

**APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION, UTILITY SYSTEMS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND FACILITIES
ON FEDERAL LANDS AND PROPERTY**

FORM APPROVED
OMB Control Number: 0596-0249
Expiration Date: 1/31/2027

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NOTE: Before completing and filing the application for an authorization (easement, right-of-way, lease, license or permit), the applicant should completely review this package, including instructions, and schedule a pre-application meeting with representatives of the agency responsible for processing the application. Each agency may have specific and unique requirements to be met in preparing and processing the application. Many times, with the help of the agency representative, the application can be completed at the pre-application meeting.

Application Number

Date Filed
3/26/2025

1. Name and address of applicant

Noble Energy, Incorporated
1099 18th Street, Suite 1500
Denver, CO 80202

2. Name and address of authorized agent if different from item 1

3. Applicant telephone number and email:
303-596-4818
tracey.fallang@chevron.com

Authorized agent telephone number and email:

4. As applicant are you? (check one)

- a. Individual
b. Corporation*
c. Partnership/Association*
d. State Government/State Agency
e. Local Government
f. Federal Agency

* If checked, complete supplemental page

5. Specify what application is for: (check one)

- a. New authorization
b. Renewing existing authorization number
c. Amend existing authorization number
d. Assign existing authorization number
e. Existing use for which no authorization has been received *
f. Other*

* If checked, provide details under item 7

6. If an individual, or partnership, are you a citizen(s) of the United States? Yes No

7. Project description (describe in detail): (a) Type of use or occupancy, (e.g., canal, pipeline, road, telecommunications); (b) related structures and facilities; (c) physical specifications (Length, width, grading, etc.); (d) term of days/years needed; (e) time of year of use or operation; (f) Volume or amount of product to be transported; (g) duration and timing of construction; and (h) temporary work areas needed for activity/construction (Attach additional sheets, if additional space is needed.)

Noble Energy, Inc. is requesting a new authorization on the Pawnee National Grasslands from the United State Forest Service. Noble will be re-entering and re-plugging the USA 1 well (API 123-07092) as per a condition of approval from the Energy Carbon and Management Commission which requires this well, which was plugged in 1969 by Western Resources, to be remediated prior to hydraulic fracturing operations on eight federal wells that will begin January of 2026.

- a) Re-occupy of reclaimed well pad
b) No related structures/facilities
c) 400' x 400' area around the wellhead is needed for a workover rig; approximate distance of the access is 0.2 miles.
d) <1 year with option to extend if additional reclamation work is required.
e) 4th quarter 2025
f) N/A
g) and h) No construction is planned; workover could take 30-45 days; no additional temporary work areas are needed.

8. Attach a map covering area and show location of project proposal.

9. State or Local government approval: Attached Applied for Not Required

10. Nonrefundable application fee: Attached Not required To be determined by agency

11. Does project cross international boundary or affect international waterways? Yes No (if "yes," indicate on map)

12. Give statement of your technical and financial capability to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate system for which authorization is being requested.

Noble Energy, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Chevron U.S.A. Inc., has the technical and financial capability to complete the re-entry operation and conduct if needed, any associated reclamation efforts from the plugging operation.

13a. Describe other alternative locations considered.

N/A

b. Why were these alternatives not selected?

N/A

c. Give explanation as to why it is necessary to use or occupy Federal assets (lands or buildings).

The Energy and Carbon Management Commission is requiring the well to be re-entered and re-plugged before Noble can hydraulically fracture its federal wells.

14. List authorizations and pending applications filed for similar projects which may provide information to the authorizing agency. (Specify number, date, code, or name)

N/A - Noble Energy, Inc. has not submitted a similar application previously.

15. Provide statement of need for project, including the economic feasibility and items such as: (a) cost of proposal (construction, operation, and maintenance); (b) estimated cost of next best alternative; and (c) expected public benefits.

See explanation in 13.c above.

16. Describe probable effects on the population in the area, including the social and economic aspects, and the rural lifestyles.

N/A - No impacts to rural lifestyles are expected.

17. Describe likely environmental effects that the proposed project will have on: (a) air quality; (b) visual impact; (c) surface and ground water quality and quantity; (d) the control or structural change on any stream or other body of water; (e) existing noise levels; and (f) the surface of the land, including vegetation, permafrost, soil, and soil stability; and, (g) historic or archaeological resources or properties.

N/A - There will be no environmental effects. Noble Energy, Inc. will be conducting an archaeology inventory to ensure no historic properties are disturbed. There will be no long-term effects due to the short duration of the project and minimal associated disturbance.

18. Describe the probable effects that the proposed project will have on (a) populations of fish, plant life, wildlife, and marine life, including threatened and endangered species; and (b) marine mammals, including hunting, capturing, collecting, or killing these animals.

N/A

19. State whether any hazardous material, as defined in this paragraph, would be used, produced, transported or stored on or in a federal building or federal lands or would be used in connection with the proposed use or occupancy. "Hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws. The holder shall not store any hazardous materials at the site without prior written approval from the authorized officer. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the authorized officer provides approval, this permit shall include (or in the case of approval provided after this permit is issued, shall be amended to include) specific terms addressing the storage of hazardous materials, including the specific type of materials to be stored, the volume, the type of storage, and a spill plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

No hazardous substance as defined by CERCLA or any hazardous solid waster as defined by RCRA will be used or at any time transported within the Right of Way.

20. Name all the Federal Department(s)/Agency(ies) where this application is being filed.

Forest Service, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, 2150 Centre Avenue, Bldg. E Fort Collins, CO 80526

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I am of legal age and authorized to do business in the State and that I have personally examined the information contained in the application and believe that the information submitted is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant

Tracey Fallang

Digitally signed by Tracey Fallang
Date: 2025.03.28 09:46:37 -06'00'

Date

3/28/2025

Title 18, U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

Plan of Development for USA 1

1. Project Overview

- **Well Name:** USA 1
- **API Number:** 05-123-07092
- **Operator Proposing Activity:** Noble Energy, Incorporated
- **Location:** Weld County, Colorado
- **Original Plugging Date:** 1969
- **Previous Operator:** Western Resources, Inc.
- **Schedule:** November 2025 (January hydraulic fracture)
- **Duration:** 30-45 days

2. Access Road and Route Description

- **Starting Point:** Intersection of CR 115 and Hwy 14
- **Route:**
 - Head north along CR 115 for 5.1 miles to an existing access.
 - Traverse north, then west, south and west again for 1.2 miles to a proposed access on the south.
 - From the proposed access point, traverse approximately 0.2 miles south to the USA 1 well.

3. Road Construction and Maintenance

- **Disturbance Proposed:** No grading or new disturbance is currently proposed. No culverts, drainage structures, or low water crossings will be installed.
- **Track Pads:** Will be placed from the point where the existing access road ends to the well site if deemed necessary.
- **T-Posts:** Installed every 100 feet on each side of the road to ensure traffic stays along the old two-track.
- **Road Base:** If necessary due to inclement weather conditions, road base may be laid on the 0.2-mile segment.
- **Season Use:** 4th quarter 2025

4. Well Site Disturbance

- **Area of Disturbance:** 400 feet x 400 feet around the plugged and abandoned well.
- **Disturbance Proposed:** Minimal disturbance expected due to the re-entry process.

- **Fencing:** A wildlife safe string fence will surround the 400 feet x 400 feet area to ensure operations contained and minimize disturbance. If less area is needed, the fencing will be reduced to accommodate the smaller area of disturbance.
- **Permanent Fencing:** May be needed for seeding and reclamation depending on the disturbance around the well.
- **Proposed Downhole Work- Casing Extension and Downhole Abandonment Process:** A procedure will be submitted to the Energy and Carbon Management Commission for approval of the re-entry prior to work initiation.

5. Environmental Considerations

- **Mitigation Measures:** Track pads will be used if necessary, depending on weather conditions.
- **Archeological Evaluation and Site Clearance:** A third-party is contracted to conduct a Class III archaeological inventory.
- **Consultation with SHPO and Approval**
- **Pre-Mob Wildlife Evaluation and Protection:** A third-party is contracted to conduct any wildlife surveys requested by the Forest Service prior to mobilization of the rig.
- **Soil sampling:** Noble conducts soil sampling prior to re-entry and after the workover is complete. Pre and post samples are collected from the four walls of the excavation and the floor of the excavation.

6. Reclamation Plan

- **Recontouring and Seeding:** Permanent fencing may be required to protect seeded areas and ensure successful reclamation. Noble will consult as necessary to get the USFS recommended seed mix.
- **Stormwater Controls and BMPs:** If areas of erosion concern are identified on the road and or pad area disturbance, appropriate control measures (CMs) will be implemented as site conditions dictate. Standard BMPs could include straw mulch, sediment basins and swales. These structures will be installed as necessary and maintained until disturbed areas have been revegetated and stabilized
- **Monitoring:** Regular monitoring of the reclamation area to ensure compliance with environmental regulations.
- **FAN**

7. Contact Information

- **Project Manager:** Tracey Fallang
- **Contact Number:** 303-496-4818
- **Email:** tracey.fallang@chevron.com

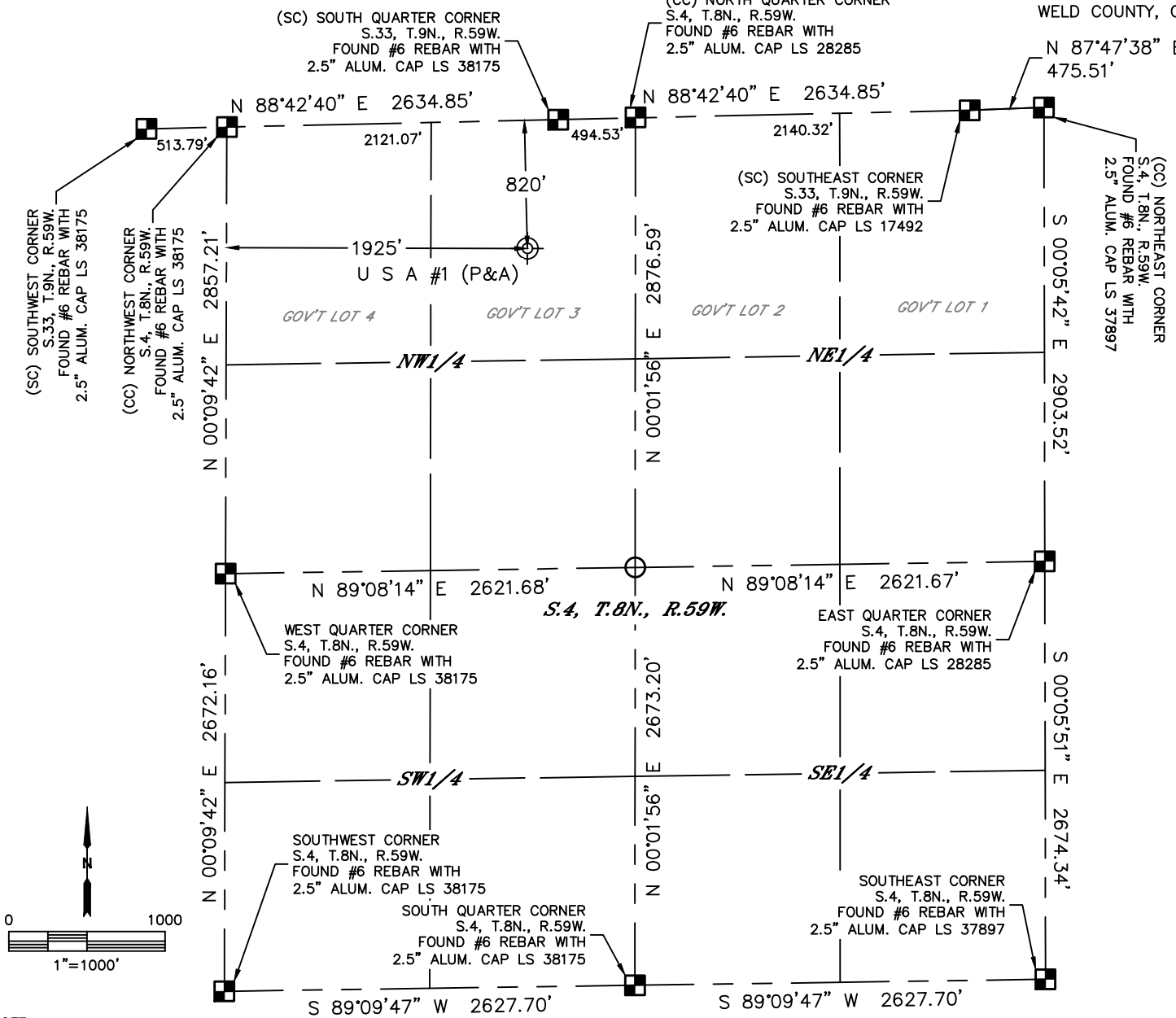


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PLUGGED AND ABANDONED WELL EXHIBIT

USA #1

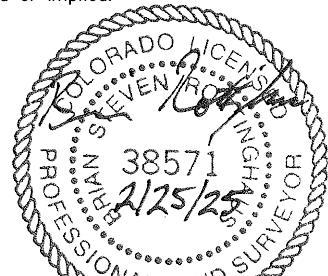
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TOWNSHIP: 8N
RANGE: 59W
6TH. P.M.
WELD COUNTY, CO



- NOTE:
- 1) Bearings shown are Grid Bearings of the Colorado State Plane Coordinate System, North Zone, North American Datum 1983. The lineal dimensions as contained herein are based upon the "U.S. Survey Foot."
 - 2) Distances to section lines measured at 90 degrees from said section lines.
 - 3) Ground elevations are based on an observed GPS elevation (NAVD 1988 DATUM).
 - 4) Latitude and Longitude shown are (NAD 83 DATUM).
 - 5) Sectional data as shown hereon is from previous surveys and was not verified for this P&A Exhibit.
 - 6) This map does not represent a boundary survey.
 - 7) According to Colorado law, you must commence any legal action based upon any defect in this W.L.C. within three years after you discover such defect. In no event, may any action based upon any defect in this survey be commenced more than ten years after the date of the certificate shown hereon. (13-80-105 C.R.S.)

SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT
I, Brian S. Rottinghaus, a Colorado Licensed Professional Land Surveyor, do hereby state that this P&A Exhibit was prepared from an actual field survey by me or under my personal supervision on the date shown hereon, and correctly shows the P&A location as staked on the ground in relation to the existing section line monumentation as indicated hereon, all this to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. That this is not a Land Survey Plat or an Improvement Survey Plat, and that it is not to be relied upon for establishment of fence, building, or other future improvement lines. This certificate is not a guaranty or warranty, either expressed or implied.

| CLIENT: CHEVRON ROCKIES BUSINESS UNIT | | | | LANDMAN: CHRIS DEMARY | | | | | |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------|------|--------|
| INSTRUMENT OPERATOR: DUSTIN SIMON | | | | SURVEY DATE: 2/13/2025 | | SURFACE USE: RANGELAND | | | |
| SHL FOOTAGE | SHL LAT° | SHL LONG° | SHL PDOP | SHL ELEV.(FT.) | SHL 1/4/1/4 | SHL S-T-R | | | |
| 820 | FNL | 1925 | FWL | 40.69708 | -103.98353 | 1.4 | 4853 | NENW | 4-8-59 |
| DESCRIPTION: FOUND STRONG METAL DETECTOR RING AT NOTED POSITION. FOUND 1FT DIAMETER HOLE THAT IS 8FT DEEP APPROXIMATELY 2FT SOUTH OF P&A LOCATION. ALSO FOUND OTHER LARGER RINGS IN AREA. | | | | | | | | | |



SHEET 1 OF 2
Brian S. Rottinghaus—On behalf of Lat40°, Inc.
Colorado Licensed Professional Land Surveyor DATE: 2/25/2025
Land Surveyor No. 38571 PROJECT#: 2025049

LEGEND
 = ALIQUOT MONUMENT AS DESCRIBED
 = ABANDONED WELL
 = CALCULATED POSITION



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VIEW NORTH



VIEW WEST



VIEW EAST



VIEW SOUTH



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ACCESS ROAD MAP-B

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