

Authorization ID: PAW171
Contact Name: NOBLE ENERGY INC
Expiration Date: 08/31/2026
Use Code: 411

FS-2700-25 (09/2020)
OMB NO. 0596-0082

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE**

**TEMPORARY SPECIAL - USE PERMIT
AUTHORITY: ORGANIC ADMINISTRATION ACT of JUNE 4, 1897**

NOBLE ENERGY, INC., hereinafter called the Holder, is hereby authorized to use, subject to the terms and conditions of this permit, National Forest System lands identified within the **PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND** and described as

T. 8 N., R. 59 W., 6th PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,
Section 4, Lot 3;
Section 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

as shown on the attached **Exhibit A**. This authorization covers approximately 4 acres.

The Holder is authorized to conduct the following activities and/or install the following temporary improvements on the permitted area:

Access with temporary use and occupancy of a Work Area about 300 feet by 300 feet at each of two plugged and abandoned oil and gas well locations - WELD PAWNEE #11-8 (API# 05-123-14194) and USA #1 (API# 05-123-07092) - for the purposes of well bore entry, evaluation, and plugging for remediation required by State oil and gas regulations. Access routes to the Work Areas are shown on Exhibit A - Map.

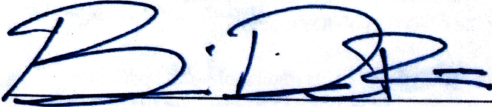
TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Use under this permit shall begin on **N/A** and end on **08/31/2026**. The permit shall not be extended.
- B. The fee for this use is **\$474.81**. It shall be paid in advance and is not refundable.
- C. The Holder shall conduct the authorized activities according to the attached approved plans and specifications, **Exhibit(s) A & B**.
- D. The Holder shall not install any improvements not specifically identified and approved above.

- E. No soil, trees, or other vegetation may be destroyed or removed from National Forest System lands without specific prior written permission from the authorized officer.
- F. The Holder shall comply with all Federal, State, county, and municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations which are applicable to the area or operations covered by this permit.
- G. The Holder shall maintain the improvements and premises to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer. The Holder shall fully repair and bear the expense for all damage, other than ordinary wear and tear, to National Forest System lands, roads and trails caused by the Holder's activities.
- H. The Holder has the responsibility of inspecting the use area and adjoining areas for dangerous trees, hanging limbs, and other evidence of hazardous conditions which would pose a risk of injury to individuals. After securing permission from the authorized officer, the Holder shall remove such hazards.
- I. The Holder shall be liable for any damage suffered by the United States resulting from or related to use of this permit, including damages to National Forest resources and costs of fire suppression.
- J. The Holder shall hold harmless the United States from any liability from damage to life or property arising from the Holder's occupancy or use of National Forest lands under this permit.
- K. The Holder agrees to permit the free and unrestricted access to and upon the premises at all times for all lawful and proper purposes not inconsistent with the intent of the permit or with the reasonable exercise and enjoyment by the Holder of the privileges thereof.
- L. This permit is subject to all valid existing rights and claims outstanding in third parties.
- M. This permit may be revoked upon breach of any of the conditions herein or at the discretion of the authorized officer. Upon expiration or revocation of this permit, the Holder shall immediately remove all improvements except those owned by the United States, and shall restore the site within 60 day(s), unless otherwise agreed upon in writing. If the Holder fails to remove the improvements, they shall become the property of the United States, but that will not relieve the Holder of liability for the cost of their removal and restoration of the site.
- N. This permit is a license for the use of federally owned land. It does not grant any interest in real property. This permit is not transferable. The Holder shall not enter into any agreements with third parties for occupancy of the authorized premises and improvements.
- O. Appeal of any provisions of this permit or any requirements thereof shall be subject to the appeal regulations at 36 CFR 214, or revisions thereof.
- P. This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set forth herein and **Exhibit(s) A & B** attached to and made a part of this permit.
- Q. The above clauses shall control if they conflict with additional clauses or provisions.

I have read and understand the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them.

HOLDER



By:

9.12.25

Date:

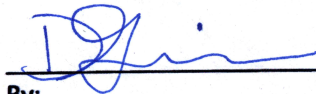
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service



By:

9/12/25

Date:

Name: **Dana Guinn**
Title: **District Ranger, Pawnee National Grassland**
(Authorized Officer)

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Exhibit A - Map

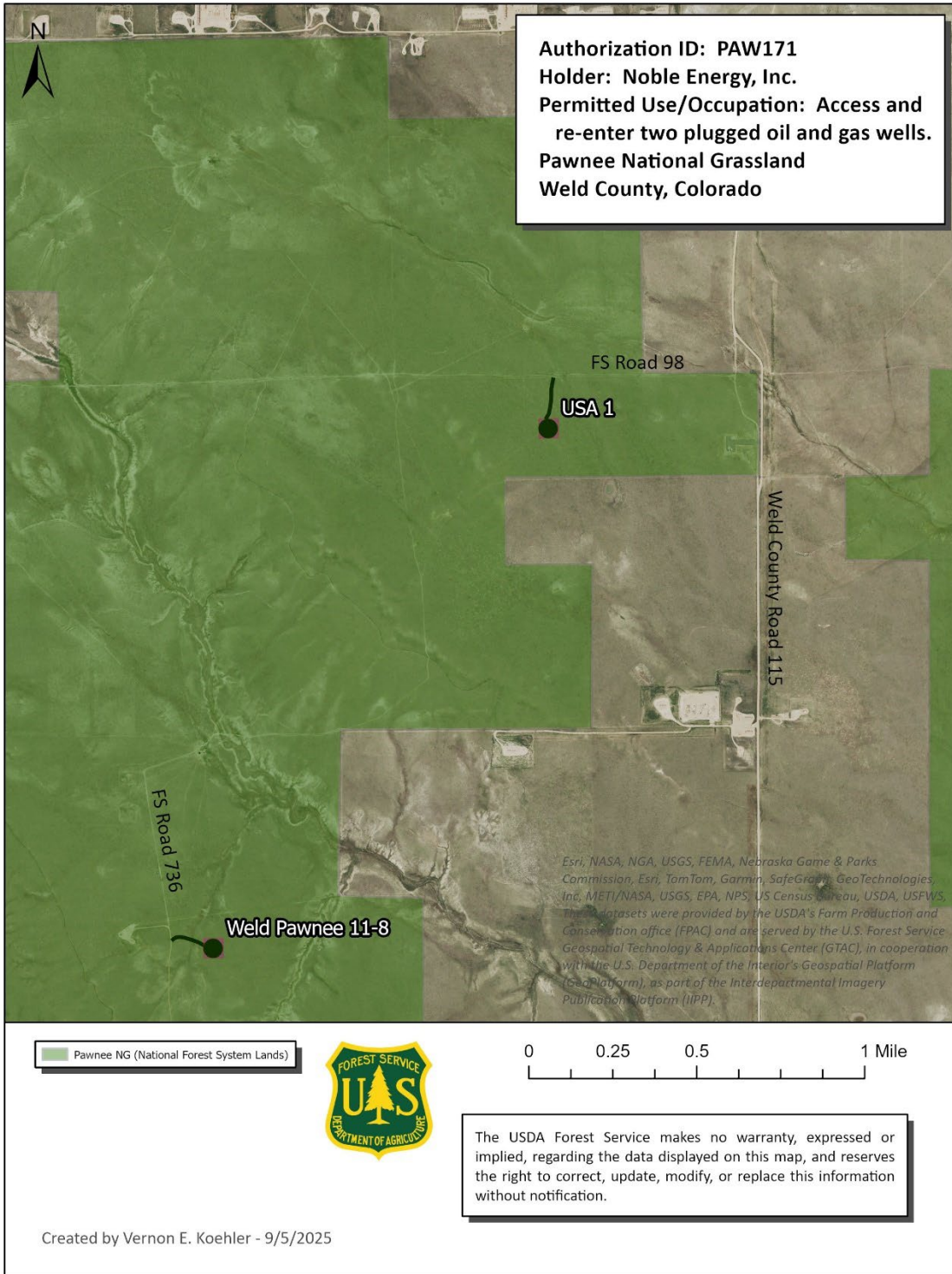


Exhibit B – Supplemental Terms and Conditions

1. Where contact with the Forest Service is described herein, the Holder shall contact the Pawnee National Grassland Minerals & Lands Staff Officer at 719-252-4778 or vernon.koehler@usda.gov.
2. The Holder shall notify the Forest Service at least 3 business days before moving onto either location.
3. At least 24 hours before moving onto the first location, the Holder, the Forest Service, and the BLM shall participate in a pre-work call (phone or Teams) to discuss the overall plan, timeline, subsequent operations, elements of the permit, etc.
4. All vehicles and equipment used for permitted activities shall be power washed before entering National Forest System lands to reduce the chance of introducing weed seeds or other propagules. Such vehicles and equipment shall not be washed or cleaned on National Forest System lands. The Forest Service may inspect such vehicles and equipment before they enter onto National Forest System lands.
5. The Holder must receive advance, written approval from the Forest Service before disposing of or removing from National Forest System lands any soil, rock, etc. left-over or unused after permit activities are completed.
6. The Holder shall ensure that appropriate precautions are taken to avoid accidentally starting a wildfire. Such precautions may include, among others, not parking any vehicle where dried or cured vegetation could touch any portion of the vehicle's exhaust system, completely extinguishing all smoking materials, etc. The costs of fire suppression and/or damages may be charged to the entity responsible for causing a wildfire. If a fire is started or discovered, call 9-1-1, and then notify Northern Colorado Interagency Fire Dispatch at 970-295-6800 immediately thereafter.
7. The Holder shall notify the Forest Service in the event of a wildfire within 24 hours.
8. No off-road travel or travel on roads that are not open to the public is allowed except where needed to access the Work Areas via the designated access routes shown on Exhibit A. The designated access routes shall be clearly marked and shall provide one route in and the same route out of the Work Areas. The designated access routes to Work Areas shall align with areas surveyed for archaeological resources in consultation with Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer.
9. Except for access to the Work Areas, all permit activities shall be limited to the Work Areas, each of which is approximately 300 feet by 300 feet and centered on the well bore.
10. Travel on National Forest System lands shall be limited to when the ground is dry and wheel ruts do not exceed 1 inch in depth.
11. To minimize soil compaction and damage to vegetation, track pads shall be utilized on the two-track access routes shown on Exhibit A.
12. The Holder shall clearly mark the perimeter of the Work Areas in manner that's minimally impactful on wildlife, particularly pronghorn and deer, and in such a way that any livestock in the area would not be harmed.
13. The Holder shall mark a corridor within which all equipment and vehicles shall travel to and from the nearest Forest Service (FS) Road and the Work Space for each well location.
14. If livestock are present, a temporary fence shall be utilized around the Work Areas to exclude livestock. In that case, the Holder shall contact the Forest Service to discuss an acceptable fence

design. Such fencing shall be removed within 14 days after plugging activities at the well location are completed, unless directed otherwise by the Authorized Officer.

15. While avoidance and limited flight responses are expected, no wildlife or livestock shall be unduly disturbed or harassed by any permitted activities.
16. The Holder shall notify the Forest Service within 24 hours of any leak, spill, or other release. This notification does not relieve the Holder of any reporting requirements to other agencies.
17. All equipment, supplies, etc. shall be removed from National Forest System lands within 30 days of plugging the well.
18. Any trash shall be removed from National Forest System lands daily unless it can be stored in a suitable covered container that won't allow trash to blow away on the wind and that keeps the trash from getting wet from precipitation.
19. Should any resource damage occur (such as soil erosion or vegetation loss), the Holder may be required to restore or reclaim such damage. The Forest Service would, in that instance, direct the Holder as to the appropriate restoration or reclamation expectations such as mulching, seeding, and fencing requirements as well as what satisfactory repair or reclamation looks like. If extensive reclamation should be needed, this could take 2 or more growing seasons, and an additional permit may be needed.
20. To protect nesting birds and denning swift foxes, no permit activities are allowed from March 1 through August 15. The Authorized Officer could provide an exception if surveys for nesting/breeding birds were conducted by a qualified third-party wildlife biologist at the Holder's expense. In the event such surveys identified nesting/breeding birds, avoidance buffers and/or timing limitations on permit activities could be recommended by the 3rd party biologist but must be accepted by the Forest Service and sent to the Holder in writing.
21. If a swift fox den is found within 200 yards of the Work Spaces or access roads, the Holder shall notify the Forest Service immediately.