad. Drilling from this location allows Verdad to eliminate 3 Verdad locations within the unit. There are no homes within 2,000 feet of the proposed Hill 2527 pad. There will be access to 3 phase gathering (oil, gas, and water).

## **LOCATION DETAILS**

- This proposed location will consist of twelve (12) wells and a production facility.
- Access and Haul Route: The haul route will leave the location and head north on WCR 97. From WCR 97, 90 percent of traffic will travel west on HWY 14 and 10 percent of traffic will travel east on HWY 14.
  - PW requested that Verdad ensure that the access permit does consider spacing requirements comparatively to HWY 14.
  - An RMA would be required for the portion of traffic traveling along WCR 97.
- Weld County Code:
  - The proposed location is zoned Agricultural and designated as LZ-1, recommended default zone for rural and low-density residential areas. With the HWY close in proximity, it was encouraged for Verdad to take into account mitigation measures for motorists along HWY 14. A Lighting Plan is required for the Construction Phase and for the Production Phase if permanent lighting is planned.
  - Being the site is located in the Ag Rural planning area, the noise limits for this location are NL-4 for the construction phase and NL-1 for the production phase per Sec 21-5-435.A.1.a and 2. Although there are no specific sensitive receptors, the proposed site falls within a CPW HPH general area, and will therefore be required to have a Noise mitigation plan. Please consult with CPW for any further requirements.
  - Drainage and Grading: Natalie DeLaCroix, with Weld County Department of Planning Services has no immediate concerns with the proposed site.
  - As far as pipeline take away, Verdad is working to have 3 phase gathering for gas, oil and water.
  - This site is not planned to be electrified.
  - 1041WOGLA Notice shall be provided to all property owners within 2,000' of the Oil & Gas Location. Verdad's next steps are to send 1041 WOGLA Notice.

## **CONCLUSION**

Verdad did not have further questions regarding Weld County Code requirements.

No one participating in the pre-application meeting identified anything that would prevent Verdad from submitting the application for the proposed location, nor did they identify anything that would prohibit such development.