



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](mailto: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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Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation*

**NOTICE OF STAKING**

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

1. Oil Well \_\_\_\_\_ Gas Well **XX** 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**

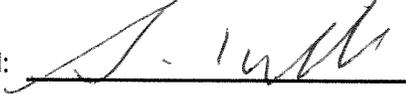
3. Name and Telephone Number of Specific Contact Person:  
**Brent Seale 801-372-1480**  
**Scott Webb 303-390-4095**

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: <b>COC-45291</b>	11. Section, Township, Range, Meridian: or Block and Survey: or Area: <b>NESW Section 33-T2N-R97W</b>
6. If Indian, Alottee or Tribe Name:	12. County, Parish or Borough: <b>Rio Blanco</b>
7. Unit Agreement Name:	13. State: <b>Colorado</b>
8. Well Name and Number: <b>WRD 23-33</b>	14. Name and Depth of Formation Objective(s): <b>Weber</b>
9. API # <b>WRD Fed 33-3: 05-103-09560</b> <b>WRD 33-11A: 05-103-09716</b>	15. Estimated Well Depth: <b>14,900' TVD</b>
10. Field Name or Wildcat: <b>White River</b>	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:  Title: **Regulatory Coordinator** Date: **8/10/2010**

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