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## Final Resend of Entek GRB LLC, FRU Federal 1-1 Pad, Lot 5 Sec 1 T11N R88W, Routt County, Form 2A#400324683 Review; additional Access Road Design/Construct and Wildfire Monitoring COAs

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David,

Entek filed a "Geographic Area Plan" with the BLM for the Focus Ranch Unit.

It did not include the 1-1 which the BLM is very much against.

We also filed the FRU 2013 Plan of Development which I have attached.

CPAW will be funded for 5 Sage Grouse Telemetry Units in lieu of additional on the ground surveys.

Rather expensive but kind of cool technology.

Thanks for your help on these permitting matters.

Dave Smith

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**From:** Kubeczko - DNR, Dave [mailto:dave.kubeczko@state.co.us]

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 22, 2013 7:47 AM

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David,

COGCC will place the following additional COAs on the Entek GRB LLC, FRU Federal 1-1 Pad, Form 2A#400324683:

**COA 71** - Operator shall design and construct the access road utilizing all available soils, geologic, landslide, and hydrogeologic information. The road should also follow any applicable BLM construction standards. Operator shall notify the COGCC and the Routt County LGD 48 hours prior to start of access road construction using Form 42 (and emailing [dave.kubeczko@state.co.us](mailto:dave.kubeczko@state.co.us), [kris.neidel@state.co.us](mailto:kris.neidel@state.co.us), and [cbrookshire@co.routt.co.us](mailto:cbrookshire@co.routt.co.us)).

**COA 81** - During all construction, drilling, and completion phases at this location, operator shall be monitoring the wildfire potentials daily and have the appropriate additional equipment and measures in place. This may include smoking bans and additional fire fighting equipment. Operator shall consult with BLM and the NFS as necessary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (970) 309-2514 (cell), or email. COGCC would like to pass this Form 2A today (January 22, 2013) and begin processing the other three Entek permits using similar COAs. These COAs could also be placed on the Form 2A under the BMP tab if Entek would prefer. BMPs are equally enforceable by COGCC. Please note, the COGCC Office in Rifle has moved (new address is shown below). Thanks.

Dave

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Subject: FW: Resend of Entek GRB LLC, FRU Federal 1-1 Pad, Lot 5 Sec 1 T11N R88W, Routt County, Form 2A#400324683 Review; revision of Water Sampling COA to include surface water

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Dave,

Here are the wildlife stips that BLM has placed on the FRU Federal 1-1:

- Greater Sage Grouse nesting and Early Brood Rearing Habitat – no activity between March 1 – June 30
- Columbian Sharptail nesting habitat – no activity between March 1 – June 30
- Timing restrictions for Greater Sage Grouse from March 1 – May 15 – activity between 9:00 am to 4:00pm
- Implement noise reduction measures for Greater Sage Grouse
- BLM recommends avoidance of the nearby Greater Sage Grouse PPH.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

**Andrea Gross**

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**From:** Kubeczko - DNR, Dave [mailto:[dave.kubeczko@state.co.us](mailto:dave.kubeczko@state.co.us)]

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COGCC has revised **COA 9** - Baseline Water Testing: ; please see the changes below highlighted orange.

Kim,

I have been reviewing the Entek GRB LLC, FRU Federal 1-1 Pad, **Form 2A** (#400324683). COGCC would like to attach the following conditions of approval (COAs) to the Form 2A based on the data Entek has submitted on or attached to the Form 2A prior to passing the Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA) review.

**Construction (Section 6):** The box answering the question will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS CI) or oil based muds (OBM) be used? has been marked **Yes**; therefore the following condition of approval (COA) will apply:

**COA 11** - A closed loop system must be implemented during drilling (which operator has indicated on the Form 2A); or, if a closed loop system drilling rig is not used/available, then an amended Form 2A will need to be submitted/approved to include a drilling pit, and a Form 15 Earthen Pit Permit will also need to be submitted/approved prior to construction of the pit (the drilling pit will be required to be lined, fenced, and netted). All cuttings generated during drilling with oil based muds or high chloride/TDS mud must be kept in containers, a lined/bermed portion of the well pad, or the lined drilling (if permitted and constructed) prior to offsite disposal. The moisture content of any drill cuttings in a cuttings pit, trench, or pile shall be as low as practicable to prevent accumulation of liquids greater than de minimis amounts.

**General:** The following conditions of approval (COAs) will apply:

**COA 91** - Notify the COGCC 48 hours prior to start of pad construction, rig mobilization, spud, and start of hydraulic stimulation operations using Form 42 (the appropriate COGCC individuals will automatically be email notified, including the LGD for hydraulic stimulation operations).

**COA 5** - Operator must implement best management practices to contain any unintentional release of fluids, including any fluids conveyed via temporary surface or buried pipelines.

**COA 23** - Operator must ensure secondary containment for any volume of fluids contained at well site during drilling and completion operations (as shown on the Proposed BMPs attachment); including, but

not limited to, construction of a berm or diversion dike, diversion/collection trenches within and/or outside of berms/dikes, site grading, or other comparable measures (i.e., best management practices (BMPs) associated with stormwater management) sufficiently protective of nearby surface water. Any berm constructed at the well pad location will be stabilized, inspected at regular intervals (at least every 14 days), and maintained in good condition.

**COA 38** - The moisture content of any freshwater generated drill cuttings in a cuttings pit, trench, or pile shall be as low as practicable to prevent accumulation of liquids greater than de minimis amounts. At the time of closure, if the drill cuttings are to be left onsite, they must also meet the applicable standards of table 910-1.

**COA 25** - Flowback and stimulation fluids must be sent to tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment before the fluids can be placed into any pipeline, storage vessel, or lined pit (only if an amended Form 2A has been submitted/approved and a Form 15 Earthen Pit Permitted has been submitted/approved) located on the well pad; or into tanker trucks for offsite disposal. The flowback and stimulation fluid tanks, separators, or other containment/filtering equipment must be placed on the well pad in an area with additional downgradient perimeter berming. The area where flowback fluids will be stored/reused must be constructed to be sufficiently impervious to contain any spilled or released material.

**COA 58** - Berms or other containment devices shall be constructed to be sufficiently impervious (preferably corrugated steel with poly liner) to contain any spilled or released material around crude oil, condensate, and produced water storage tanks.

**COA 44** - The access road will be constructed to prevent sediment migration from the access road to nearby surface water or any drainages leading to other nearby surface waters.

**Groundwater/Surface Water Baseline Sampling:** Based on the wildcat status of the Entek GRB LLC, FRU Federal 1-1 Pad, COGCC would like to attached the following additional condition of approval (COA) to the Form 2A to provide the COGCC with some baseline data for surface water and/or groundwater:

**COA 9** - Baseline Water Testing: Prior to drilling, operator shall sample the two (2) closest domestic water wells, springs, or surface water features within a one (1) mile radius of the proposed oil and gas location. Testing preference shall be given to domestic water wells and springs over surface water. Testing of surface water features shall only be conducted if two (2) water wells or springs do not exist within a one (1) mile radius of the selected oil and gas location. If possible, the water wells or springs selected should be on opposite sides of the oil and gas location not exceeding a one (1) mile radius. If water wells or springs on opposite sides of the oil and gas location cannot be identified, then the two (2) closest wells or springs within a one (1) mile radius of the oil and gas location shall be sampled. The sample location shall be surveyed in accordance with Rule 215. Sampling and analysis shall be conducted in conformance with an accepted industry standard as described in Rule 910.b.(2).

Initial baseline testing shall include: pH, specific conductance, total dissolved solids (TDS), dissolved gases (methane, ethane, propane), alkalinity (total bicarbonate and carbonate as CaCO<sub>3</sub>), major anions (bromide, chloride, fluoride, sulfate, nitrate and nitrite as N, phosphorus), major cations (calcium, iron, magnesium, manganese, potassium, sodium), other elements (barium, boron, selenium and strontium), presence of bacteria (iron related, sulfate reducing, slime and coliform), total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH) and BTEX compounds (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes). Hydrogen sulfide shall also be measured using a field test method. Field observations such as pH, temperature, specific conductance, odor, water color, sediment, bubbles, and effervescence shall also be included. COGCC recommends that the latest version of EPA SW 846 analytical methods be used where possible and that analyses of samples be performed by laboratories that maintain state or national accreditation programs.

If free gas or a dissolved methane concentration greater than 1.0 milligram per liter (mg/l) is detected in a water well, gas compositional analysis and stable isotope analysis of the methane (carbon and hydrogen – <sup>12</sup>C, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>2</sup>H) shall be performed to determine gas type. If test results indicated thermogenic or a mixture of thermogenic and biogenic gas. If the methane concentration increases by more than 5.0 mg/l between sampling periods, or increases to more than 10. mg/l, the operator shall notify the Director and

the owner of the water well immediately.

After 90 days, but less than 180 days of completion of the first proposed well a "post-completion" test shall be performed for the same analytical parameters listed above and repeated one (1), three (3) and six (6) years thereafter. If the well is a non-producing well, then the one (1), three (3) and six (6) year samples will not be required. If no significant changes from the baseline have been identified after the third test (i.e. the six-year test), no further testing shall be required. Additional "post-completion" test(s) may be required if changes in water quality are identified during follow-up testing. The Director may require further water well sampling at any time in response to complaints from water well owners.

Copies of all test results described above shall be provided to the Director and the landowner where the water quality testing well is located within three (3) months of collecting the samples used for the test. The analytical data and surveyed well locations shall also be submitted to the Director in an electronic data deliverable format.

Operator may conduct baseline groundwater sampling in accordance with the Colorado Oil and Gas Association (COGA) Voluntary Baseline Groundwater Quality Sampling Program (updated November 15, 2011).

Documented refusal to grant access by well owner or surface owner (for surface water and spring sampling) shall not constitute a violation of this COA.

COGCC would appreciate your concurrence with attaching these COAs to the Form 2A permit prior to passing the OGLA review. In addition, could Entek provide COGCC with the COAs and wildlife stipulations that BLM has attached to this location. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (970) 309-2514 (cell), or email. Thanks.

Dave

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Via certified U.S. Mail and email.

RE: 2012 Review of Operations and 2013 Plan of Development  
Focus Ranch Federal Unit ("FRU") COC63212X  
Routt County, Colorado

Dear Sirs:

Entek GRB, LLC, as Unit Operator of the Focus Ranch Unit respectfully submits its 2012 review of operations and its 2013 Plan of Development for the Focus Ranch Unit.

**2012 Review of Operations:**

Entek GRB, LLC completed the following well and location operations during 2012:

- 1) Once again, the lack of access to the Focus Ranch Unit restricted producing, drilling and completion activities within the unit in 2012. Entek continued litigation in Federal District Court which was initiated in the summer of 2011, concerning access and potential drilling locations on Stull Ranches split estate surface. The court has not issued a ruling resolving the case as of the end of 2012.
- 2) Entek completed the closure of the old reserve pit, on the FRU 3-1 well location in the SENW of Section 3, T11N-R88W Routt County, Colorado. You will recall that Entek was granted temporary access to this location by the surface owner on portions of the access road late in the summer of 2011. Entek proceeded as quickly as possible to obtain COGCC approval of the pit closure program. Interim steps included required sampling and analysis. Once completed, the COGCC was required to review sampling and analysis before authorizing final backfill of the pit. Through this process, Entek was within one or two days of completion of



two days of completion of the project in October, 2011 when Entek requested relief in BLM work hour limitations each day or permission to work closer than 48 hours prior to open of rifle hunting season. BLM was willing to work with Entek, but the private surface owner of the access was unwilling to accommodate us. In 2012, Entek was able to again obtain temporary access to this location across the private surface owner and was able to complete this operation.

- 3) Entek surveyed, staked, scheduled or performed archaeology surveys, and conducted on-site meetings with the BLM on 12 potential drilling locations.
- 4) Entek Completed surveys of three alternate road routes (North Route, South Route, and Middle Route) and completed road engineering of the Middle Route as well as to five potential locations taking off from the Middle Route.
- 5) Entek met on several occasions with personnel from both the Little Snake and Colorado State offices concerning alternative road routes and to establish a work plan for submittal for the 2013/2014 work seasons.
- 6) Entek completed and submitted a Geographic Area Plan (GAP) in December, 2012 that is consistent with the last discussions with the Little Snake and Colorado State BLM offices. The GAP proposes construction of the Middle Route Road to re-establish access to the shut-in Focus Ranch Unit 12-1 well to perform additional testing and to establish production. The Middle Route Road also provides access to the partially abandoned Focus Ranch Unit 3-1 well to allow Entek to re-drill and establish production, and also gives access to the new APDs for the FRU Federal 11-14, FRU Federal 4-14, FRU Federal 33-13, and the FRU Stull Federal 28-2 wells.
- 7) Entek submitted a bond for access to the FRU Stull Federal 28-2 well location after several unsuccessful attempts to establish a surface use agreement with the surface owner, Stull Ranches.

### **2013 Proposed Plan of Development Activities:**

Entek plans to complete the following activities in 2013:

- 1) Once access has been reestablished, Entek will close the old reserve pit and equip the Focus Ranch Unit Federal 12-1 well located in the SWSE of Section 12, T11N-R88W to begin production. This well resulted in a paying well determination for the FRU in 2011 with an effective date of August 28, 2009. No

production was recorded from this well in 2012. Entek will also be requesting relief from the "Hunting Season" stipulation that was originally tied to this well based on landowner request.

- 2) Entek has had an approved permit in place since 2011 to re-enter the FRU Federal 3-1 well located in the SENW of Section 3, T11N-R88W, with emphasis on testing of the Niobrara formation. Re-entry of this well using the existing pad will provide the drilling opportunity in 2013 with the least amount of new surface disturbance. Entek will request an extension of the re-entry permit that was issued in 2011, based on the lack of access to this location due to the ongoing 2 year litigation which has not yet been resolved. Entek will also be requesting relief from the "Hunting Season" stipulation that was originally tied to this well based on landowner request. The landowner in question will be bypassed with the new road route and the stipulation will no longer be applicable.
- 3) Completion of the permitting process for the submitted Geographic Area Plan (GAP). The Gap provides for the following activities to be completed in 2013/2014 work seasons:
  - a. Construction of the new Middle Route primary transportation corridor road to re-establish access to the existing FRU 12-1 and FRU 3-1 locations
  - b. FRU Federal 12-1 well: perform additional testing of this shut-in well and establish production (2013)
  - c. FRU Federal 3-1 well: re-entry sidetrack drilling and completion (extension of previously issued re-entry permit) (2013)
  - d. FRU Federal 11-14 drilling and completion, located in the SESW of Section 11, T11N-R88W.
  - e. FRU Federal 4-14 drilling and completion, located in the SESW of Section 4, T11N-R88W.
  - f. FRU Stull Federal 28-2 drilling and completion, located in the NWNE Section 28, T12N-R88W.
  - g. FRU Federal 33-13 drilling and completion, located in the SWSW Section 33, T12N-R88W

*\* Please note that the BLM has already conducted on-site reviews for all of these new locations and Entek will coordinate with the Little Snake Office to further prioritize the final locations for 2013/2014 activities.*

- 4) Prepare and submit a separate Geographic Area Plan (GAP) with APDs for wells that at this time can only be accessed from the East side of Focus Ranch Unit off of Routt County Road 129 and utilizing the BLM "Barnes Easement":
  - a. FRU Three Forks Federal 28-4 located in the NWNW of Section 28, T12N-R87WRU
  - b. FRU Federal 4-2 located in the NWNE of Section 4, T11N-R87W
- 5) Entek will make a final decision on the currently permitted re-entry/sidetrack of the Butter Lake Federal 32-10L well, located in the NWSE Section 32, T12N-R88W, based on results from the activities above.
- 6) Entek will initiate surveying, engineering, and design of a system of gathering pipeline(s) in 2013 following encouragement from the drilling, completion, and production activities from the above wells. Any proposed gathering pipeline(s) will be submitted separately to the BLM for review and rights-of-way.

Entek appreciates your consideration of this Plan of Development and looks forward to your comments and approval.

Sincerely,



David R. Smith  
Land Manager

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