

**FORM
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08/13**State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission**1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203
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Document Number:

400556865

Date Received:

Oil and Gas Location Assessment☐ New Location ☐ Refile ☒ Amend Existing Location Location#: 335803

Submit signed original form. This Oil and Gas Location Assessment is to be submitted to the COGCC for approval prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas operations. Approval of this Oil and Gas Location Assessment will allow for the construction of the below specified Location; however, it does not supersede any land use rules applied by the local land use authority. Please see the COGCC website at <http://cogcc.state.co.us/> for all accompanying information pertinent this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

335803

Expiration Date:

☒ This location assessment is included as part of a permit application.**CONSULTATION**

- ☐ This location is included in a Comprehensive Drilling Plan. CDP # _____
- ☒ This location is in a sensitive wildlife habitat area.
- ☐ This location is in a wildlife restricted surface occupancy area.
- ☐ This location includes a Rule 306.d.(1)A.ii. variance request.

Operator

Operator Number: 66571

Name: OXY USA WTP LP

Address: 760 HORIZON DR #101

City: GRAND JUNCTION State: CO Zip: 81506

Contact Information

Name: Joan Proulx

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RECLAMATION FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

- ☒ Plugging and Abandonment Bond Surety ID: 20060137 ☐ Gas Facility Surety ID: _____
- ☐ Waste Management Surety ID: _____

LOCATION IDENTIFICATION

Name: Cascade Creek Number: 697-15-54

County: GARFIELD

QuarterQuarter: SWSE Section: 15 Township: 6S Range: 97W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 8625

Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.

Footage at surface: 1305 feet FSL from North or South section line

1348 feet FEL from East or West section line

Latitude: 39.519310 Longitude: -108.201530

PDOP Reading: 1.2 Date of Measurement: 12/18/2013

Instrument Operator's Name: R Bullen

RELATED REMOTE LOCATIONS

(Enter as many Related Locations as necessary. Enter the Form 2A document # only if there is no established COGCC Location ID#)

This proposed Oil and Gas Location is:

LOCATION ID #

FORM 2A DOC #



FACILITIES

Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location

Wells	13	Oil Tanks		Condensate Tanks		Water Tanks		Buried Produced Water Vaults	
Drilling Pits		Production Pits		Special Purpose Pits		Multi-Well Pits		Temporary Large Volume Above Ground Tanks	
Pump Jacks		Separators	3	Injection Pumps		Cavity Pumps			
Gas or Diesel Motors		Electric Motors		Electric Generators		Fuel Tanks		Gas Compressors	
Dehydrator Units		Vapor Recovery Unit		VOC Combustor	1	Flare		LACT Unit	
								Pigging Station	1

OTHER FACILITIES

Other Facility Type

Number

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Per Rule 303.b.(3)C, description of all oil, gas, and/or water pipelines:

Approximately 2670' of 6" STD carbon steel existing pipeline for natural gas gathering.

CONSTRUCTION

Date planned to commence construction: 05/01/2014 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 6.00

Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 09/01/2015 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 4.10

Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 8625

DRILLING PROGRAM

Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes

Is H₂S anticipated? No

Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: No

Will salt based mud (>15,000 ppm Cl) be used? No

Will oil based drilling fluids be used? No

DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Drilling Fluids Disposal: OFFSITE

Drilling Fluids Disposal Method: Recycle/reuse

Cutting Disposal: OFFSITE

Cuttings Disposal Method: Other

Other Disposal Description:

Drilling fluids may either be disposed of at the 629-1 SWD or sent to the Central Water Handling Facility for re-use. Cuttings may be disposed of at the 697-15-01 CDS (see approved Form 4 Sundry Notice document #400493031).

Beneficial reuse or land application plan submitted? No

Reuse Facility ID: or Document Number:

Centralized E&P Waste Management Facility ID, if applicable:

SURFACE & MINERALS & RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT

Name: OXY USA WTP LP

Phone: 970-263-3641

Address: P O Box 27757, Suite 110

Fax: 970-263-3694

Address: _____

Email: _____

City: Houston State: TX Zip: 77227-7757

Surface Owner: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

Check all that apply. The Surface Owner: ☒ is the mineral owner

☐ is committed to an oil and Gas Lease

☐ has signed the Oil and Gas Lease

☒ is the applicant

The Mineral Owner beneath this Oil and Gas Location is: ☒ Fee ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Indian

The Minerals beneath this Oil and Gas Location will be developed from or produced to this Oil and Gas Location: Yes

The right to construct this Oil and Gas Location is granted by: applicant is owner

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place: _____ Surface Surety ID: _____

Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation _____

CURRENT AND FUTURE LAND USE

Current Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: ☐ Irrigated ☐ Dry land ☐ Improved Pasture ☐ Hay Meadow ☐ CRP

Non-Crop Land: ☒ Rangeland ☐ Timber ☐ Recreational ☐ Other (describe): _____

Subdivided: ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential

Future Land Use (Check all that apply):

Crop Land: ☐ Irrigated ☐ Dry land ☐ Improved Pasture ☐ Hay Meadow ☐ CRP

Non-Crop Land: ☒ Rangeland ☐ Timber ☐ Recreational ☐ Other (describe): _____

Subdivided: ☐ Industrial ☐ Commercial ☐ Residential

CULTURAL DISTANCE INFORMATION

Distance to nearest:

Building: 5280 Feet
Building Unit: 5280 Feet
High Occupancy Building Unit: 5280 Feet
Designated Outside Activity Area: 5280 Feet
Public Road: 5280 Feet
Above Ground Utility: 5280 Feet
Railroad: 5280 Feet
Property Line: 1378 Feet

INSTRUCTIONS:

- All measurements shall be provided from center of nearest Well or edge of nearest Production Facility to nearest of each cultural feature as described in Rule 303.b.(3)A.
- Enter 5280 for distance greater than 1 mile.
- Building - nearest building of any type. If nearest Building is a Building Unit, enter same distance for both.
- Building Unit, High Occupancy Building Unit, and Designated Outside Activity Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION INFORMATION

Check all that apply. This location is within a: ☐ Buffer Zone
☐ Exception Zone
☐ Urban Mitigation Area

- Buffer Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(2), within 1,000' of a Building Unit.
- Exception Zone - as described in Rule 604.a.(1), within 500' of a Building Unit.
- Urban Mitigation Area - as defined in 100-Series Rules.

Pre-application Notifications (required if location is within 1,000 feet of a building unit):

Date of Rule 305.a.(1) Urban Mitigation Area Notification to Local Government: _____

Date of Rule 305.a.(2) Buffer Zone Notification to Building Unit Owners: _____

SOIL

List all soil map units that occur within the proposed location. attach the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) report showing the "Map Unit Description" report listing the soil typical vertical profile. This data is to be used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.org/> or from the COGCC web site GIS Online map page found at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc>. Instructions are provided within the COGCC web site help section.

NRCS Map Unit Name: Map Unit Symbol 56, Parachute-Irigul-Rhone association, 25 to 50 percent slopes

NRCS Map Unit Name: _____

NRCS Map Unit Name: _____

PLANT COMMUNITY:

Complete this section only if any portion of the disturbed area of the location's current land use is on non-crop land.

Are noxious weeds present: Yes ☐ No ☒

Plant species from: ☒ NRCS or, ☐ field observation Date of observation: _____

List individual species: Saskatoon serviceberry, Mountain brome, Western wheatgrass, Elk Sedge, Columbia needlegrass, Letterman's needlegrass, Mountain big sagebrush, Mountain snowberry

Check all plant communities that exist in the disturbed area.

- ☐ Disturbed Grassland (Cactus, Yucca, Cheatgrass, Rye)
- ☒ Native Grassland (Bluestem, Grama, Wheatgrass, Buffalograss, Fescue, Oatgrass, Brome)
- ☒ Shrub Land (Mahogany, Oak, Sage, Serviceberry, Chokecherry)
- ☐ Plains Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Aspen, Maple, Poplar, Russian Olive, Tamarisk)
- ☐ Mountain Riparian (Cottonwood, Willow, Blue Spruce)
- ☐ Forest Land (Spruce, Fir, Ponderosa Pine, Lodgepole Pine, Juniper, Pinyon, Aspen)
- ☐ Wetlands Aquatic (Bullrush, Sedge, Cattail, Arrowhead)
- ☐ Alpine (above timberline)
- ☐ Other (describe): _____

WATER RESOURCES

Is this a sensitive area: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Distance to nearest

downgradient surface water feature: 522 Feet

water well: 2894 Feet

Estimated depth to ground water at Oil and Gas Location 300 Feet

Basis for depth to groundwater and sensitive area determination:

COGCC GIS map system; plat package Hydrology map

Is the location in a riparian area: ☒ No ☐ Yes

Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed ☒ No ☐ Yes If yes attach permit.

Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer No zone:

If the location is within a Rule 317B Surface Water Supply Area buffer have all public water supply systems within 15 miles been notified: _____

GROUNDWATER BASELINE SAMPLING AND MONITORING AND WATER WELL SAMPLING

Water well sampling required per Rule 609

DESIGNATED SETBACK LOCATION EXCEPTIONS

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Rule 604.a.(1)A. Exception Zone (within 500' of Building Unit)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)A. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location now within a Designated Setback as a result of Rule 604.a.)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(1)B. Exception Location (existing or approved Oil & Gas Location is within a Designated Setback due to Building Unit construction after Location approval)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(2) Exception Location (SUA or site-specific development plan executed on or before August 1, 2013)
- ☐ Rule 604.b.(3) Exception Location (Building Units constructed after August 1, 2013 within setback per an SUA or site-specific development plan)

RULE 502.b VARIANCE REQUEST

- ☐ Rule 502.b. Variance Request from COGCC Rule or Spacing Order Number _____

ALL exceptions and variances require attached Request Letter(s). Refer to applicable rule for additional required attachments (e.g. waivers, certifications, SUAs).

OPERATOR COMMENTS AND SUBMITTAL

Comments

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Email: joan_proulx@oxy.com

Print Name: Joan Proulx Title: Regulatory

Based on the information provided herein, this Application for Permit-to-Drill complies with COGCC Rules and applicable orders and is hereby approved.

COGCC Approved: _____ Director of COGCC Date: _____

Conditions Of Approval

All representations, stipulations and conditions of approval stated in this Form 2A for this location shall constitute representations, stipulations and conditions of approval for any and all subsequent operations on the location unless this Form 2A is modified by Sundry Notice, Form 4 or an Amended Form 2A.

COA Type

Description

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Best Management Practices

No BMP/COA Type

Description

1	Wildlife	<p>Wildlife and Domestic Animals Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All firearms and hunting paraphernalia are strictly prohibited.• Employees, contractors, subcontractors, or visitors will not hunt, fish, trap, trade, feed, or harass animals or keep wildlife in captivity.• Employees, contractors, subcontractors or visitors shall not bring domestic animals to Oxy property.• All employees, contractors, subcontractors, or visitors shall comply with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife rules and regulations pertaining to wildlife.• All employees and visitors shall attend Oxy's Visitor Orientation presentation which includes training for Oxy's Wildlife and Domestic Animals policy.• Contractors and subcontractors shall read Oxy's Contractor, Health, Environment, and Safety Expectations Handbook, which contains Oxy's wildlife policies. After reading the handbook, all contractors and subcontractors shall sign, date, and return the last sheet of the handbook prior to coming on location.• All employees, contractors, subcontractors, or visitors shall comply with the following bear specific guidelines:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Initiate a food and waste/refuse management program that uses bear-proof food storage containers and trash receptacles, including but not limited to all permanent facilities, drilling locations, temp housing facilities, completions and workover locations.o Food and food waste located at temporary job sites shall be kept in the vehicle and only disposed of in bear-proof containers.o Report bear conflicts immediately to Oxy HES and/or Regulatory Departments so that it may be reported to CPW.
2	Wildlife	<p>Sensitive Wildlife Habitat: Greater Sage Grouse Production Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify seasonal habitats and migratory patterns of sage-grouse. Map all seasonal habitats using CPW habitat selection models as they become available.• No surface occupancy within 0.6 mile of any known greater sage-grouse lek.• After drilling and completions activities reduce visits to well-sites through remote monitoring (i.e. SCADA) and the use of multi-function contractors.• Schedule, as best as possible, well site visitations to portions of the day between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. during the lekking season (March 1 to May 15).

- Establish company guidelines to minimize wildlife mortality from vehicle collisions on roads.
- Phase and concentrate all development activities, so that large areas of undisturbed habitat for wildlife remain and thorough reclamation occurs immediately after development and before moving to new sites. Development should progress at a pace commensurate with reclamation success.
- Implement the species appropriate Infrastructure Layout and Drilling and Production Operations Wildlife Protection Measures found in Section II D. of the CPW Wildlife BMP document as follows:
- Section II D. DRILLING AND PRODUCTION OPERATIONS WILDLIFE PROTECTION MEASURES: The purpose of these measures is to reduce disturbance on the actual drill site and the surrounding area, to reduce direct conflict with wildlife and hunters, and to prevent wildlife access to equipment.
 1. Use centralized hydraulic fracturing operations.
 2. Transport water through centralized pipeline systems rather than by trucking.
 3. Where possible, locate pipeline systems under existing roadways, or roadways that are planned for development.
 4. Maximize use of state-of-the-art drilling technology (e.g., high efficiency rigs, coiled-tubing unit rigs, closed-loop or pitless drilling, etc.) to minimize disturbance.
 5. Conduct well completions with drilling operations to limit the number of rig moves and traffic.
 6. Install exclusionary devices to prevent bird and other wildlife access to equipment stacks, vents and openings.
 7. During pipeline installations install trench plugs, earthen ramps, or other means as necessary to ensure that open pipeline trenches do not trap wildlife, and that pipe strings do not impair wildlife movements.
- Minimize surface disturbance and fragmentation of greater sage-grouse habitat through use of the smallest facility footprints possible, use of multiple well pads, clustering of roads and pipelines, and the widest possible spacing of surface facilities.
- Where applicable design tanks and other facilities with structures such that they do not provide perches or nest substrates for raptors, crows and ravens.
- Where needed, install raptor perch deterrents on equipment, fences, cross arms and pole tops in greater sage-grouse habitat.
- Remove all unnecessary infrastructure.
- Treat waste water pits and any associated pit containing water that provides a suitable medium for breeding mosquitoes with Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis* v. *israelensis*) or take other effective action to control mosquito larvae that may spread West Nile Virus to wildlife, especially grouse.
- Implement the species appropriate reclamation guidelines found in Section II G. of the CPW Wildlife BMP document.
- Section II G. RESTORATION, RECLAMATION AND ABANDONMENT: The purpose of these measures is to restore disturbed sites to their pre-development conditions, using native vegetation that can be used by the indigenous wildlife. Develop a reclamation plan in consultation with CPW, NRCS, and the land owner or land management agency that incorporates wildlife species-specific goals and that defines reclamation performance standards, including the following components:
 1. Seed
 - a. Use only certified weed-free native seed in seed mixes, unless use of non-native plant materials is recommended by CPW.
 - b. Use locally adapted seed whenever available, especially for species which have wide geographic ranges and much genetic variation (e.g., big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*), antelope bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*), etc.).
 - c. Where more than one ecotype of a given species is available and potentially adapted to the site, include more than one ecotype per species in the seed mix.
 - d. Use appropriately diverse reclamation seed mixes that mirror an appropriate reference area for the site being reclaimed (see also species-specific recommendations).
 - e. Conduct seeding in a manner that ensures that seedbed preparation and planting techniques are targeted toward the varied needs of grasses, forbs and shrubs (e.g., seed forbs and shrubs separately from grasses, broadcast big sagebrush but drill grasses, etc.).
 - f. Emphasize bunchgrass over sod-forming grasses in seed mixes in order to provide more effective wildlife cover and to facilitate forb and shrub establishment.
 - g. Seed immediately after recontouring and spreading topsoil. Spread topsoil and conduct seeding during optimal periods for seed germination and establishment. Use

	<p>of the same contractor for re-contouring land as used for seeding is often the most effective approach.</p> <p>h. Do not include aggressive, non-native grasses (e.g., intermediate wheatgrass, pubescent wheatgrass, crested wheatgrass, smooth brome, etc.) in reclamation seed mixes. Site specific exceptions may be considered.</p> <p>i. Distribute quick germinating site adapted native seed or sterile non-native seed for interim reclamation on cut and fill slopes and topsoil piles.</p> <p>j. Plan for reclamation failure and be prepared to repeat seeding as necessary to meet vegetation cover, composition, and diversity standards.</p> <p>2. Vegetative Cover Standard</p> <p>a. Choose reference areas as goals for reclamation that have high wildlife value, with attributes such a diverse and productive understory of vegetation, productive and palatable shrubs, and a high prevalence of native species.</p> <p>b. Establish vegetation with total perennial non-invasive plant cover of at least eighty (80) percent of pre-disturbance or reference area levels.</p> <p>c. Establish vegetation with plant diversity of non-invasive species which is at least half that of pre-disturbance or reference area levels. Quantify diversity of vegetation using a metric that considers only species with at least 3 percent relative plant cover.</p> <p>d. Observe and maintain a performance standard for reclamation success characterized by the establishment of a self-sustaining, vigorous, diverse, locally appropriate plant community on the site, with a density sufficient to control erosion and non-native plant invasion and diversity sufficient to allow for normal plant community development.</p> <p>3. Timing</p> <p>a. Use early and effective reclamation techniques, including interim reclamation to accelerate return of disturbed areas for use by wildlife.</p> <p>b. Remove all unnecessary infrastructure.</p> <p>c. Close and reclaim roads not necessary for development immediately, including removing all bridges and culverts and recontouring/reclaiming all stream crossings.</p> <p>d. Reclaim reserve pits as quickly as possible after drilling and ensure that pit contents do not contaminate soil.</p> <p>e. Remediate hydrocarbon spills on disturbed areas prior to reclamation.</p> <p>f. Reclaim sites during optimum seasons (e.g. late fall/early winter or early spring).</p>	
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3	Wildlife	<p>Greater Sage Grouse, continued:</p> <p>g. Complete final reclamation activities so that seeding occurs during the first optimal season following plugging and abandonment of oil and gas wells.</p> <p>4. Interim reclamation</p> <p>a. Use a variety of native grasses and forbs to establish effective, interim reclamation on all disturbed areas (e.g., road shoulders and borrow areas), including disturbed areas where additional future ground disturbance is expected to occur.</p> <p>b. Oxy will make a good-faith effort to perform interim reclamation to final reclamation species composition and establishment standards.</p> <p>c. Perform "interim" reclamation on all disturbed areas not needed for active support of production operations.</p> <p>5. Riparian areas (none associated with this pad or associated access roads and pipelines)</p> <p>a. Replace all riparian vegetation removed during development at a rate of at least 3:1.</p> <p>b. Restore both form and function of impacted wetlands and riparian areas and mitigate erosion.</p> <p>6. Disposal</p> <p>a. Remove well pad and road surface materials that are incompatible with post-production land use and re-vegetation requirements.</p> <p>b. Remove and properly dispose of degraded silt fencing and erosion control materials after their utility has expired.</p> <p>c. Remove and properly dispose of pit contents where contamination of surface water, groundwater, or soil by pit contents cannot be effectively prevented.</p> <p>7. Establishing reclaimed areas</p> <p>a. Apply certified weed free mulch and crimp or tacify to remain in place to reclaim areas for seed preservation and moisture retention.</p> <p>b. Utilize staked soil retention blankets for erosion control and reclamation of large surface areas with 3:1 or steeper slopes. Avoid use of plastic blanket materials, known to cause mortality of snakes.</p> <p>c. Control weeds in areas surrounding reclamation areas in order to reduce weed competition.</p> <p>d. Educate employees and contractors about weed issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use early and effective reclamation techniques, including an aggressive interim reclamation program, to return habitat to use by greater sage-grouse as quickly as possible. • Reclaim/restore greater sage-grouse habitats with native grasses, forbs, and shrubs conducive to optimal greater sage-grouse habitat and other wildlife appropriate to the ecological site. • Use high diversity (10 species or more) reclamation seed mixes in greater sage-grouse habitat. • Use approved CP-4D (greater sage-grouse) seed mixes, based on soil type, precipitation, and elevation, available from Farm Service Agency or Natural Resources Conservation Service, or other seed mixes approved by CPW. • Avoid aggressive non-native grasses in greater sage-grouse habitat reclamation. • Restore disturbed sagebrush sites with the appropriate sagebrush species or subspecies on disturbed sagebrush sites. Use locally collected seed for reseeding where possible. • Reclaim mapped summer habitat with a substantially higher percentage of forbs (> 15 percent cover post establishment) than used in other areas. • Utilize native and select non-native forbs and legumes in seed mixes as they are a vital component of brood-rearing habitat.
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Attachment Check List

<u>Att Doc Num</u>	<u>Name</u>
400561058	MINERAL LEASE MAP
400561059	TOPO MAP
400561060	ACCESS ROAD MAP
400561061	HYDROLOGY MAP
400561062	REFERENCE AREA MAP
400561063	LOCATION PICTURES
400561064	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
400561070	LOCATION DRAWING
400561072	MULTI-WELL PLAN
400561075	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC

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General Comments

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