

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

STATE OF COLORADO )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF WELD )

This Memorandum is made this 26th day of March, 2007, by Noble Energy Production, Inc. ("Noble") as operator for United States Exploration, Inc. ("USX"), 1625 Broadway, Suite 2000, Denver, CO 80202.

On March 2nd, 2007, Wells Ranch LLLP, a Colorado limited liability limited partnership, ("Surface Owner") and United States Exploration, Inc. (USX) entered into a Surface Use Agreement (the "Agreement") providing for the use of the surface of the land described below by USX in connection with certain oil and gas operations and the compensation to Surface Owner for all damages (except as provided in the Agreement) to the surface of the land associated with the drilling, testing, completion, recompletion, reworking, reentry, pumping, operation and maintenance of the wellsites to be located in:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A  
Weld County, Colorado

This Memorandum of Agreement is executed by Noble and placed of record in Weld County, Colorado for the purpose of placing all persons on notice of the existence of the Surface Use Agreement. A true and complete copy of the Agreement is available from Noble to any person with an interest in the above-described land.

NOBLE ENERGY PRODUCTION, INC.

By: *P. David Padgett* *AM*  
P. David Padgett  
Manager of Lands, DJ Basin

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CITY AND ) ss.  
COUNTY OF DENVER )

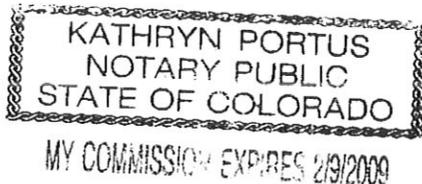
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007, by P. David Padgett as Manager of Lands, DJ Basin of Noble Energy Production, Inc.

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My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

*Kathryn Portus*  
Notary Public

Wells Ranch Agreement





**Exhibit "A"**

Attached to and by reference made a part of that certain Agreement dated March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 by and between Surface Owner and United States Exploration, Inc. as "USX" covering the following lands located in Weld County, Colorado:

Township 5 North, Range 62 West

- Section 3: W/2
- Section 4: All
- Section 5: All
- Section 6: All
- Section 7: All
- Section 8: All
- Section 9: All

Township 5 North, Range 63 West

- Section 1: All
- Section 2: All
- Section 3: All
- Section 4: All
- Section 5: All
- Section 10: E/2
- Section 11: All
- Section 12: All
- Section 14: All
- Section 15: All

Township 6 North, Range 62 West

- Section 5: All
- Section 6: E/2
- Section 7: All
- Section 8: All
- Section 17: All
- Section 18: All
- Section 19: All
- Section 20: All
- Section 21: All
- Section 28: All
- Section 29: All
- Section 30: All
- Section 31: All
- Section 32: All
- Section 33: All

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Township 6 North, Range 63 West

- Section 10: E/2
- Section 11: All
- Section 12: All
- Section 13: All
- Section 14: All
- Section 15: All
- Section 19: E/2
- Section 20: All
- Section 21: All
- Section 22: All
- Section 24: All
- Section 23: All
- Section 25: All
- Section 26: All
- Section 27: All
- Section 28: All
- Section 29: All
- Section 30: E/2
- Section 31: E/2
- Section 32: All
- Section 33: All
- Section 34: All
- Section 35: All
- Section 36: All