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X/20**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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Inspection Date:

07/24/2024

Submitted Date:

07/25/2024

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714000981**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**Loc ID 325440 Inspector Name: Mcdonough, Corey On-Site Inspection ☐ 2A Doc Num: ☐**Operator Information:**

ECMC Operator Number: 26625

Name of Operator: ELM RIDGE EXPLORATION COMPANY LLC

Address: 12222 MERIT DRIVE STE 360

City: DALLAS State: TX Zip: 75251

Status Summary:

- ☒ THIS IS A FOLLOW UP INSPECTION
- ☒ FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED
- ☐ NO FOLLOW UP INSPECTION REQUIRED

Findings:

6 Number of Comments

1 Number of Corrective Actions

- ☒ Corrective Action Response Requested

**ANY CORRECTIVE ACTION(S) FROM
PREVIOUS INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE NOT
BEEN ADDRESSED ARE STILL APPLICABLE****Contact Information:**

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Inspected Facilities:

Facility ID	Type	Status	Status Date	Well Class	API Num	Facility Name	Insp Status
214777	WELL	PA	12/12/2014	GW	067-06381	UTE 2	RI

General Comment:

On 7/24/2024 Reclamation Specialist Corey McDonough conducted a Final Reclamation Inspection at Elm Ridge Exploration Companies Ute 2 Location in La Plata County. This is a follow up inspection to inspection doc # 693902435.

During the inspection the following compliance issues were observed
- Weeds

Refer to the "Final Reclamation" section of this inspection report for additional details.

Refer to the photo-documentation of the observed compliance issues attached to this report.

Inspected Facilities									
Facility ID:	214777	Type:	WELL	API Number:	067-06381	Status:	PA	Insp. Status:	RI
The subreport 'InspWellFlowline' could not be found at the specified location \\10.14.12									

Reclamation - Storm Water - Pit**Interim Reclamation:**

Date Interim Reclamation Started: _____ Date Interim Reclamation Completed: _____

Land Use: _____

Comment: _____

1002 SITE PREPARATION AND STABILIZATION

1002a. FENCING _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1002b. SOIL REMOVAL AND
SEGREGATION _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1002c. PROTECTION OF SOILS _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1002E. SURFACE DISTURBANCE MINIMIZATION _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1003a. Waste and Debris removed? _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

Unused or unneeded equipment onsite? _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

Pit, cellars, rat holes and other bores closed? _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

Guy line anchors marked? _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____

Date _____

1003b. Area no longer in use? _____ Production areas stabilized ? _____

1003c. Compacted areas have been cross ripped? _____

1003d. Drilling pit closed? _____ Subsidence over on drill pit? _____

Cuttings management: _____

1003e. Areas no longer needed for drilling or subsequent operations for have been re-vegetated to 80% of pre-existing? _____

Production areas have been stabilized? _____ Segregated soils have been replaced? _____

RESTORATION AND REVEGETATIONCropland

Top soil replaced _____ Recontoured _____ Perennial forage re-established _____

Non-Cropland

Top soil replaced _____ Recontoured _____ 80% Revegetation _____

1003e. INTERIM VEGETATION TRANSECT

TRANSECT RESULTS OF DISTURBED AREA% _____

TRANSECT RESULTS OF REFERENCE AREA% _____

TOTAL % OF DESIRABLE VEGETATION COVER _____

VEGETATIVE COVER _____

1003 f. Weeds Noxious weeds? _____

Comment _____

Corrective Action _____ Date _____

Overall Interim Reclamation

Final Reclamation/ Abandoned Location:

Date Final Reclamation Started: _____ Date Final Reclamation Completed: _____

Final Land Use: _____

Reminder: _____

Comment: _____

Well plugged Pass Pit mouse/rat holes, cellars backfilled _____

Debris removed _____ No disturbance /Location never built _____

Access Roads Regraded _____ Contoured _____ Culverts removed _____

Gravel removed _____

Location and associated production facilities reclaimed _____ Locations, facilities, roads, recontoured _____

Compaction alleviation _____ Dust and erosion control _____

Non cropland: Revegetated 80% In Cropland: perennial forage _____

Weeds present **Fail** Subsidence _____

1004.d. FINAL VEGETATION TRANSECT

TRANSECT RESULTS OF DISTURBED AREA% _____

TRANSECT RESULTS OF REFERENCE AREA% _____

TOTAL % OF DESIRABLE VEGETATION COVER _____

VEGETATIVE COVER _____

Comment:

Inspection doc #693902435 observed noxious weeds including Russian knapweed and musk thistle in the reclaimed areas and required compliance by 12/3/2020. It was observed in this inspection that noxious weeds remain throughout the reclaimed area including Russian knapweed and Musk thistle. Original CA has not been addressed. Original CA and date remains applicable. No CA date is being provided as this location is out of compliance for the same Rule.

Note: other portions of the disturbance show establishment of desirable species including Smooth brome and Rabbit brush.

Corrective Action: **Comply with rule 1004.e, treat/remove weeds.**

Date: _____

Overall Final Reclamation ☐ In Process ☐ Well Release on Active Location ☐ Multi-Well Location ☐

Storm Water:

Loc Erosion BMPs	BMP Maintenance	Lease Road Erosion BMPs	Lease BMP Maintenance	Chemical BMPs	Chemical BMP Maintenance	Comment

Comment: **At the time of the inspection, no storm water erosion issues were observed. Continue monitoring and managing storm water and erosion controls to ensure compliance with storm water regulations.**

Corrective Action:

Date: _____

Pits: ☐ NO SURFACE INDICATION OF PIT

Attached Documents

You can go to ECMC Images (<https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/>) and search by document number:

Document Num	Description	URL
714000987	Inspection Photos	https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=6639436