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**State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**

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**FIELD INSPECTION FORM**

Loc ID 325440 Inspector Name: Mcdonough, Corey On-Site Inspection  2A Doc Num: \_\_\_\_\_

**Status Summary:**

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

**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

**Findings:**

- 5 Number of Comments
- 2 Number of Corrective Actions
- Corrective Action Response Requested

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

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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 7/23/2025 Reclamation Specialist Corey McDonough conducted a Final Reclamation Inspection at Elm Ridge Exploration Companies Ute 2 Location in La Plata County, Colorado.

This is a follow up inspection to inspection doc # 714000981. Any Corrective Actions from previous inspections that have not been addressed are still applicable.

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 REVEGETATION

Cropland

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 Inspection doc #714000981 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 knoxious weeds remain in large patches throughout the reclaimed area including Russian knapweed, Musk thistle and Jointed Goatgrass. 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.

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

	<p>A vegetation transect was conducted at the center point of the project. Transect shows that center portion of the project area has met final reclamation vegetation standards, however majority of the northwest corner of the project area remains with weedy Kochia vegetation and does not meet final reclamation standards. Additional management of weedy Kochia and seeding efforts are needed in this area.</p>	
Corrective Action:	<p>Comply with Rule 1004. Reseed disturbance areas using a seed mixture requested by the surface owner, or a mixture prescribed by the local county NRCS. Establish vegetation with total perennial, non-invasive uniform plant cover of at least eighty (80) percent of reference area levels. Ensure erosion controls are implemented to stabilize the seeded soil. Operator shall continue to monitor and manage this site until the location meets Rule 1004 standards, including stormwater and weed management.</p>	Date _____
<p>Overall Final Reclamation <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Well Release on Active Location <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Well Location <input type="checkbox"/></p>		

**Storm Water:**

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

Comment:	<p>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.</p>	
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
404294436	INSPECTION SUBMITTED	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7161249">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7161249</a>
714002335	Inspection Photos	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7161240">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7161240</a>
714002336	Transect Data	<a href="https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7161243">https://ecmc.state.co.us/weblink/DownloadDocumentPDF.aspx?DocumentId=7161243</a>