



# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Energy and Carbon Management Commission

**FROM:** Jerod Smith, Northwest District Manager

**DATE:** September 6, 2023

**RE:** Grassy Creek State 1 (API 107-06001) Reclamation Status

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To whom it may concern: a field inspection report conducted by the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission (now referred to as 'Energy and Carbon Management Commission') on an old oil and gas site, Grassy Creek State 1 (API-10706001), located in the NWNW of Section 31 Township 6 North, Range 86 West, 6th Meridian in Routt County on State Land Board surface and mineral ownership, rated the overall final reclamation as 'failed.' This report was dated May 1st 2023, and was conducted by Anna O'Malley.

This site was plugged in 1989 by Lyster Oil Company, and the reclamation of the site was waived by the State Land Board at the time (see Exhibit A). The State Land Board's grazing lessee, Camilletti and Sons Inc, wanted the site left as a flat surface and to retain the pits for stock watering (see Exhibit B). With this site providing beneficial use to the surface lessee, and therefore the State Land Board, the request to waive the final reclamation of this site (roads and pad site recontoured, compaction alleviation, revegetation, debris removal, dust and erosion control, cellars backfilled, etc) was submitted to and approved by the COGCC at the time.

This site has been utilized by the surface lessee since 1989 as a watering and feed site for cattle, and the old oil and gas road servicing this site has been utilized as well. Based on this use, revegetation of the site is stunted but expected when dense livestock numbers are present. Noxious weed control is also the responsibility of the surface lessee, and should not be the responsibility of Lyster Oil Company.

As the landowner, the State Land Board requests that all reclamation obligations by Lyster Oil Company are removed by the ECMC, as the site in its current state provides a benefit to the surface lessee, and has the potential to be utilized by future lessees for various purposes. Disturbing this site again for reclamation purposes will be a disservice to both the State Land Board and our current and future lessees.

<<END OF MEMORANDUM>>



**LYSTER OIL COMPANY INC.**

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May 17, 1989

Mr. Robert Vaclavik  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
1580 Logan Street, Suite 380  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: Tow Creek State 1-36  
Lease # 72-3415  
Section 31-T6N-R86W  
Routt County, Colorado

State "A"  
Lease # unknown ✓  
Section 31-T6N-R86W  
Routt County, Colorado

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**COLO. OIL & GAS CONS. COMM.**

Dear Mr. Vaclavik,

We have completed the plugging of the subject wells, completed sundry notices for the same and I am enclosing a copy of the letter from Camilletti and Sons Inc., who have the grazing lease on the subject land, regarding leaving the pits for stock water and the gravel pads for future use. If all is in order, please release the bond and forward same to the above address.

Sincerely,

Larry L. Lyster

enc.

May 16, 1989

Mr. Louis Ladwig  
State Board of Land Commissioners  
1313 Sherman Street, Room 620  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Ladwig,

I have been in contact with Larry L. Lyster in regards to the plug and abandonment of the State A well in Section 31-6N-86W and the State 1-36 in Section 31-6N-86W in Routt County, Colorado.

I am requesting the following:

1. The pits be left for stock water.
2. The gravel pads be left in place for future use on roads.
3. The 'dead man' anchors have been removed at my request.

I have observed the clean up reclamation and reseeding and am satisfied that all work has been done properly and the reseeding will be successful as we got good rain following shortly after the reseeding was done.

Sincerely,

*Frank Camilletti & Sons inc*  
*Frank H Camilletti*

Frank Camilletti  
21490 U. S. Highway 40  
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

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