



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

December 1, 2011

Regulatory Division (SPK-2010-01463-DC)

Scott Rose
Samson Resources
Two West Second Street
Tulsa, OK 74103

Dear Mr. Rose:

We are responding to your request for a Department of the Army permit for the **Melson 34-7-24 #1 Well Pad** project. This project involves activities, including discharges of dredged or fill material, in waters of the United States to construct an oil and gas well pad. The project is located within a wetland adjacent to Ute Creek, Section 19, Township 34 North, Range 6 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Latitude 37.179214°, Longitude -107.54966°, La Plata County, Colorado.

Based on the information you provided, the proposed activity, resulting in the permanent loss of approximately 0.099 acres and temporary impacts to approximately 0.086 acres of palustrine emergent, is authorized by Nationwide Permit Number 18 and 33. Your work must comply with the general terms and conditions listed on the Nationwide Permit information sheets found on our website and the following special conditions:

Special Conditions

1. **You shall comply with all terms and condition of the** attached November 30, 2011 Section 401 Water Quality Certification.
2. **You shall restore** all temporary impacts to waters of the U.S. and adjacent upland areas to their original contour and condition within 30 days following completion of construction activities. In order to ensure compliance with this condition, you shall:
 - a. Monitor the disturbed area until the site contains 90% vegetative cover with similar composition as the adjacent preserved wetland.
 - b. Within 30 days following completion of restoration activities, submit to the Corps a report describing the restoration activities including color photographs of the restored area.
 - c. Submit to the Corps a monitoring report by October 1 of each year of required monitoring period. This report shall be submitted in the format shown on the enclosed Regulatory Guidance Letter 08-03, dated 10 October 2008, or

subsequent guidance as appropriate. Reports may be submitted in hard copy or electronically.

3. You must sign the enclosed Compliance Certification and return it to this office within 30 days after completion of the authorized work.

This verification is valid until March 18, 2012, when the existing Nationwide Permits are scheduled to be modified, reissued, or revoked. It is incumbent upon you to remain informed of changes to the NWP. We will issue a public notice when the NWPs are reissued. Furthermore, if you commence or are under contract to commence this activity before the date that the relevant NWP is modified or revoked, you will have twelve (12) months from the date of the modification or revocation of the NWP to complete the activity under the present terms and conditions of this nationwide permit. Failure to comply with the General Conditions of this Nationwide Permit, or the project-specific Special Conditions of this authorization, may result in the suspension or revocation of your authorization.

We appreciate your feedback. At your earliest convenience, please tell us how we are doing by completing the customer survey on our website under *Customer Service Survey*.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2010-01463-DC in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Durango Regulatory Office, 1970 E 3rd Ave., #109, Durango, Colorado 81301, email Kara.A.Hellige@usace.army.mil, or telephone 970-259-1604. For more information regarding our program, please visit our website at www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Kara Hellige
Chief, Durango Office
Sacramento District

Enclosure

- 1) Map and Plans
- 2) 401 Water Certification
- 3) Compliance Certificate

Copy furnished with map and plans:

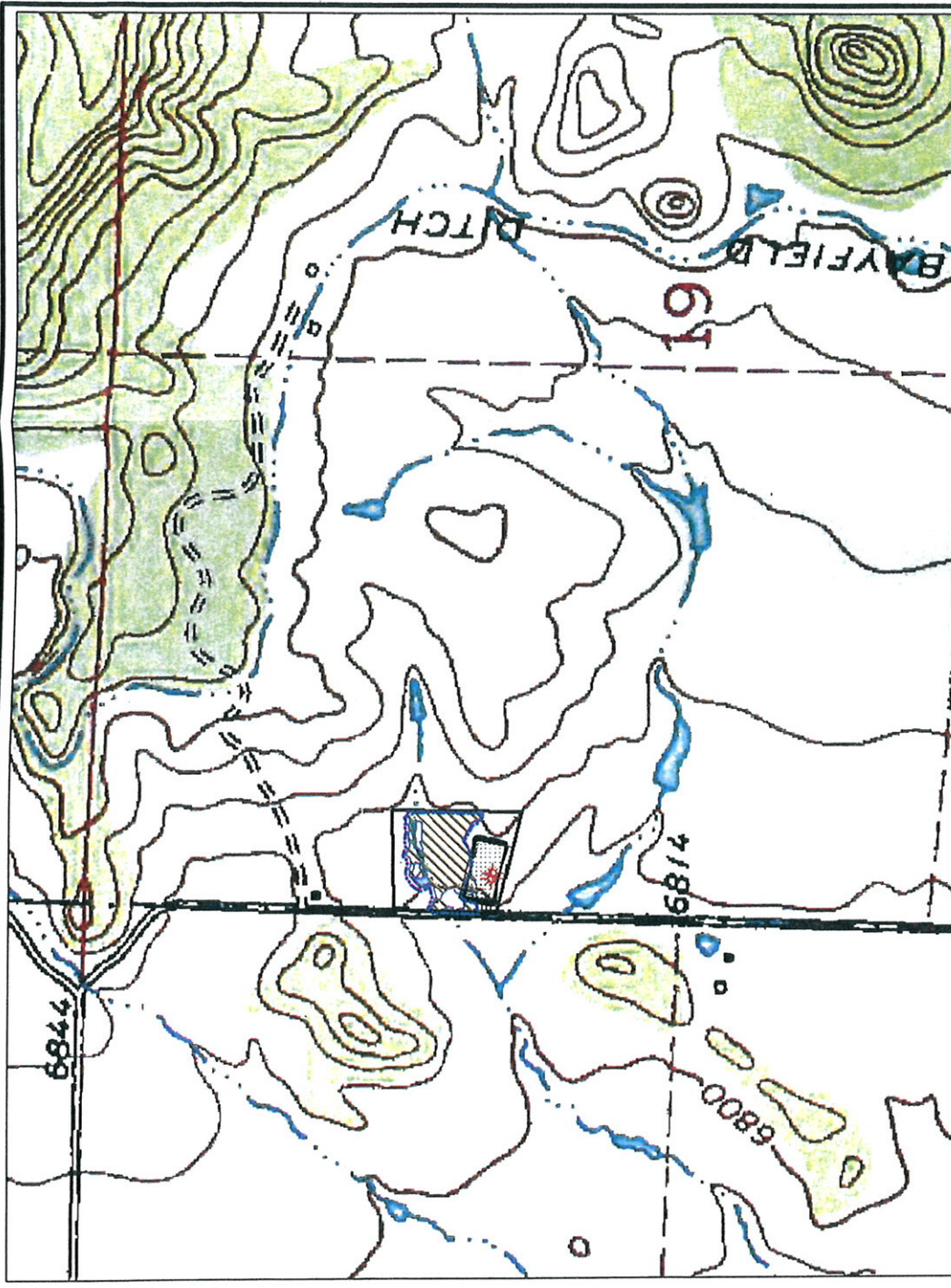
Ms. Toney Ott, USEPA, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, Colorado 80202

La Plata County, 1060 E 2nd Ave, Durango, Colorado 81301

Mr. Sal Valdez, SUIT, PO Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Mr. Peter Jensen, Prymorys Environmental Consulting, Inc, PO Box 4470, Durango, Colorado 81302

Mr. David Swanson, BLM, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301



Waters of the US	Total area (degraded)	Permanent fill	Wetland Migration (Preserved)	Temporary Fill
Wetland	2,292 ac	0.0631 ac	2.804 (including buffer)	N/A

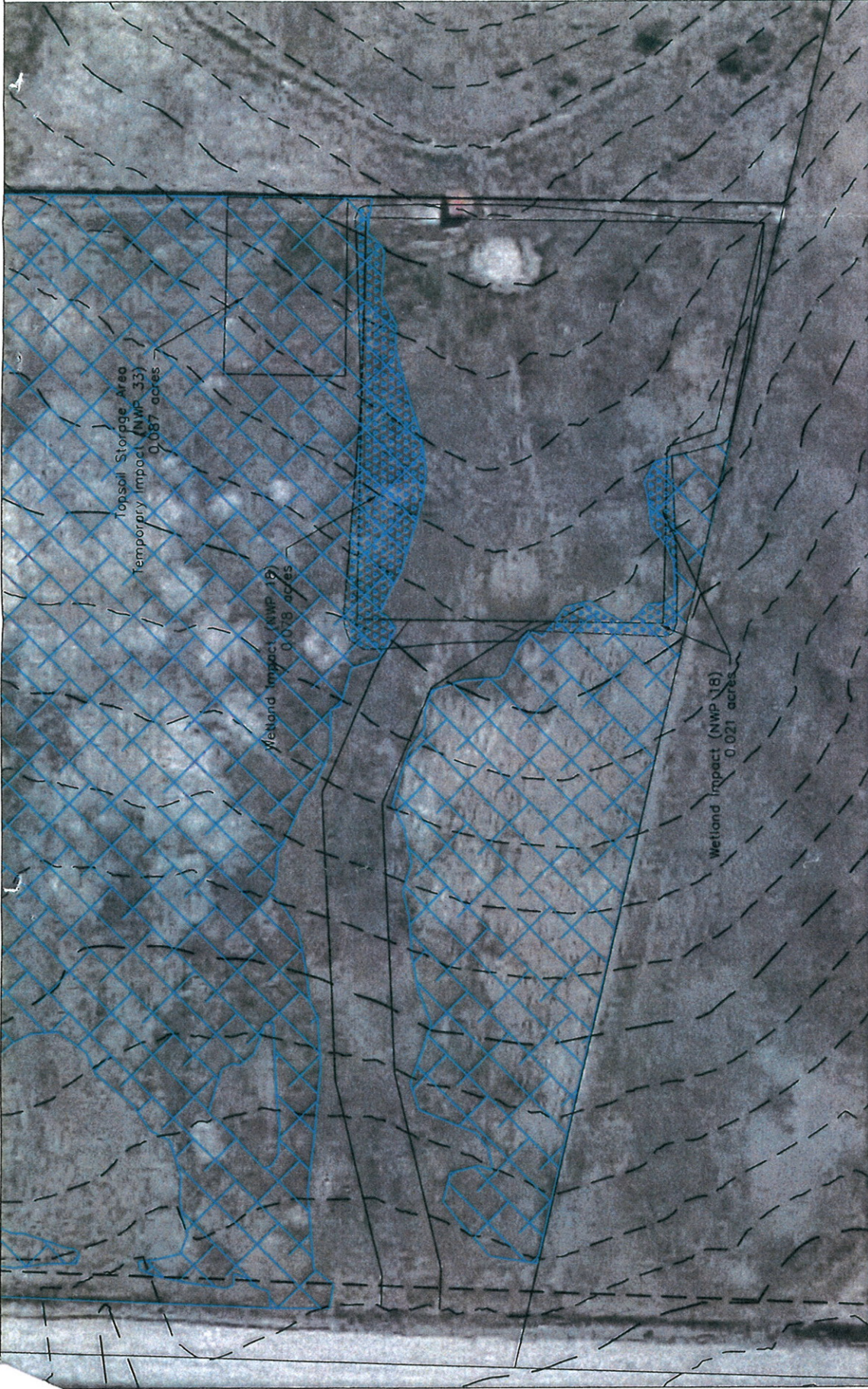
NOTE. Data presented in this table have been estimated to match data from many different sources. Some data were gathered from field studies conducted in multiple countries in 1990-91. (1) *Y* = Yes; (2) *N* = No; and (3) *U* = Unknown. The *U*SDA = United States Department of Agriculture.

USGS Topographic map

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Melson 34-7-24 #1 & Weld 34-7-24 #1 Wetland Protection
-- Topographic Map--



NOTES:
 1. Wetland boundaries are shown as dashed lines.
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WETLAND MITIGATION AREAS

SAMSON
 MELSON 34-7-24 #1
 LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

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