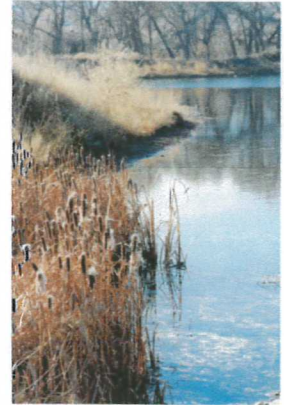


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RE: Noble Energy, Powers X22-67HN Drill Site, Red-tailed Hawk Nest and Swainson's Hawk Nest Seasonal Restrictions

Dear Mr. Rodine:

A site investigation of the proposed Powers X22-67HN drill site was conducted on August 9, 2011. The drill site is located approximately 4.0 miles north of the intersection of U.S. Interstate 76 and State Highway 52. The site is accessed by proceeding northeast on a frontage road located between Love's Truck Stop and U.S. Interstate 76. Proceed north on Weld County Road 47, then north and west on undeveloped roads to the site. The site is located within Section 22, Township 2 North, Range 65 West of the 6th Prime Meridian, Weld County, Colorado (Figure 1).

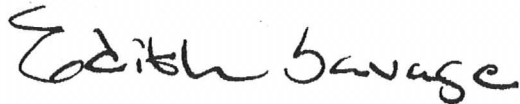
A red-tailed hawk nest was verified to the northeast, and a Swainson's hawk nest was verified to the north, of the proposed Powers X22-67HN drill site (Figures 2. through 6.). Red-tailed hawks were identified near both nest trees by their distinctive alarm call. The red-tailed hawks may be year round residents.

During our site visit an active drill site was located north of the red-tailed hawk nest and a drill pad was under construction between the Swainson's hawk nest and the red-tailed hawk nest.

The Powers X22-67HN drill site is located within seasonal restriction zones for the red-tailed and Swainson's hawk nests. Based on the Recommended Buffer Zones and Seasonal Restrictions for Colorado Raptors (Gerald R. Craig, Colorado Division of Wildlife updated December 19, 2002) seasonal restrictions to human encroachment for red-tailed hawk nests are recommended from February 1 to July 15. Seasonal restrictions to human encroachment for Swainson's hawk nests are recommended from April 1 to July 15.

To ensure that the neither of the hawk species or young are disturbed during the nesting season, we recommend that the more limiting of the seasonal restrictions be implemented and development of the proposed drill site begin after July 15 and be completed by January 31.

Sincerely,



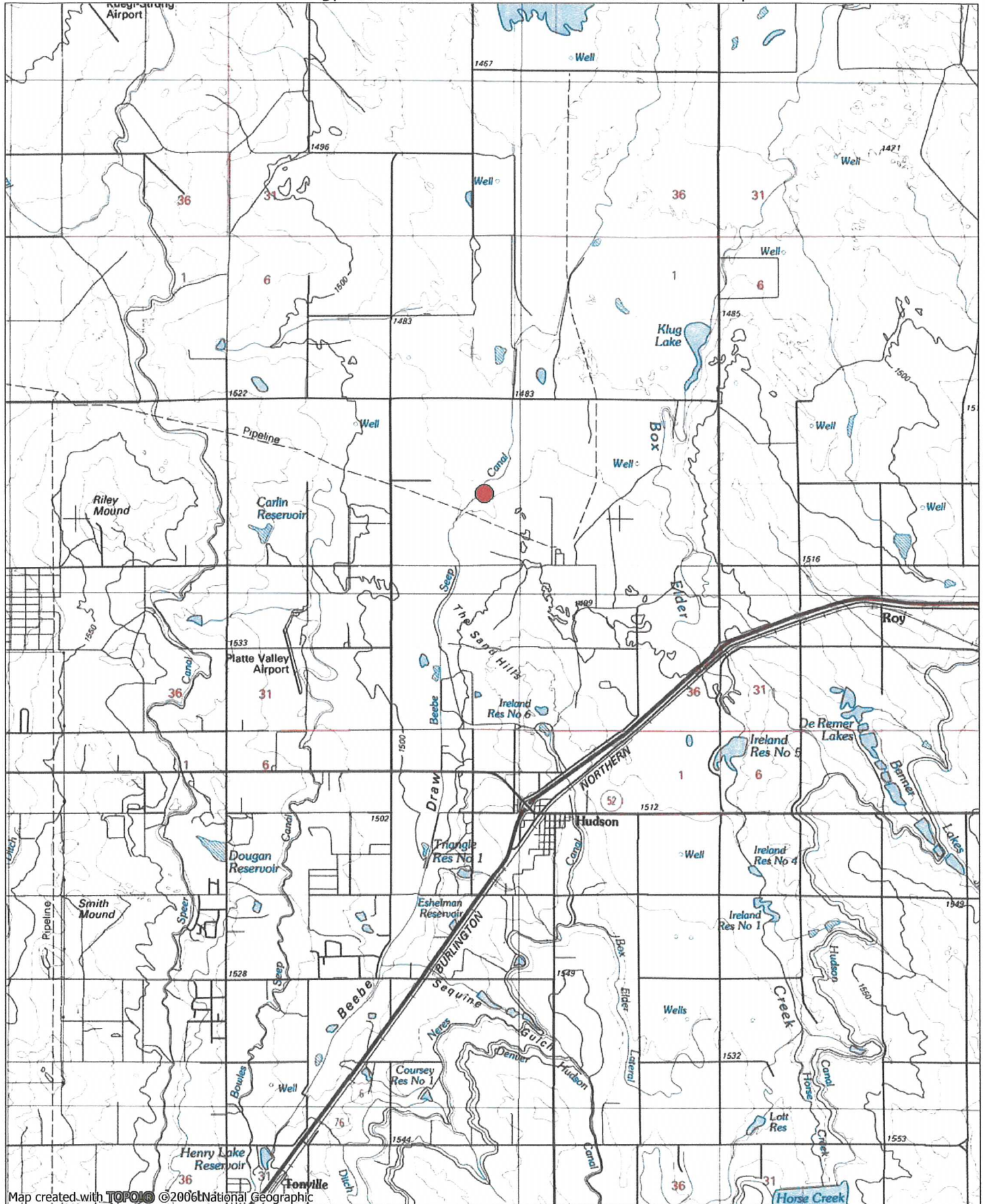
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attachments: Noble Energy Powers X22-67HN Drill Site General Location Map
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Powers Photograph of Red-tailed Hawk Nest
Powers Photograph of Red-tailed Hawk Nest Tree Facing North

Powers Photograph of Swainson's Hawk Nest
Powers Photograph of Swainson's Hawk Nest Tree Facing West

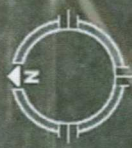
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Noble Energy Powers X22-67HN Well Location and Adjacent Raptor Nests



Red-tail Hawk Nest

Swainson's Hawk Nest

Powers X22-67HN

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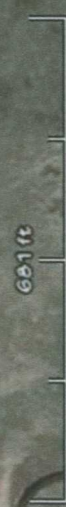




Figure 3. Powers Photograph of Red-tailed Hawk Nest



Figure 4. Powers Photograph of Red-tailed Hawk Nest Tree Facing North



Figure 5. Powers Photograph of Swainson's Hawk Nest



Figure 6. Powers Photograph of Swainson's Hawk Nest Tree Facing West