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Application for an Order Establishing
Spacing and Well Location Rules for the
Mancos Group

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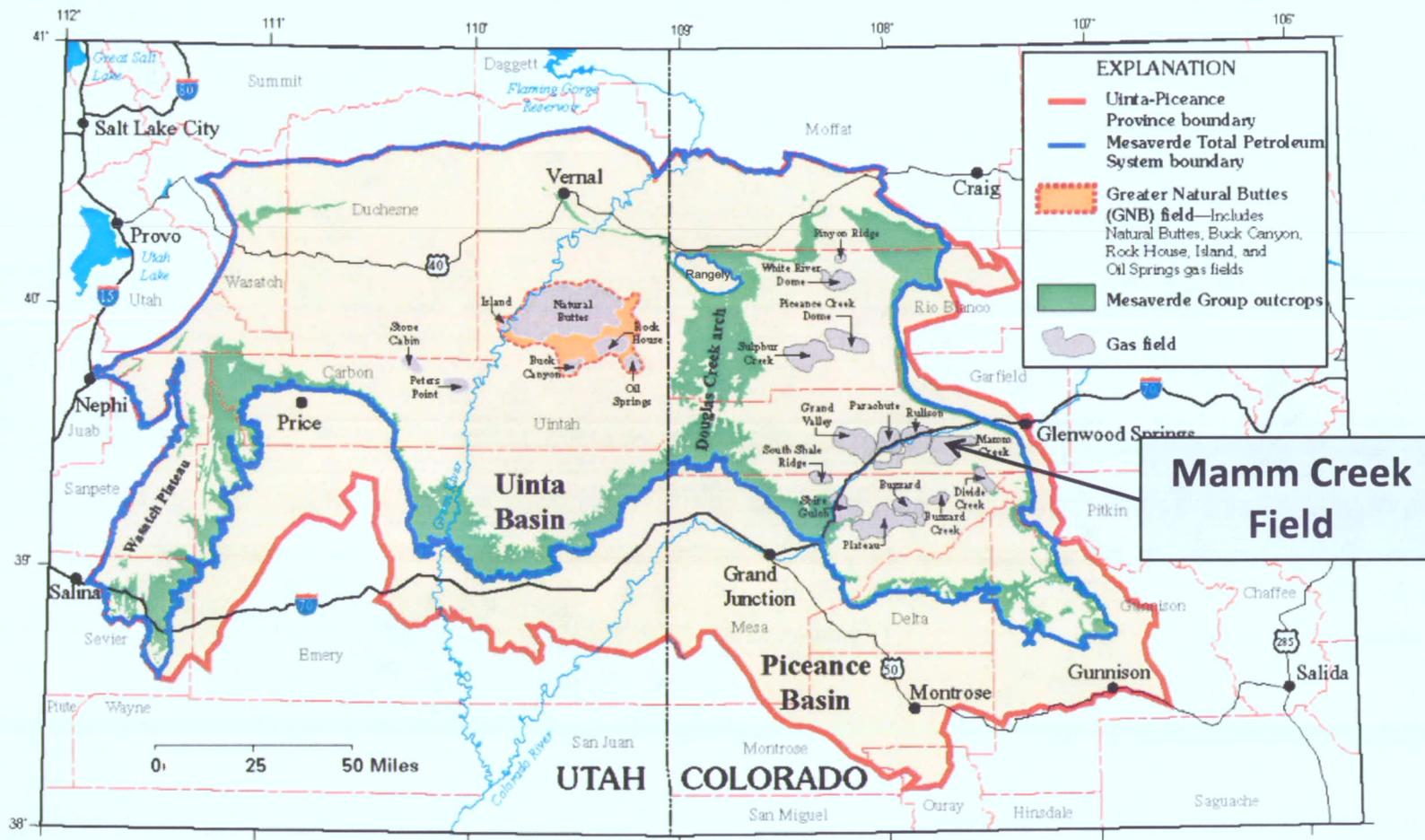
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Piceance and Uinta Basin Locator Map

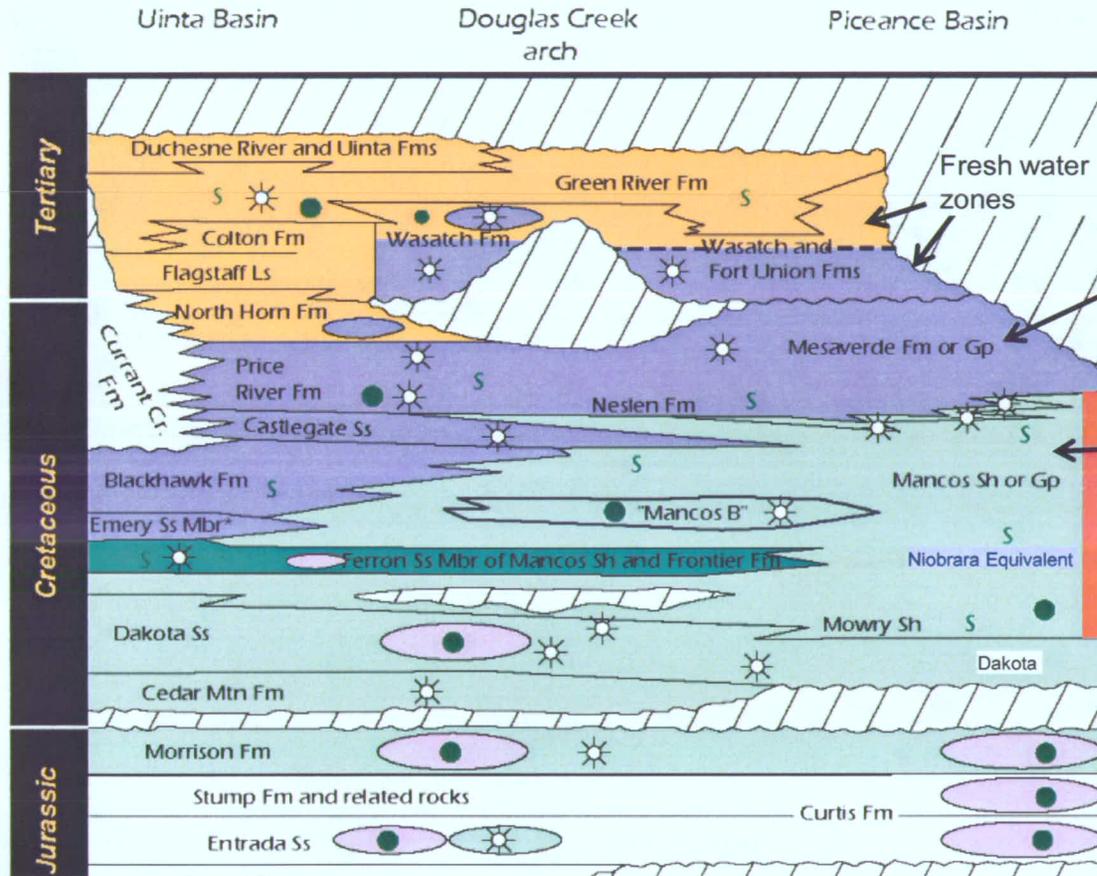


From USGS DDS-69-B

Thick deposits of the Mancos Group including the Mancos Shale through the Mowry Shale interval underlie this entire area

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Basin Locator Map

Stratigraphic Column of Uinta-Piceance Hydrocarbon Province



Mesaverde Group

- Non-marine fluvial to marginal marine shoreline deposition
- Sandstone and coal dominated tight gas reservoirs

Mancos Group – Eastern Piceance

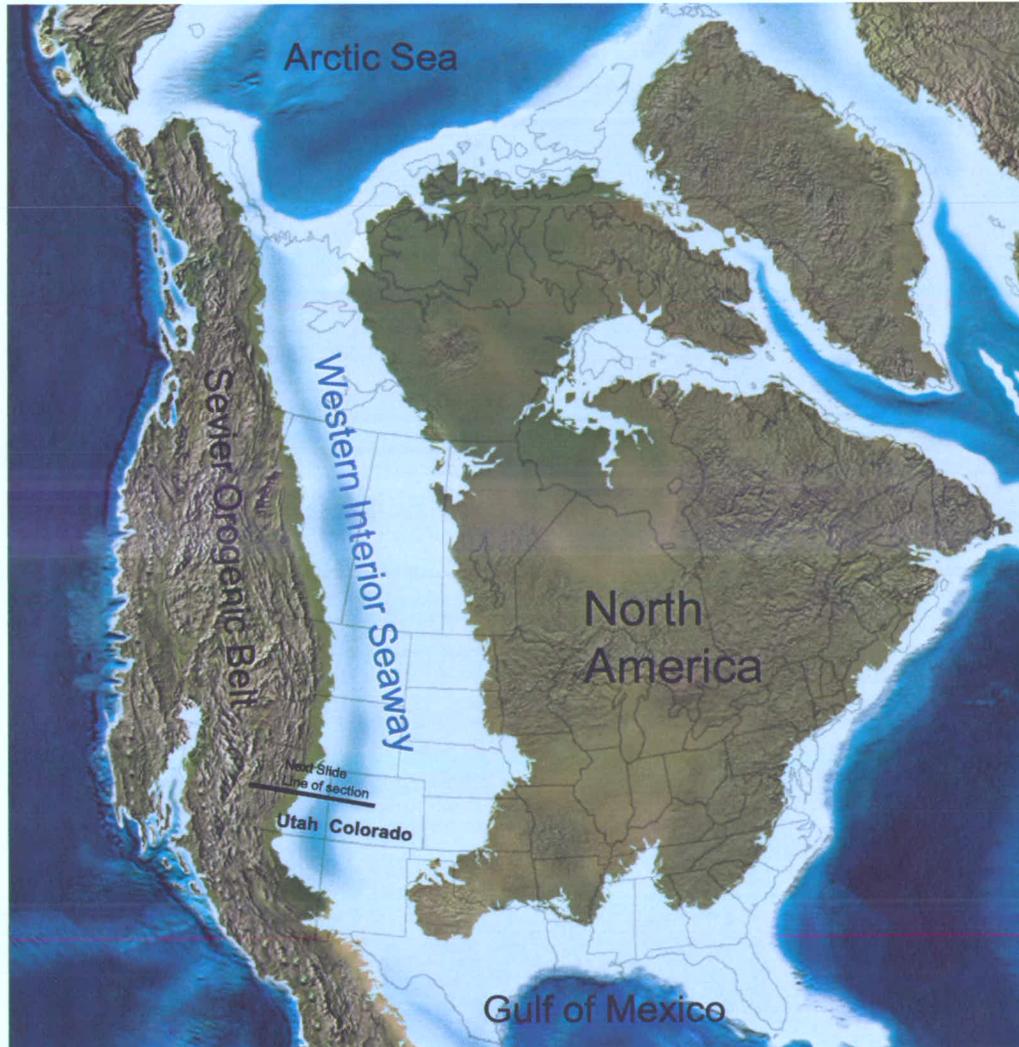
- Includes Mancos Shale, Niobrara Equivalent, and Mowry Shale
- Marine deposition basinward of shorelines in a shallow to deep shelf ramp setting
- Distal sandstone, siltstone, and shale tight gas reservoirs
- Self sourcing when sufficiently buried to generate hydrocarbons

Modified From USGS DDS-69-B

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Stratigraphic Column

Mancos Depositional Setting

Late Cretaceous 85 Million Years Ago



- The Mancos Shale and its equivalents were deposited across a broad area of western North America within the confines of the Western Interior Seaway.

- The Sevier Orogenic Belt uplift was the source of sediment that was eventually transported and deposited into the seaway.

Paleogeographic Map
By Dr. Ron Blakey
Northern Arizona University

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Mancos Depositional Setting

Mancos/Mowry Marine Shale Depositional Model

- Oxygenated, shallow shelf setting
- Storm dominated depositional processes disperse sand, silt, mud, and organic materials to deeper water

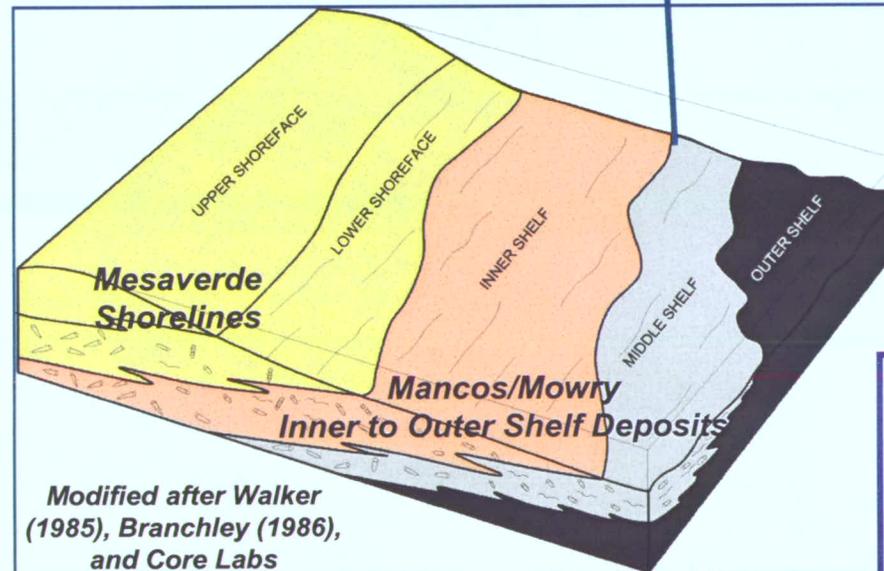
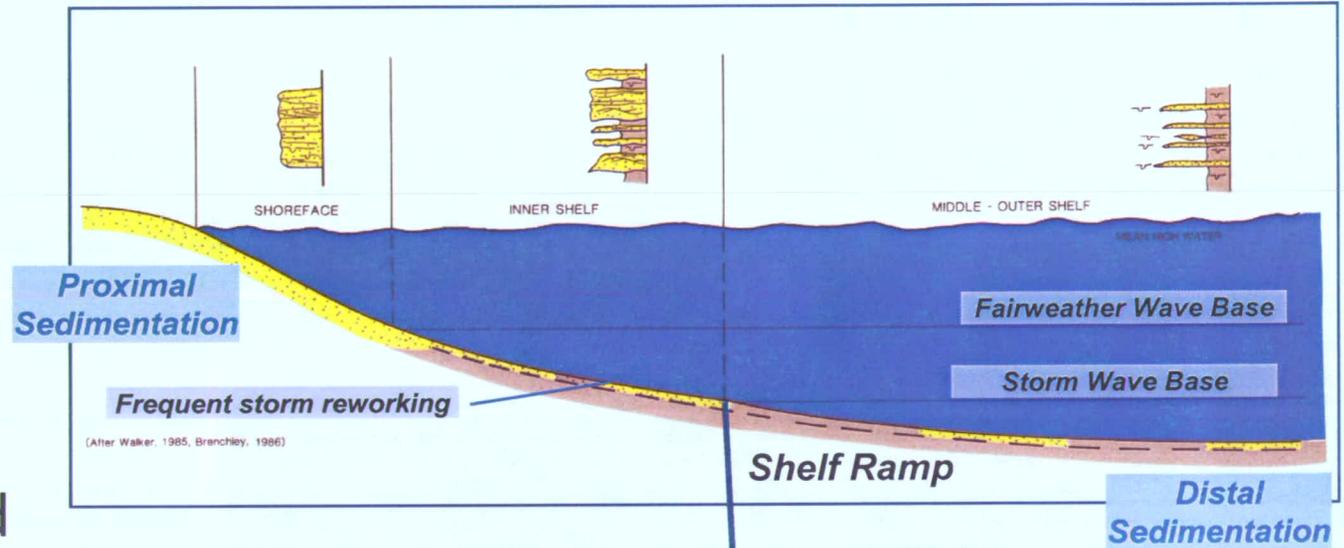
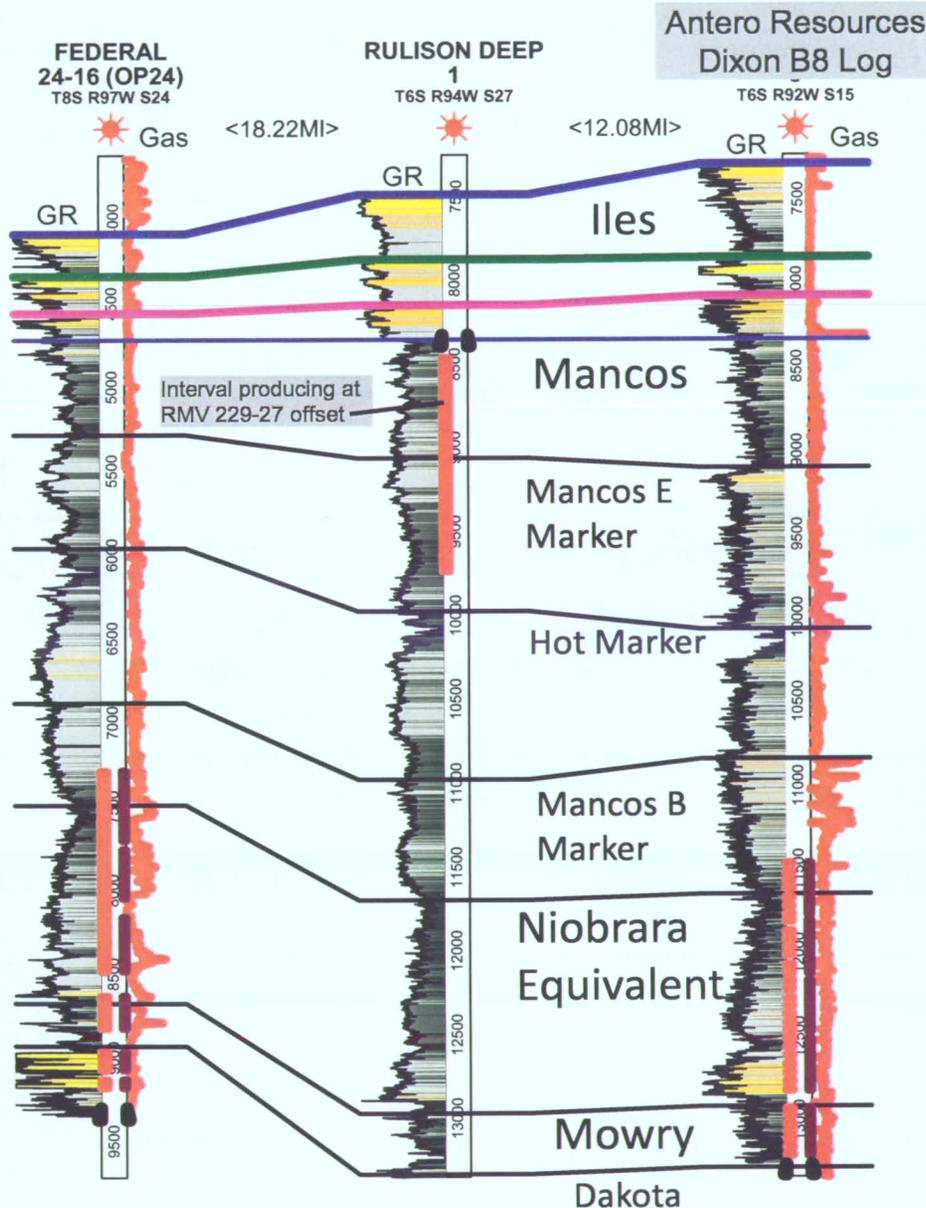


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Mancos Shale Depositional Model

E-W Log section from Orchard to N. Mamm Creek



Regional cross section along the Colorado River corridor through deep wells

- Mancos very fine grained “mudrock” lithologies are present regionally
- Distal sediment packages are correlative in bulk packages
- All 3 wells are producing from or tested gas shows in the Mancos/Mowry interval

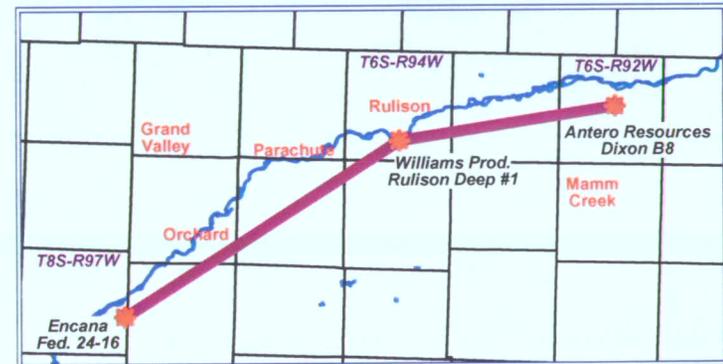


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E-W Mancos Log X-Section

Basic Gas Storage and Flow in Gas Shale Reservoirs

Shale reservoirs store gas in multiple ways

- Sorbed gas molecules physically adhere to the internal pore surfaces of organic material, generally < 50 nanometers (50×10^{-9} meters) in size
 - A methane molecule is 0.38 nanometers
 - Compressed or free gas is stored in the open porosity in the inorganic matrix
 - Compressed or free gas is stored in open natural fractures of various size and origin
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- Gas moves through the shale reservoir by several transfer mechanisms
 - Diffusion processes for pore space < 50 nanometer
 - Diffusion and Darcy flow processes for pore space > 50 nanometer
 - Darcy flow processes for natural fractures

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Gas Shale Storage and Flow

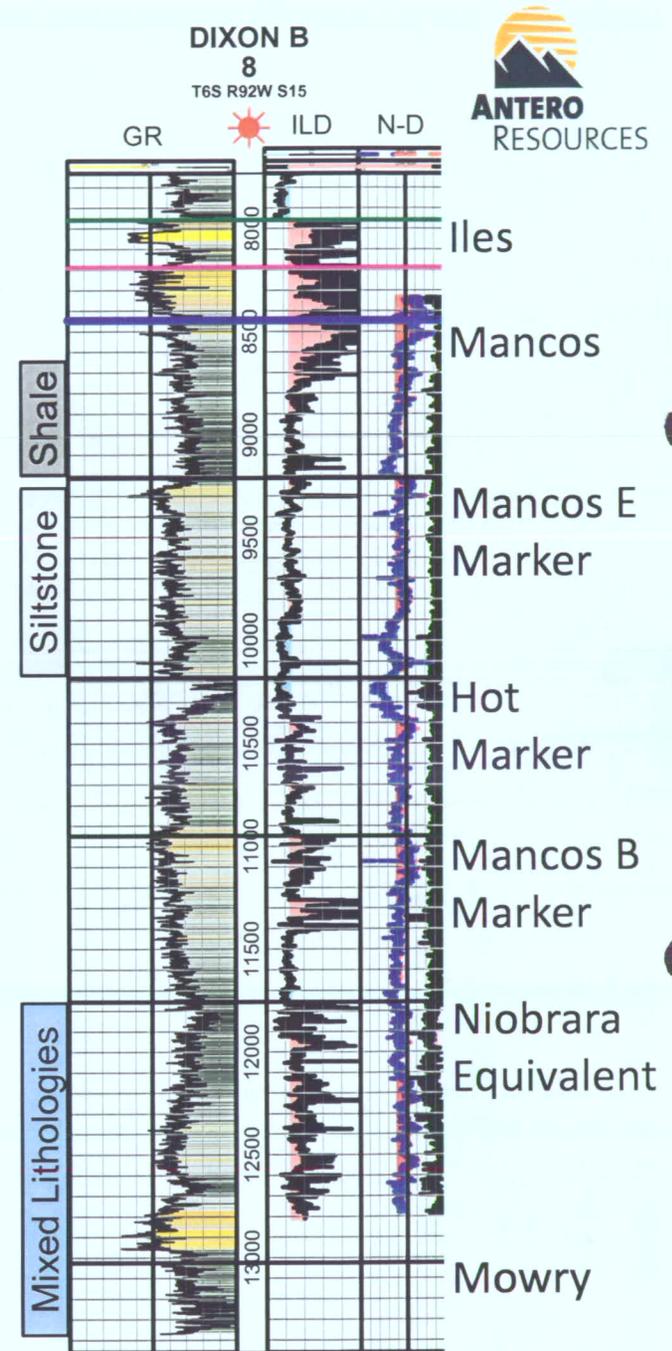
North Mamm Creek

E. Piceance Basin Mancos/Mowry

Antero Resources Dixon B8 Type Log

- Top Mancos Shale to base Mowry = 4800'
- Offshore marine shelf environments dominate deposition
- Mudrock lithologies consisting of silt to clay sized particles dominate
- Organic matter present in all lithologies
 - Higher thermal maturity and kerogen type favors gas production
 - Mowry and Niobrara Equiv. intervals contain best source rocks regionally
- Reservoir contains both adsorbed and free gas
- Very low K relative to Mesaverde reservoirs
 - nanodarcy (10^{-9}) versus microdarcy (10^{-6})
- Natural Fractures have been identified in all lithologies

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Mancos /Mowry Type Log

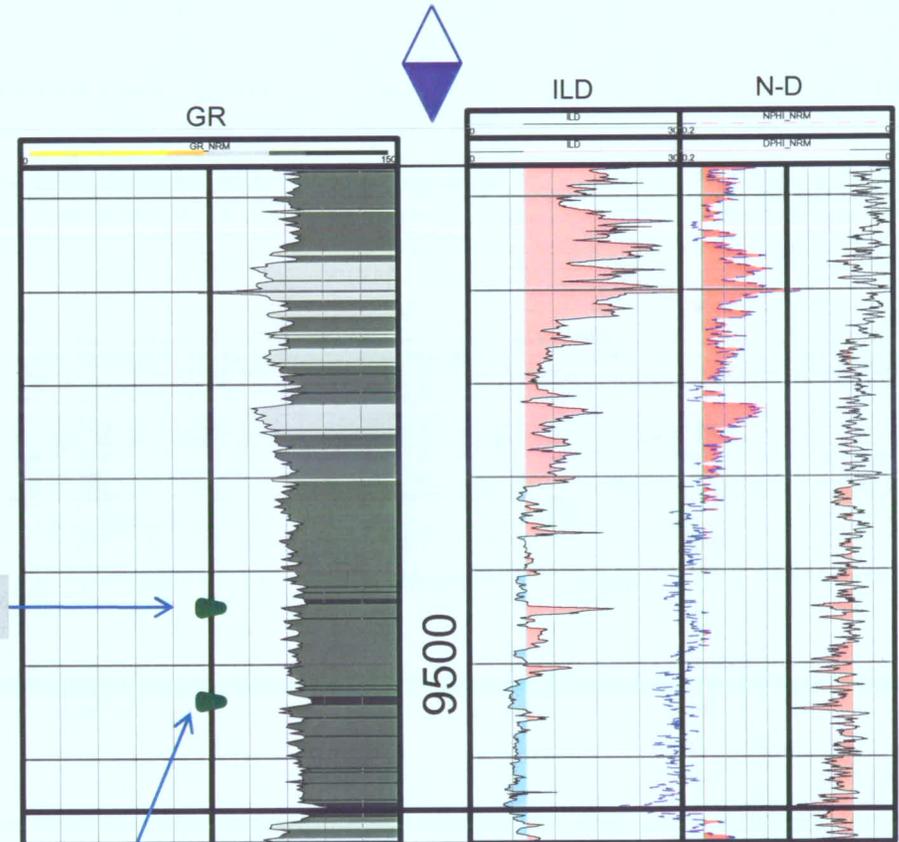


Mancos Shale Characteristics



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T6S R92W S18

- Marine shale with siltstone beds and laminations
 - 4-5% porosity
 - Extremely low K, nanodarcy range
 - Adsorbed gas content = 37 scf/ton
 - Isotherm at Dever C7
 - Total Organic Carbon 1-2%
- Tends to be more ductile
- Open, partially healed, and resistive natural fractures observed on Formation Micro-Imager logs



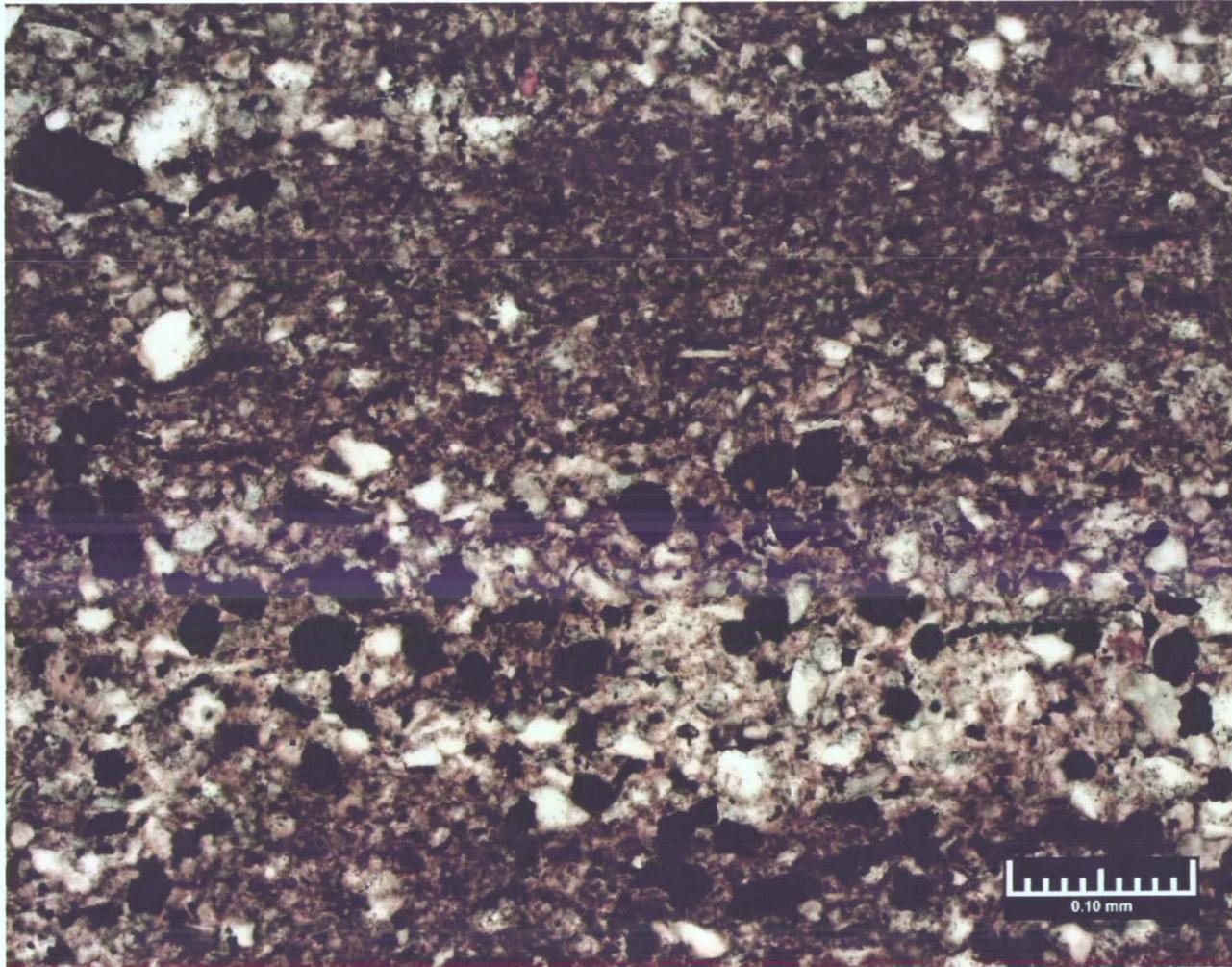
Isotherm Data

Thin section &
XRD

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Mancos Shale Example

Thin Section Photograph & Mineralogy of Mancos Shale Lithology – 9539.1'

Silt = 0.0625 to 0.0039 mm, Clay < 0.0039 mm



Lithology: Argillaceous siltstone to silty shale

Texture: Burrowed with localized traces of remnant bedding; the original fabric appears to have contained relatively grain-rich and grain-poor laminations; burrows dominantly have horizontal orientations

Estimated Average Grain Size: <0.02 mm

Grain Sorting: Poorly sorted

Grains: Monocrystalline quartz > feldspar > muscovite > detrital dolomite > organic fragments > chert > polycrystalline quartz > biotite, skeletal fragments > shale/mudstone fragments, heavy minerals (zircon, tourmaline), schist fragments

Matrix: Abundant detrital clay-rich matrix fills intergranular areas in grain-rich areas and supports grains in matrix-rich portions of the sample; XRD analysis has detected 37% total clay (by weight)

Cements and Replacement Minerals: Common small crystals and small crystal aggregates of pyrite that replaces grains, matrix, and carbonaceous fragments; trace to very minor amounts of fine crystalline dolomite and calcite as grain replacements

Pore System: No discernible pores using standard petrographic techniques

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Thin Section and XRD - Shale

Sample	CLAYS				CARBONATES			OTHER MINERALS						TOTALS		
	Chlorite	Kaolinite	Illite	Mx VS*	Calcite [†]	Dolomite	Siderite	Quartz	K-spar	Plag.	Pyrite	Apatite	Barite	Clays	Carb.	Other
9539.1	9	3	20	5	1	8	Tr	34	1	15	2	2	0	37	9	54

* Ordered interstratified mixed-layer illite/smectite; Approximately 20-25% expandable interlayers

[†] May include the Fe-rich variety

Mancos Shale Adsorption Isotherm



- Rock samples recovered by rotary sidewall coring – good quality samples
- Reservoir pressure determined by direct measurement at Dever C9 (cased hole dynamic tester)

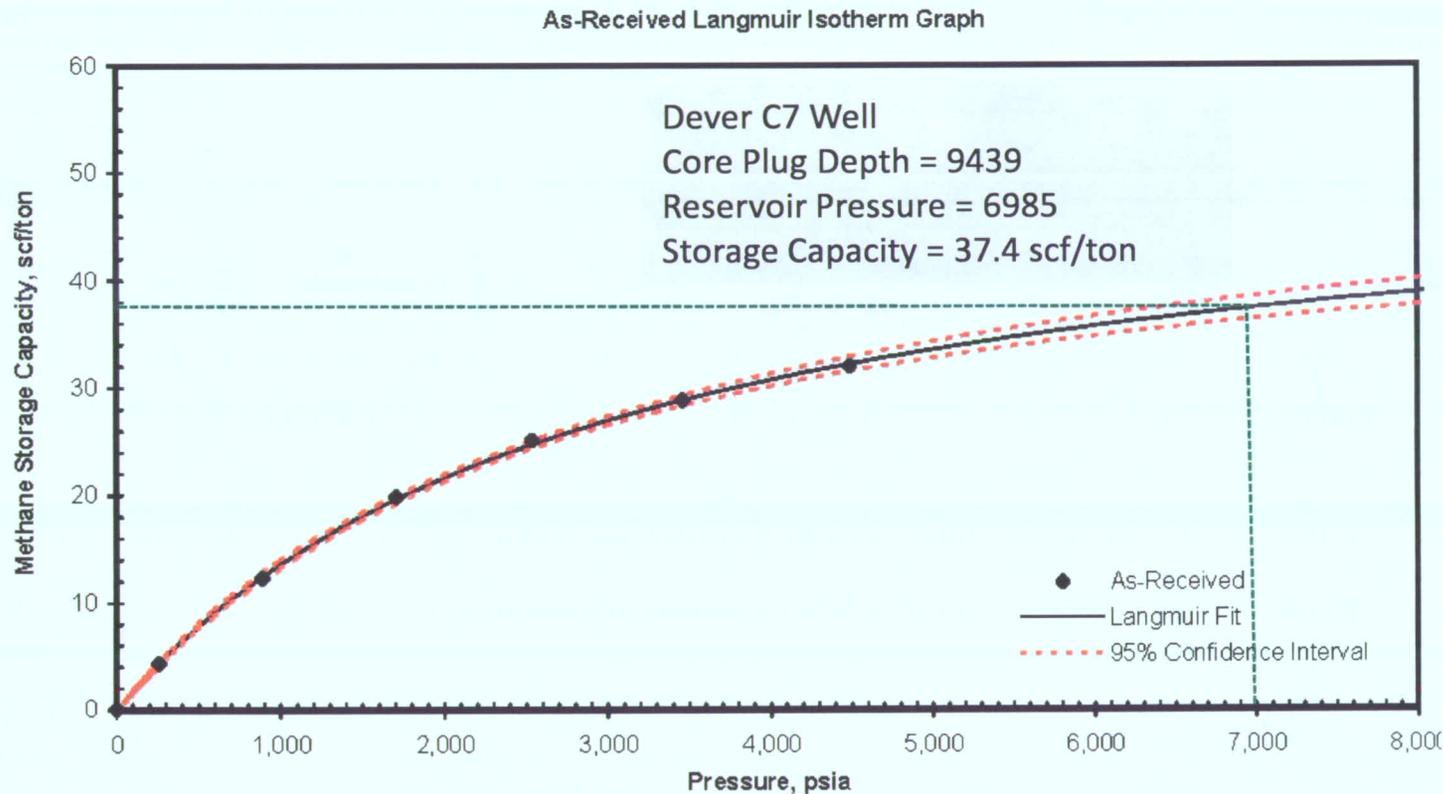


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Mancos Shale Isotherm

Mancos Siltstone, Silty Sandstone



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- Marine siltstone with varying clay content and very fine sandstone beds and laminations
 - 5% porosity is typical for this lithotype
 - Extremely low K, nano to micro-darcy
 - Adsorbed gas content = 26-28 scf/ton
 - Total Organic Carbon ~1%
- Tends to be more brittle
- Open, partially healed, and resistive natural fractures observed on Formation Micro-Imager logs

Thin Section & XRD

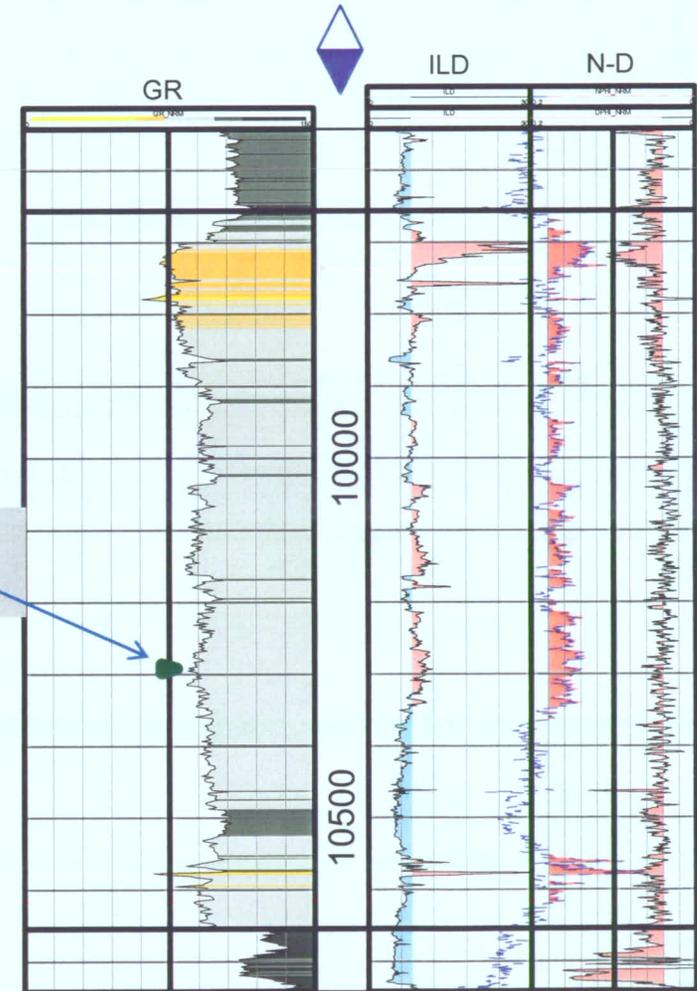
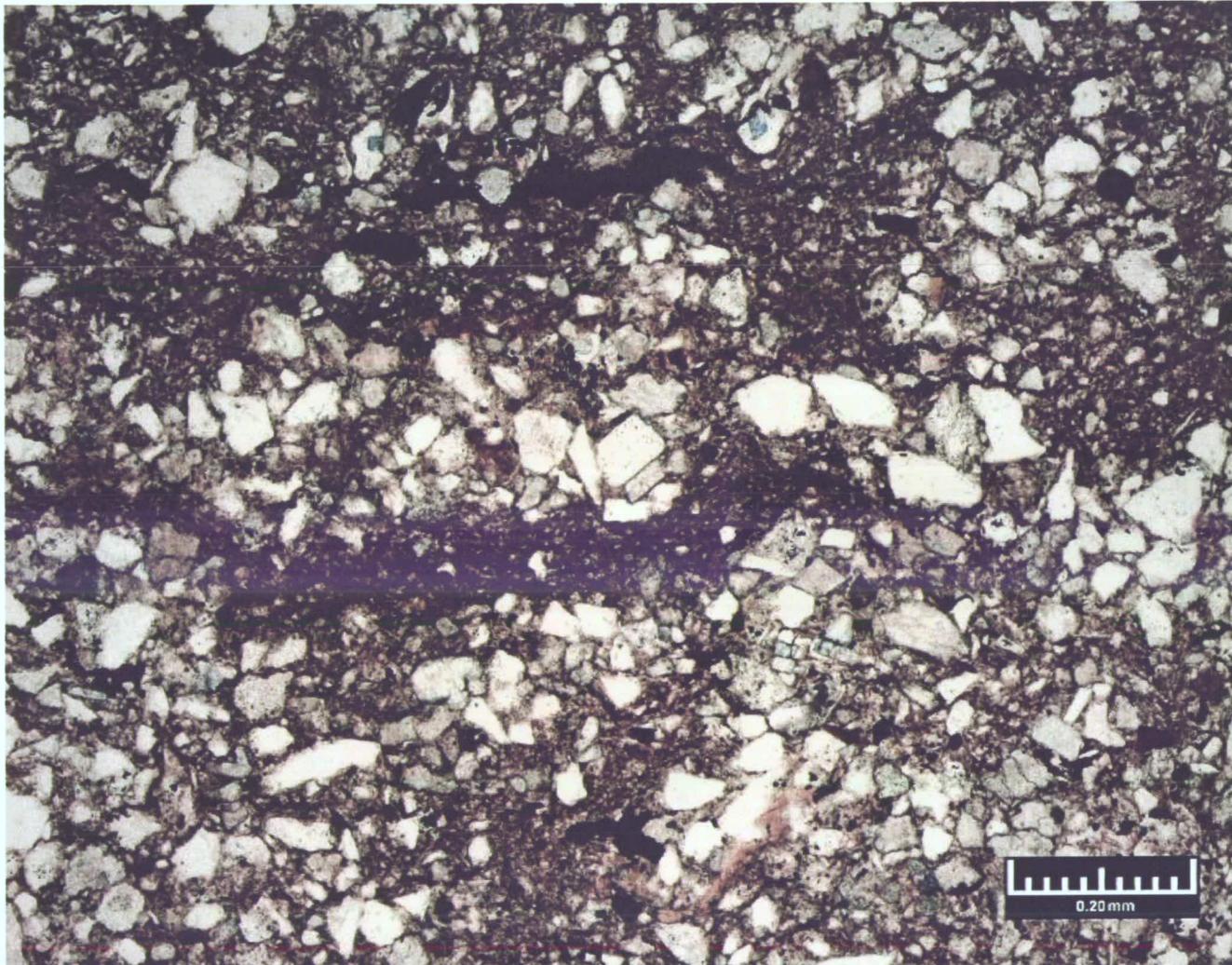


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Mancos Siltstone Example

Thin Section Photograph & Mineralogy of Mancos Siltstone Lithology – 10292'

Silt = 0.0625 to 0.0039 mm, Clay < 0.0039 mm



Lithology: Slightly dolomitic, argillaceous sandy siltstone to argillaceous, silty, very fine-grained sandstone

Texture: Burrowed with localized traces of remnant bedding; the original fabric appears to have a few thin sand laminations; burrows dominantly have horizontal orientations, with a few burrows having oblique orientations

Estimated Average Grain Size: 0.07 mm

Grain Sorting: Poorly sorted

Grains: Monocrystalline quartz > feldspar, detrital dolomite > muscovite, polycrystalline quartz > chert > schist fragments > phyllite/slate fragments, siltstone/sandstone fragments, biotite

Matrix: Abundant detrital clay-rich matrix fills intergranular areas; XRD analysis has detected 28% total clay (by weight)

Cements and Replacement Minerals: Common finely disseminated pyrite as replacement of grains, matrix, and carbonaceous fragments; minor amounts of dolomite (ferroan) cement, as overgrowths on detrital dolomite grains, and as fine crystalline replacement of grains and matrix

Pore System: No discernible pores using standard petrographic techniques

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Thin Section & XRD - Siltstone

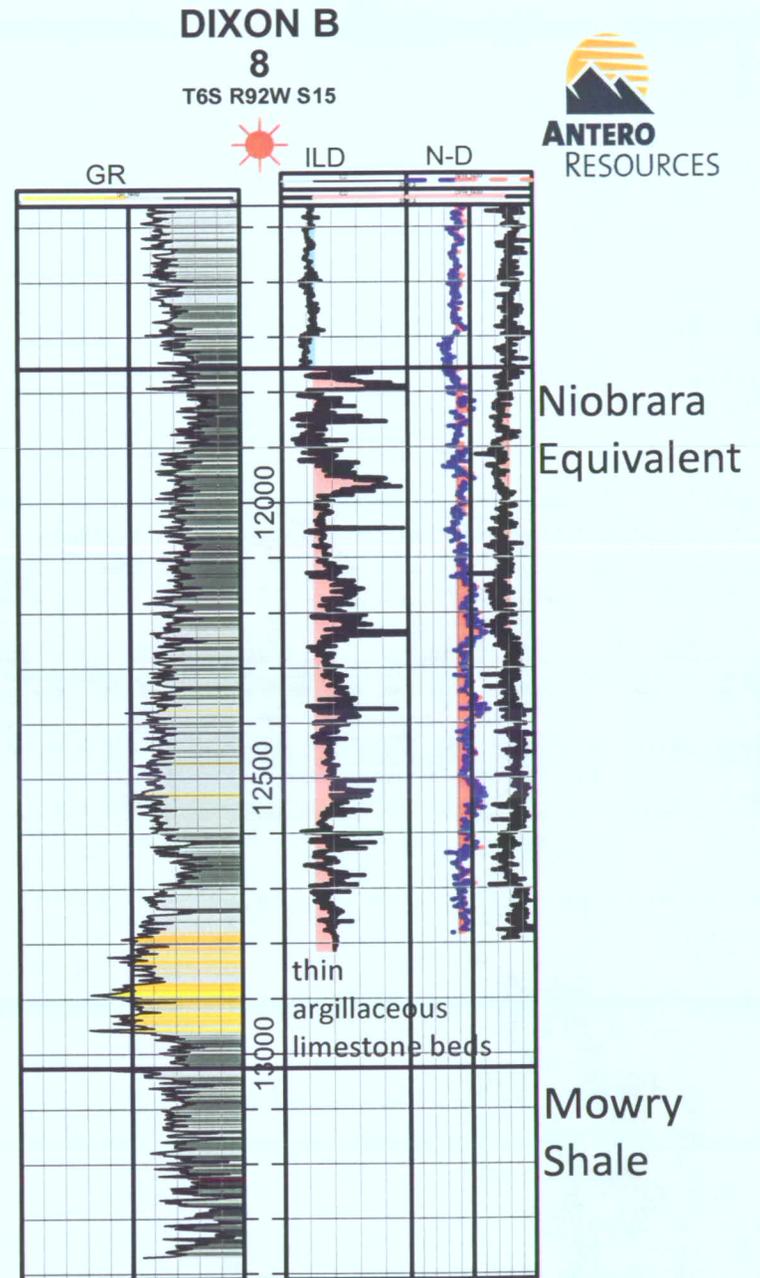
Sample Depth (ft)	CLAYS				CARBONATES			OTHER MINERALS						TOTALS		
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10292.0	6	3	15	4	0	11	Tr	44	1	12	3	1	0	28	11	61

* Ordered interstratified mixed-layer illite/smectite; Approximately 20-25% expandable interlayers
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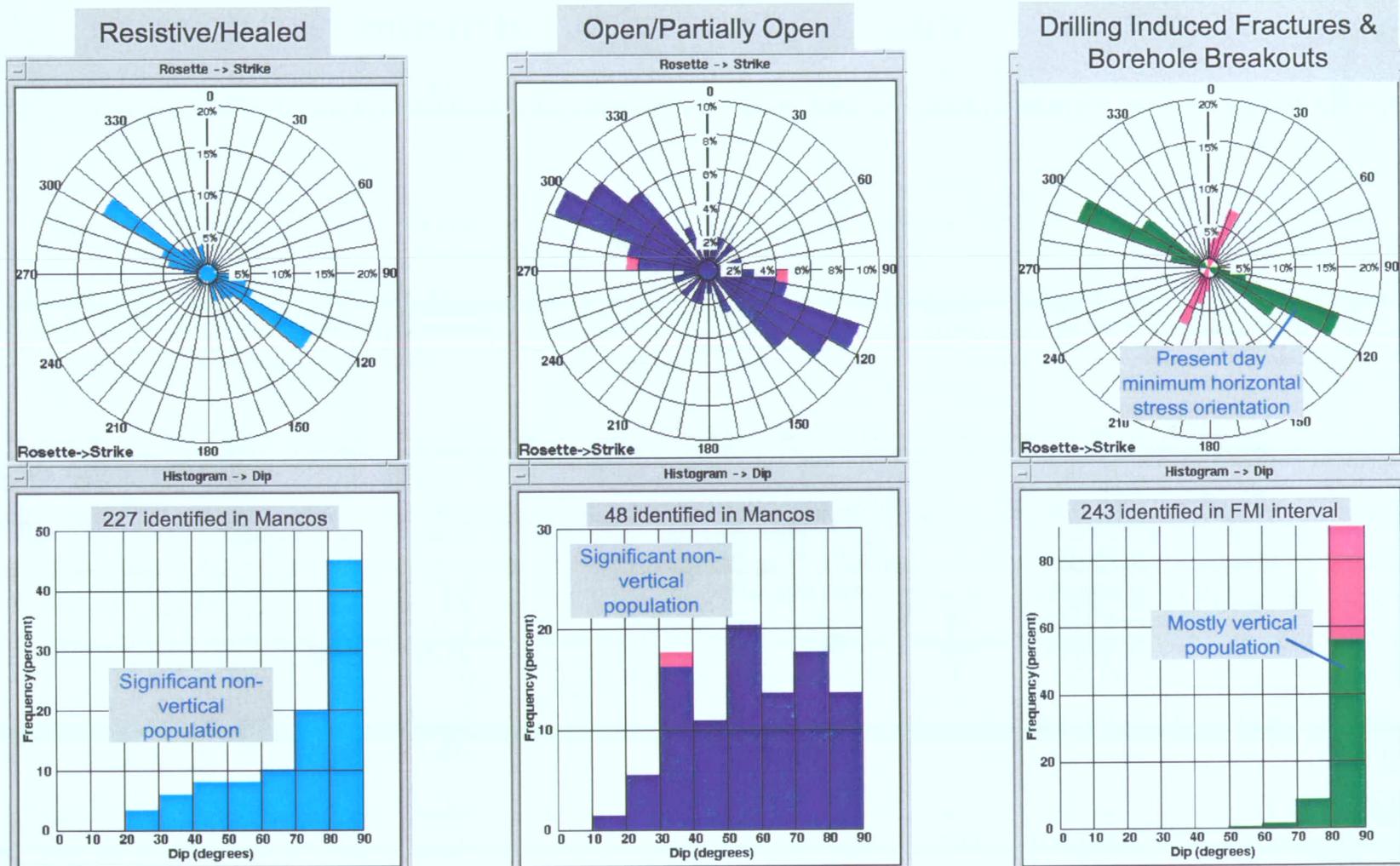
Niobrara Equivalent Mowry Shale

- Calcareous shale, siltstone, and sandy, argillaceous limestone
 - 5-7% porosity
 - No gas content data collected in field to date
 - Published data suggest quality source rock, Total Organic Carbon 2+%
 - Calcareous fraction increases downward
 - Varies from more ductile to brittle
- Mowry is usually siliceous with bentonite beds
 - Published data suggest good quality source rock (USGS DDS-69-B)

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Niobrara-Mowry Example



North Mamm Creek Natural Fracture and Stress Orientations



Data from Dever C7 formation micro-imager log (FMI)
 These fractures have been characterized as short and isolated,
 and dominated by lithologically bound fractures

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 Fracture and Stress Rosettes

Mancos/Mowry Shale Reservoir Drainage Characteristics

- Hydraulic fractures are required to effectively contact adequate surface area of the extremely low permeability shale gas reservoir
- Hydraulic fractures will propagate parallel to the present day, highly anisotropic minimum stress orientation inferred by drilling induced fractures and borehole breakouts on formation micro-imager logs
- Hydraulic fractures will propagate parallel or nearly parallel to most of the natural fractures intersected by the wellbore
- Hydraulic fractures will propagate vertically and intersect an identified population of non-vertical natural fractures
- Resulting reservoir drainage patterns will be highly elliptical and parallel to the Mesaverde tight gas sand drainage patterns

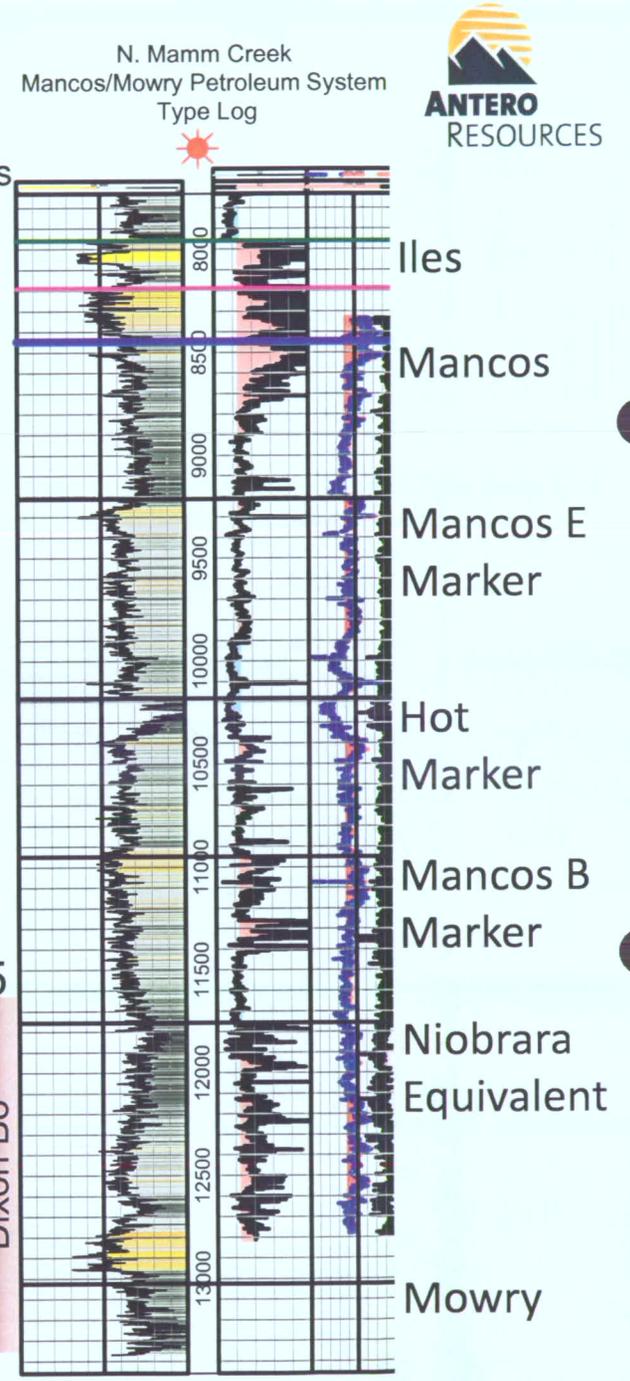
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Stimulation Characteristics

Antero Mancos Well Results

- Antero initiated a drilling pilot to evaluate Mancos reserves in January 2008
- Objective: Test productivity and evaluate the economics of extremely low permeability mudrock lithologies of the Mancos/Mowry Shale
- Pilot Results
 - Open hole logging suites obtained to determine reservoir parameters
 - Rock Samples recovered for gas in place analysis, petrography, maturity, XRD, and geochemical analysis
 - Reservoir pressure measured using Cased Hole Dynamic Tester
 - Obtained Formation Micro-Imager logs used to characterize fracturing
 - 5 gas wells flowing to sales established productivity across entire interval
 - Determined a range for gas in place from this data

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 Antero Mancos Well Results

Completed Mancos Intervals by Well by Chronology





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Mancos/Mowry Geological Presentation Summary

- The Mancos/Mowry Shale interval underlies the entire application boundary
- Reservoir characteristics are similar across the entire application boundary
- The entire interval has been completed and is producing to sales in a series pilot wells across the area
- All lithologic intervals within this interval are gas bearing and capable of producing gas in economic quantities when combined with the shallower Iles and Williams Fork 10-acre development program
- Increased Mancos/Mowry interval well densities are needed to produce a reasonable portion of the large gas resource in place due to the extremely low permeability of the reservoir and the limited, elliptical drainage area that will be accessed from a stimulated vertical wellbore
 - Drainage ellipse orientations will be parallel in the shallower Mesaverde completions and the deeper Mancos/Mowry completions

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Geo Presentation Summary



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Type Log

Completed Mancos
Intervals by Well
by Chronology

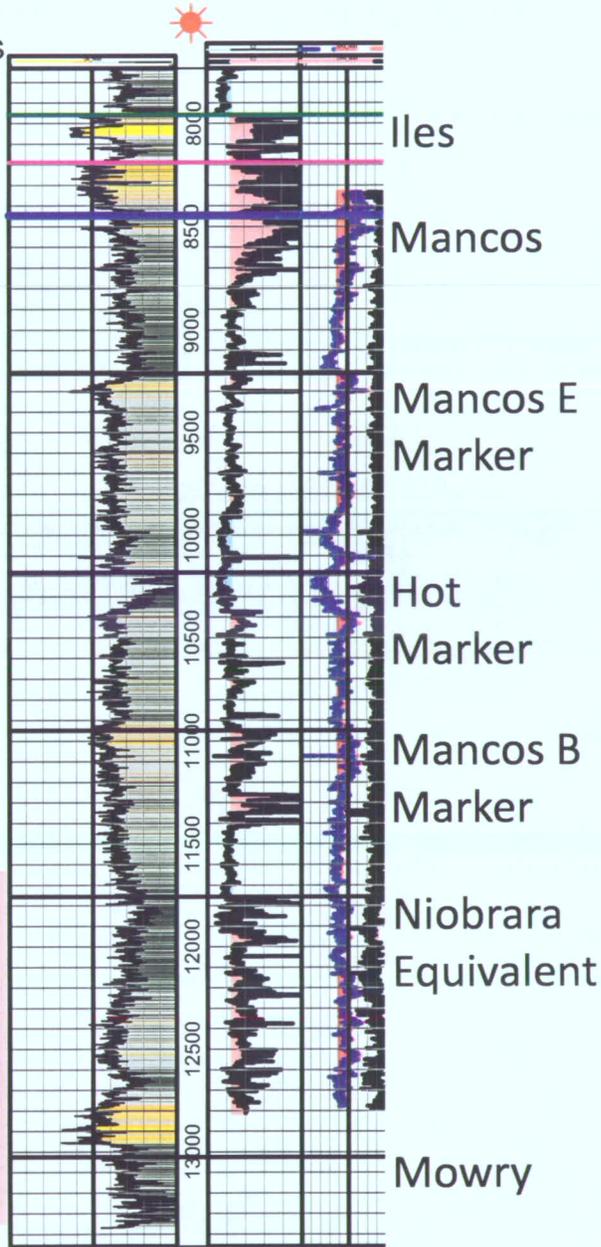
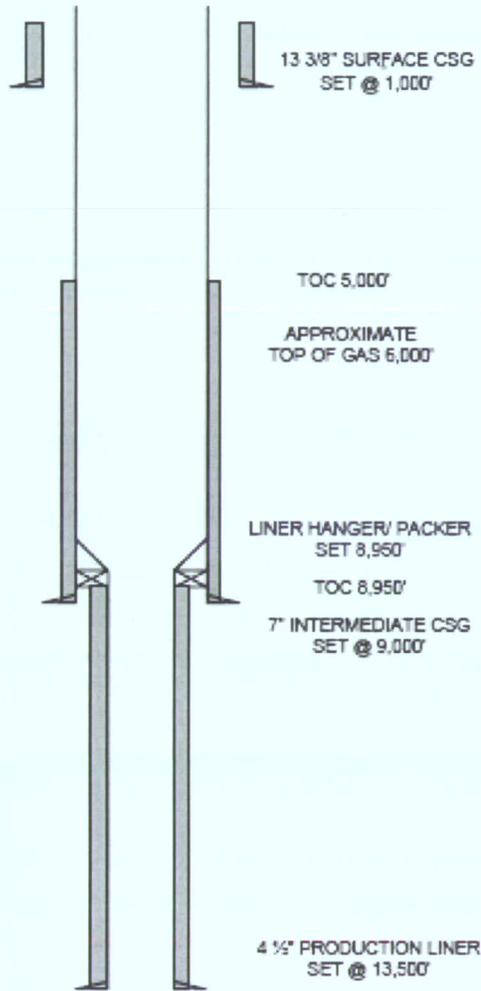
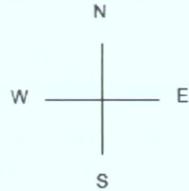


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Completion Intervals

MANCOS WELLBORE SCHEMATIC



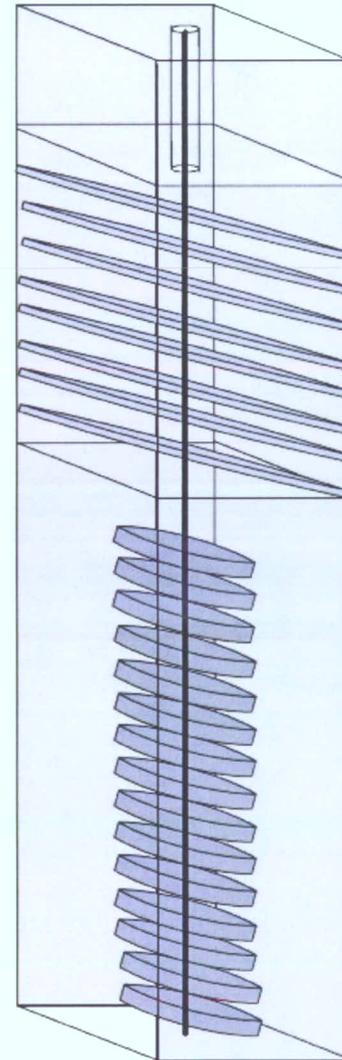
WILLIAMS FORK / ILES VS. MANCOS SHALE
RELATIVE FRACTURE DIMENSIONS



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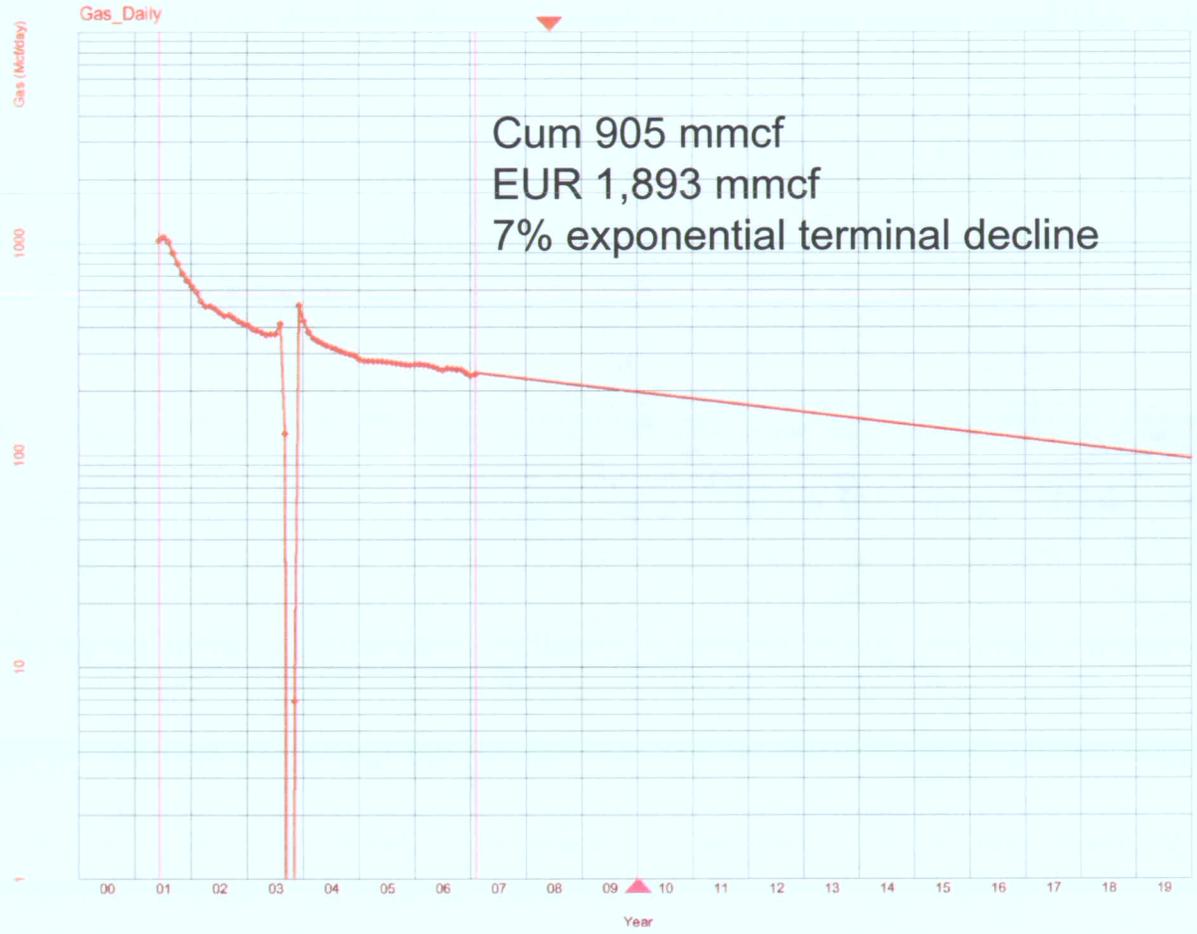
Williams Fork / Iles
4500 gal fluid per ft of pay
2500 lb sand per ft of pay

Mancos Shale / Niobrara
1500 gal fluid per ft of pay
1000 lb sand per ft of pay



Mancos Shale Type Curve

Rulison Field: Williams RMV 229-27



Upper Mancos producer with lengthy production history
Completed in the upper 1/3 of the Mancos (2001)
Sec 27, T6S-R94W

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Long Term Mancos
Producer

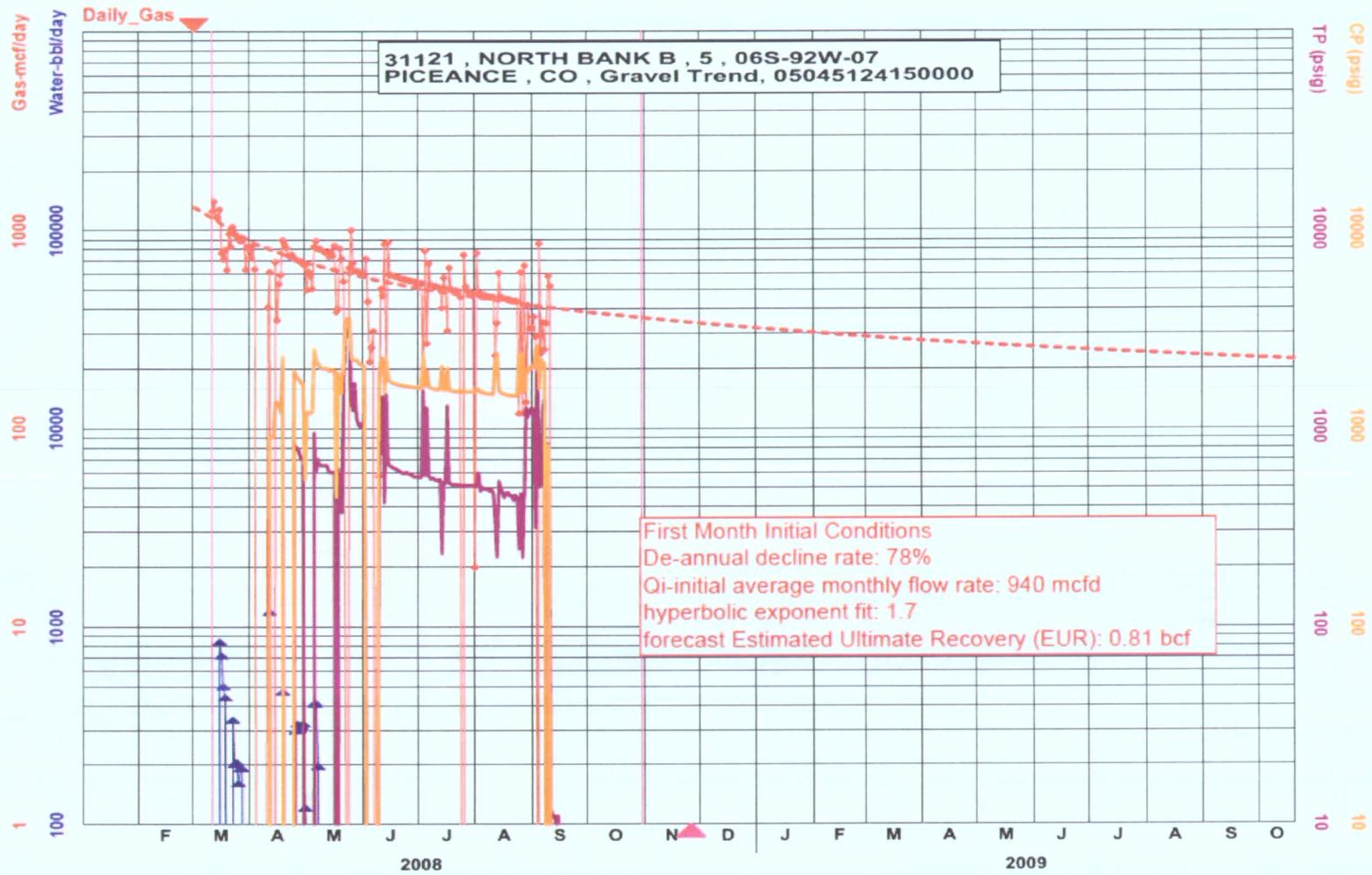


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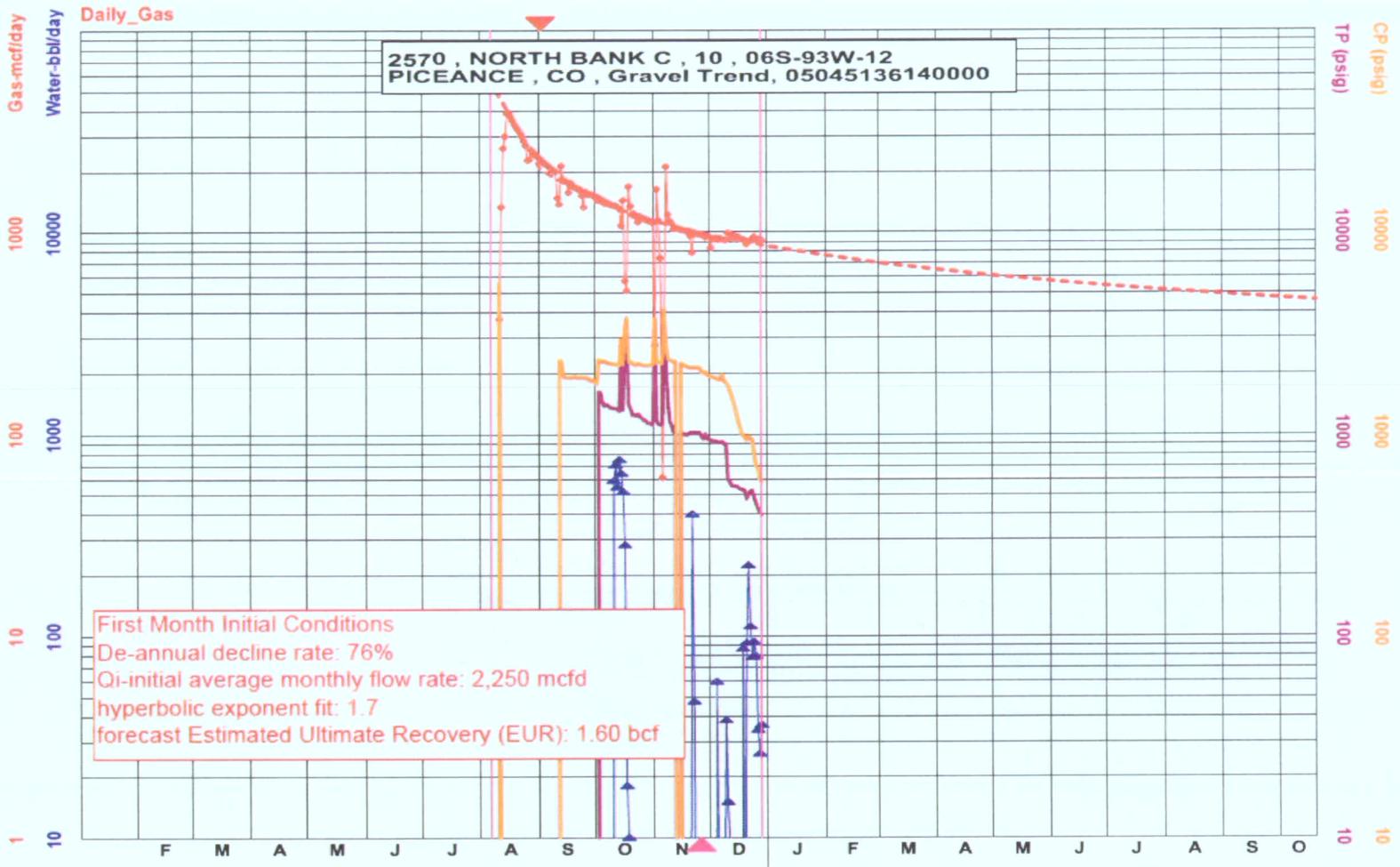


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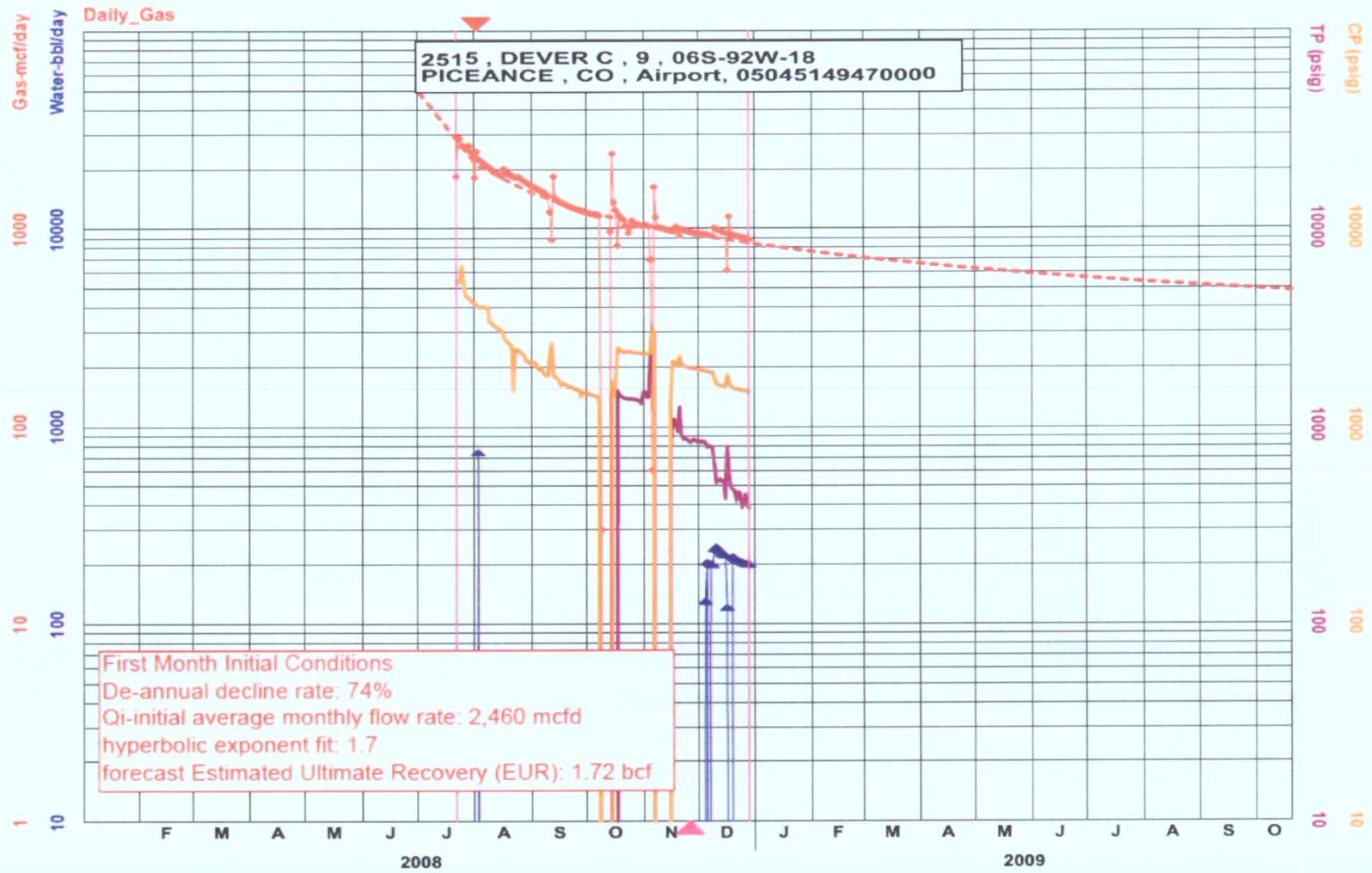


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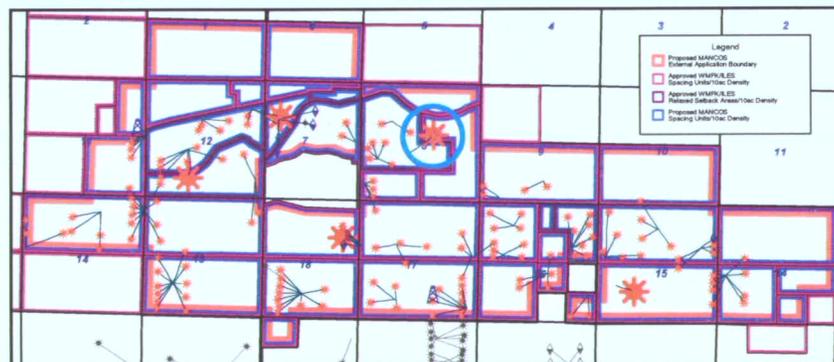
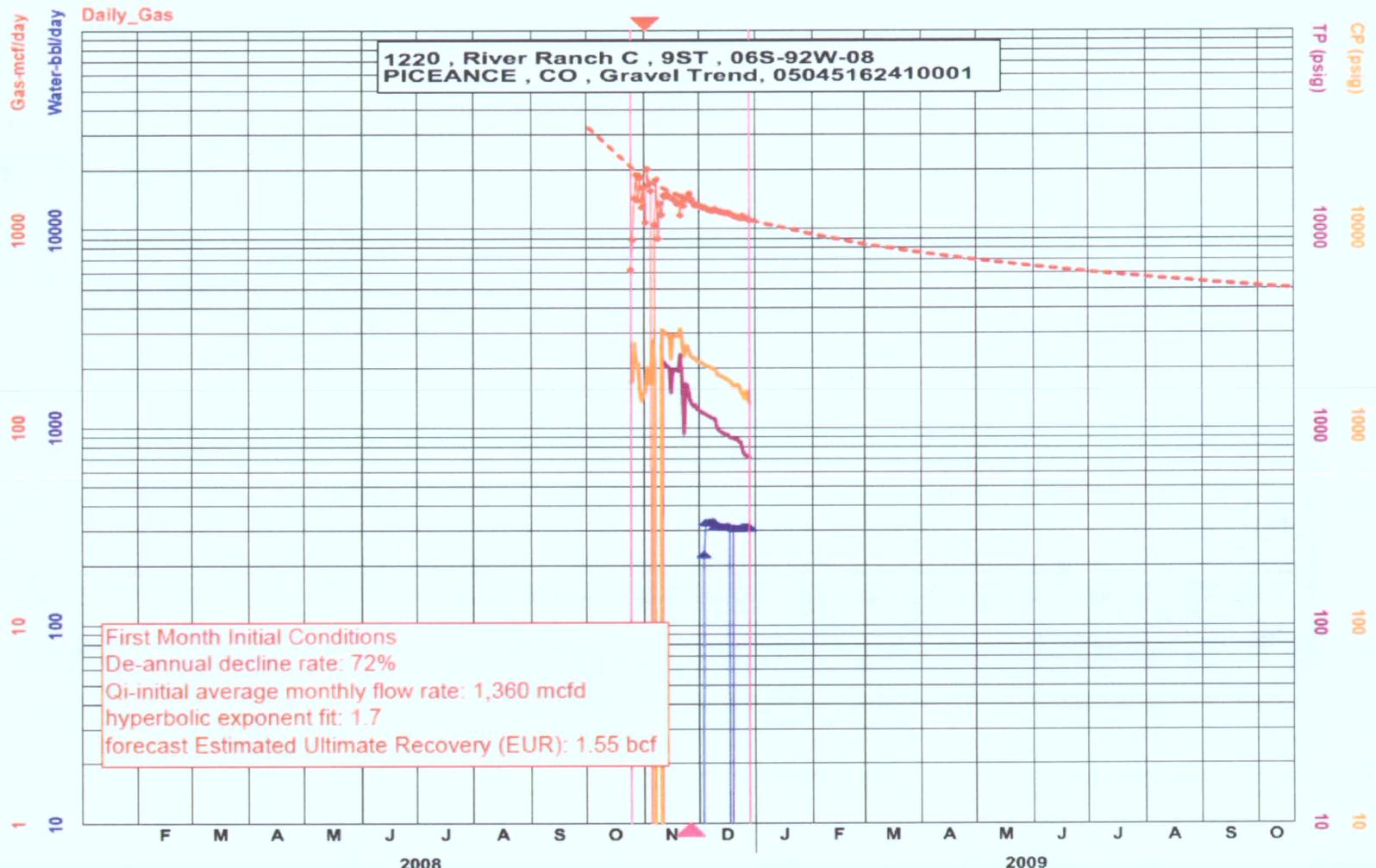


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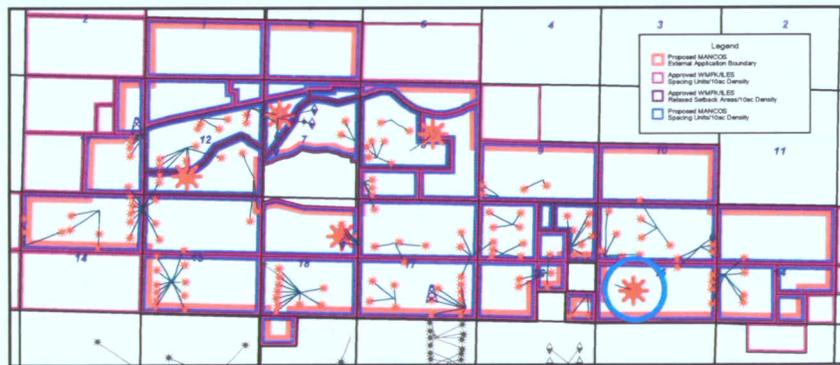
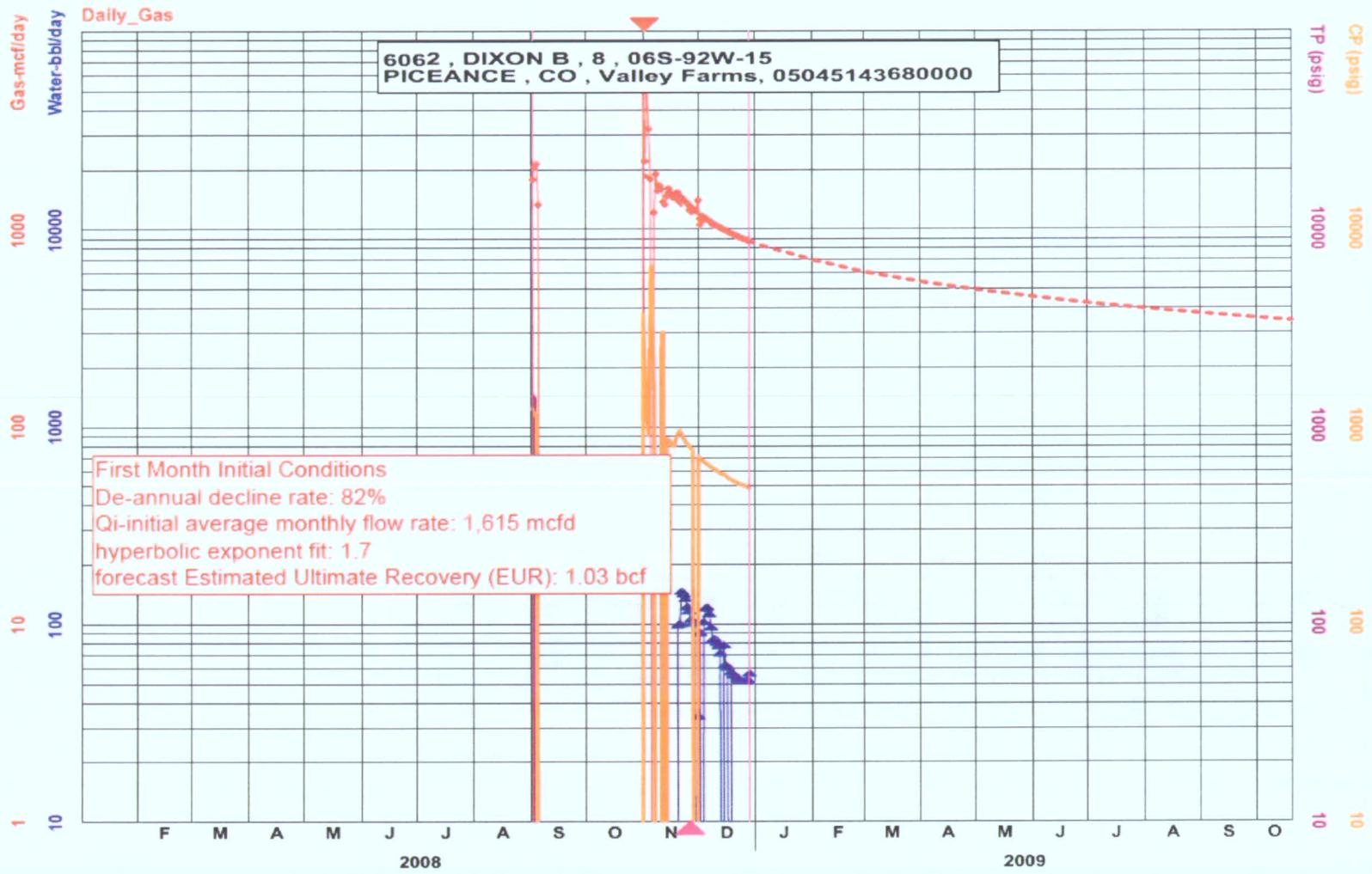


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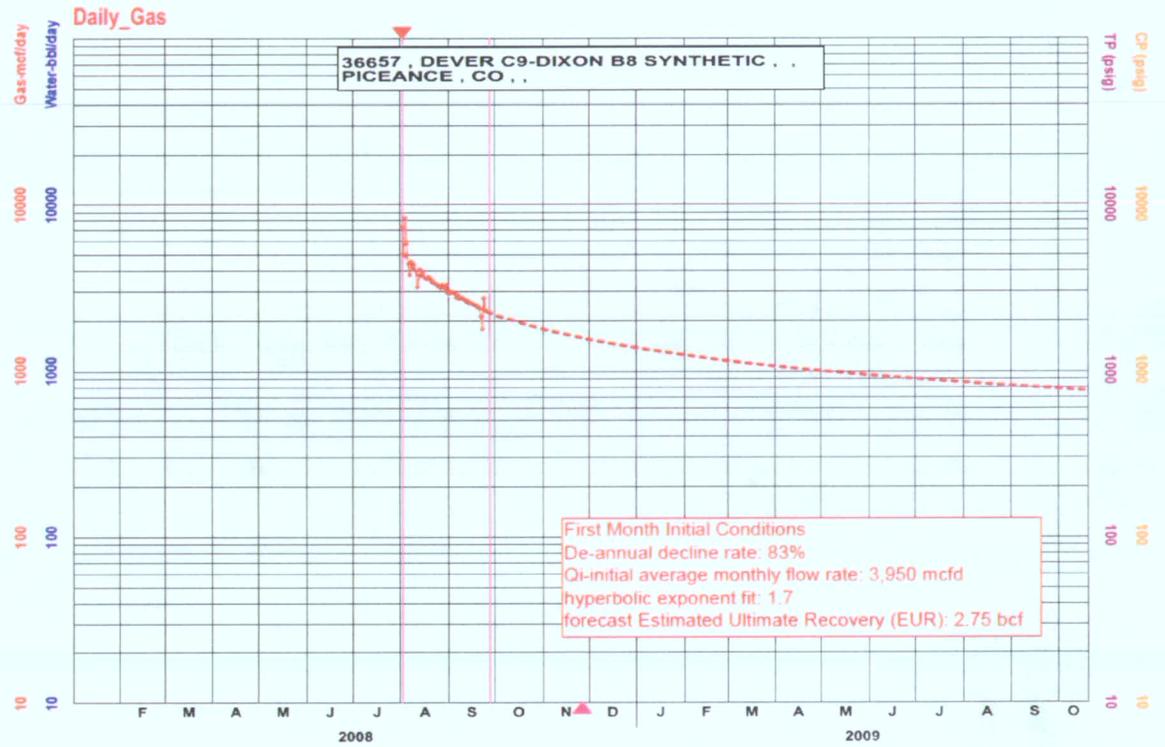
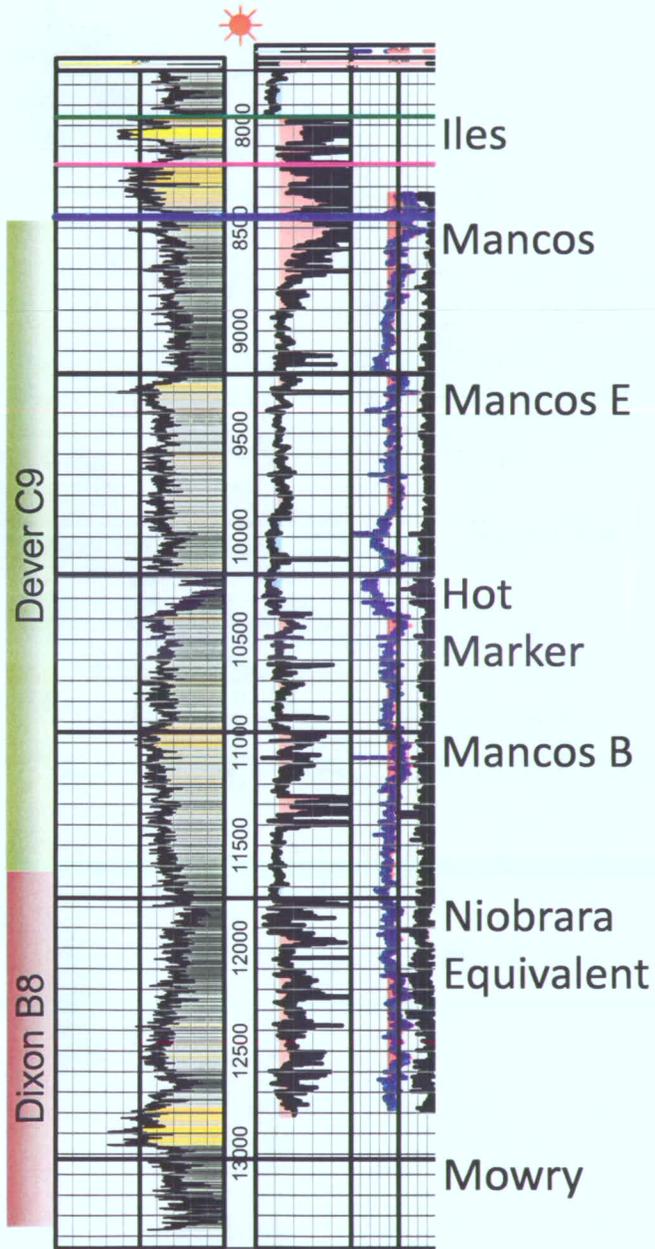


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Synthetic "Full" Mancos
Well

Average Performance of 144 WF/iles wells

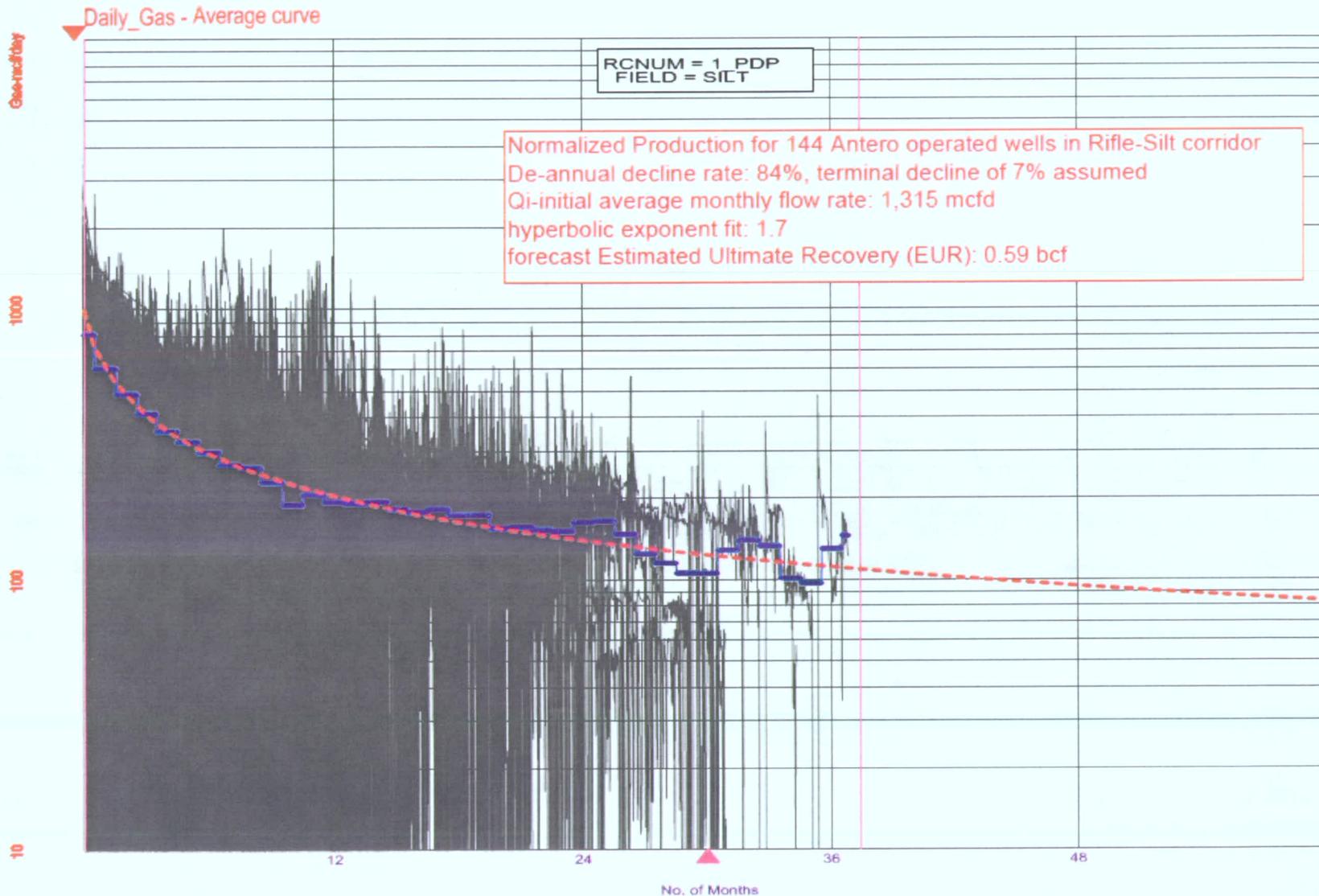


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*Performance of Uphole
Intervals in Subject Area*

Simple Economics

- Average EUR
 - 0.59 bcf for shallow horizons
 - 2.75 bcf for Mancos Group interval
 - 3.34 bcf for combined well
- Average well cost
 - \$1,800,000 for shallow well
 - \$5,750,000 for deep well commingled with shallow
- Average finding & development cost (F&D)
 - \$3.05/mcf gross; \$3.81/mcf net
 - \$1.72/mcf; \$2.12/mcf net
- Market price during 2008 in Piceance has varied from \$1.78 to \$8.94 (Gas Daily CIG monthly pricing - avg for year of \$6.25)
- No allowance for royalties, state taxes, operating costs, fuel, gathering/compression, overhead, time value of money

Detailed Economics

- 0.59 bcf
 - \$1,800,000 for shallow well
 - 19% royalty
 - 8.75% effective rate ad valorem + severance
 - \$0.90 gathering/compression, 6% fuel
 - \$6.25 CIG price
 - Undiscounted payout-13.8 yrs; Undiscounted return on investment-1.2
 - Same parameters, except 70% improvement (0.4 bcf) to EUR of 1.0 bcf
 - Undiscounted payout-4.7 yrs; Undiscounted return on investment-2.1
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- 3.34 bcf
 - \$ 5,750,000 for deep well
 - 19% royalty
 - 8.75% effective rate ad valorem + severance
 - \$0.90 gathering/compression, 6% fuel
 - \$6.25 CIG price
 - Undiscounted payout-6.6yrs; Undiscounted return on investment-2.0
 - Same parameters, except 0.4 bcf improvement to EUR of 3.75 bcf
 - Undiscounted payout-5.3 yrs; Undiscounted return on investment-2.2

N. Mamm Creek Mancos/Mowry Interval Volumetrics

- Adsorbed gas in place (GIP) estimated using Mancos rock characteristics
 - Adsorbed GIP = $1.359 \times \text{Area} \times \text{Height} \times \text{Density} \times \text{Gas Content}$
 - Adsorbed GIP = $1.359 \times 10 \text{ acres} \times 4509' \times 2.62 \text{ g/cc} \times 30 \text{ scf/ton (avg)}$
 - Adsorbed GIP = 5.0 bcf per 10 acres
- A range for free gas in place (GIP) can be estimated using standard gas volumetric calculations
 - Pore pressure gradient = 0.71–0.74 psi/ft (Dever C9 CHDT)
 - Temperature range = 225-310 deg F
 - Porosity = 4-6 %, Gas Saturation = 25-35%, Thickness = 4509'
 - Free GIP = 6.3-13.6 bcf per 10 acres
- Total Mancos GIP = adsorbed gas + free gas component
 - Total GIP, 640 acres = 700-1,000+ bcf
 - Total GIP, 10 acres = 11.3-18.6 bcf
- Mancos/Mowry completions EUR in range of 0.8 bcf to 2.75 bcf per 10 acre location
 - Based on decline curve analysis and “synthetic” Mancos well performance
- Estimated recovery factor of GIP per 10 acre location in range of 4-24%

Benefits of Regulatory Change for Mancos/Mowry Interval



- Balance development with wildlife, multi-use, environmental issues/concerns
 - Identical unit outline/setbacks allow efficient development (same wellbore)
 - Reduces number of surface pads needed for full development (small tracts)
- Prevention of waste (Act: 34-60-103) and production efficiencies through multi-zone commingling (Rule 322)
 - Prevents economic waste by combining objective depths (combines poorer performing shallower formations with deeper potential)
 - Allows for development of many smaller leases which might otherwise go undeveloped due to current minimum statewide setbacks and well pad limitations
 - Absent order, would create issue of mixed bottom hole/surface ownership
 - Allows for optimal placement of wells to achieve maximum recovery of resources
- Maintains adequate setback to protect correlative rights
- Reduces administrative burden for operator, mineral owners and COGCC by eliminating 318a waiver process
- Eases royalty disbursement and reduces confusion for royalty owners (similar ownership with shallower formations)

Summary

- Economics for shallow Williams Fork and Iles wells vary from uneconomic to moderately commercial based on prices and ultimate recoveries
- Incremental Mancos production and costs improve economics substantially such that commercial at average 2008 gas prices
- Commingling of Mancos, Iles and Williams Fork intervals will prevent waste and ease administration
- Gas-in-place is significant in the Mancos Intervals, suggesting low recovery factors of 4% – 24%
- Fracture stimulations in Mancos are substantially smaller than in Williams Fork and Iles formations
- Lower estimated permeabilities given rock type suggest significantly smaller drainage capability
- Low recovery factor, small fracture stimulations and lower perms support development on 10 acre spacing and protect correlative rights
- An allowable of one Mancos well per 20 acres would leave up to an estimated 88 bcf recoverable per section
- An allowable of one Mancos well per 40 acres would leave up to an estimated 132 bcf recoverable per section