

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

SPECIAL USE PERMIT

Authority: ORGANIC ADMINISTRATION ACT June 4, 1897

NOBLE ENERGY, INC. of 1625 BROADWAY, STE 2200, DENVER, CO 80202 (hereinafter "the holder") is authorized to use or occupy National Forest System lands in the **Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland** unit of the National Forest System, subject to the terms and conditions of this special use permit (the permit).

This permit covers approximately **2.4 acres** in **T. 8 N., R. 60 W., 6th P.M., sec. 4, SE¼SE¼**, ("the permit area"), as shown on the map attached as **Exhibit A**. This permit issued for the purpose of:

Access via cross-country vehicle travel through a 30-foot corridor in order to re-enter, test and replug a dry and abandoned oil & gas well, Badger Federal 1, that was plugged in 1989. Work will be completed within 1 week. Some ground disturbance will occur around the top of the well casing. All other impacts will be limited to vehicles and equipment driving and parking on NFS lands. All activities around the well head will be confined to an area 300 feet X 300 feet. Any and all resource damage will be reclaimed and repaired within 1 year.

The re-entry and replugging satisfies a Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission rule to protect groundwater and prevent communication between oil & gas formations within 1,500 feet of horizontal wells in the Denver-Julesburg Basin.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

I. GENERAL TERMS

A. AUTHORITY. This permit is issued pursuant to the ORGANIC ADMINISTRATION ACT of June 4, 1897 and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.

B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER. The authorized officer is the Forest or Grassland Supervisor or a subordinate officer with delegated authority.

C. TERM. This permit shall expire at midnight on **12/01/2014**.

D. RENEWAL. This permit is not renewable. Prior to expiration of this permit, the holder may apply for a new permit that would renew the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. Applications for a new permit must be submitted at least 6 months prior to expiration of this permit. Renewal of the use and occupancy authorized by this permit shall be at the sole discretion of the authorized officer. At a minimum, before renewing the use and occupancy authorized by this permit, the authorized officer shall require that (1) the use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is consistent with the standards and guidelines in the applicable land management plan; (2) the type of use and occupancy to be authorized by the new permit is the same as the type of use and occupancy authorized by this permit; and (3) the holder is in compliance with all the terms of this permit. The authorized officer may prescribe new terms and conditions when a new permit is issued.

E. AMENDMENT. This permit may be amended in whole or in part by the Forest Service when, at the discretion of the authorized officer, such action is deemed necessary or desirable to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, directive, the applicable forest land and resource management plan, or projects and activities implementing a land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR Part 215.

2. The holder shall include and require compliance with the above nondiscrimination provisions in any third party agreement made with respect to the operations under this permit.

3. Signs setting forth this policy of nondiscrimination to be furnished by the Forest Service will be conspicuously displayed at the public entrance to the premises, and at other exterior or interior locations as directed by the Forest Service.

The Forest Service shall have the right to enforce the foregoing nondiscrimination provisions by suit for specific performance or by any other available remedy under the laws of the United States or the State in which the breach or violation occurs.

In addition to the above non-discrimination policy, the holder agrees to insure that its program and activities are open to the general public on an equal basis and without regard to any non-merit factor.

E. NOXIOUS WEED/EXOTIC PLANT PREVENTION AND CONTROL.

1. The holder shall be responsible for the prevention and control of noxious weeds and/or exotic plants of concern on the area authorized by this authorization and shall provide prevention and control measures prescribed by the Forest Service. Noxious weeds and exotic plants of concern are defined as those species recognized by Pawnee National Grassland in which the authorized use is located.

2. When determined to be necessary by the authorized officer, the holder shall develop a site-specific plan for noxious weed and exotic plant prevention and control. Such plan shall be subject to Forest Service approval. Upon Forest Service approval, the noxious weed and exotic plant prevention and control plan shall become a part of this authorization, and its provisions shall be enforceable under the terms of this authorization.

3. The holder shall also be responsible for prevention and control of noxious weed and exotic plant infestations which are not within the authorized area, but which are determined by the Forest Service to have originated within the authorized area.

F. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN. An **Operation and Maintenance Plan**, described as **Exhibit B**, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

This permit is accepted subject to the conditions set out above.

NOBLE ENERGY, INC. (Holder)

Date: 12/23/2013

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Linda Pavelka, Regulatory Advisor

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