



August 17, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Briana Potts – Natural Resource Specialist
Bureau of Land Management
Whiting River Interagency Field Office
220 East Market Street
Meeker, Colorado 81641

RE: Application for Permit to Drill
WRD 23-33
Lease # COC-45291
NESW Section 33-T2N-R97W
Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Dear Ms. Potts;

Enclosed are the originals and two copies of the associated documents outlined below for your review and authorization to proceed with the application for permit to drill the subject well:

Form 3160-3
Surface Use Plan of Operations (SUPO)
Plats and Diagrams
Drilling Plan
Designation of Agent Letter

The proposed location is on an existing well location with two dry holes located on the pad. If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be reached Via E-mail at scottw@whiting.com or by telephone at 303-390-4095. Thanks you for your time in this matter.


Sincerely,

Scott M. Webb
Regulatory Coordinator
Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation

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NOTICE OF STAKING

(Not to be used in place of Application for Permit to Drill Form 3160-3)

1. Oil Well _____ Gas Well <u>XX</u> CBM Well _____ Other _____ (Specify) _____	
2. Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Operator: Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation 1700 Broadway, Suite 2300 Denver, Colorado 80290-2300	
3. Name and Telephone Number of Specific Contact Person: Brent Seale 801-372-1480 Scott Webb 303-390-4095	
4. Surface Location of Well: 1927' FSL & 2237' FWL; NESW Section 33-T2N-R97W Attach: a) Sketch showing road entry onto pad, pad dimensions, and reserve pit. b) Topographical or other acceptable pad dimensions, and reserve pit. and lease boundaries.	
4a. A map (e.g., a USGS 7 1/2" Quadrangle) of the area including the proposed well location and access road.	
5. Lease Number: COC-45291	11. Section, Township, Range, Meridian: or Block and Survey: or Area: NESW Section 33-T2N-R97W
6. If Indian, Alottee or Tribe Name:	12. County, Parish or Borough: Rio Blanco
7. Unit Agreement Name:	13. State: Colorado
8. Well Name and Number: WRD 23-33	14. Name and Depth of Formation Objective(s): Weber
9. API # WRD Fed 33-3: 05-103-09560 WRD 33-11A: 05-103-09716	15. Estimated Well Depth: 14,900' TVD
10. Field Name or Wildcat: White River	16. For directional or horizontal wells, anticipated bottomhole location, if known:
17. Additional Information (as appropriate; shall include surface owner's name, address and, if known, telephone number: Well pad is existing with two plugged and abandoned wells in place. A new Cultural Resources Survey will be completed for this location	
18. Signed: <u></u> Title: <u>Regulatory Coordinator</u> Date: <u>8/10/2010</u>	
Note: Upon receipt of the Notice, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will schedule the date of the onsite predrill inspection and notify you accordingly. The location must be staked and access road flagged prior to the onsite.	
Operators must consider the following prior to the onsite:	
a) H2S Potential	
b) Cultural Resources (Archeology)	
c) Federal Right of Way or Special Use Permit	

IMPORTANT: SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS