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State of Colorado  
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

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Oil and Gas Location Assessment

New Location  Amend Existing Location Location#: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit original plus one copy. This form is to be submitted to the COGCC prior to any ground disturbance activity associated with oil and gas development operations. This Assessment may be approved as a standalone application or submitted as an informational report accompanying an Application for Permit-To-Drill, Form 2. Approval of this 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. This form may serve as notice to land owners and other interested parties, please see the COGCC web site at <http://colorado.gov/cogcc/> for all accompanying information pertinent to this Oil and Gas Location Assessment.

Location ID:

**414321**

Expiration Date:

**11/02/2012**

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

1. 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.

2. Operator

Operator Number: 97810  
 Name: YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION  
 Address: 105 SOUTH 4TH ST  
 City: ARTESIA State: NM Zip: 88210

3. Contact Information

Name: WILL C. RUSSELL  
 Phone: (307) 382-4005  
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 email: WILLR@YATESPETROLEUM.COM

4. Location Identification:

Name: BIG HOLE GULCH UNIT #2 Number: #2  
 County: MOFFAT  
 Quarter: SESE Section: 8 Township: 11N Range: 94W Meridian: 6 Ground Elevation: 6591  
 Define a single point as a location reference for the facility location. This point should be used as the point of measurement in the drawings to be submitted with this application. When the location is to be used as a well site then the point shall be a well location.  
 Footage at surface: 660 feet FSL, from North or South section line, and 660 feet FEL, from East or West section line.  
 Latitude: 40.922525 Longitude: -107.965997 PDOP Reading: 1.8 Date of Measurement: 04/29/2009  
 Instrument Operator's Name: ANDY FLOYD

5. Facilities (Indicate the number of each type of oil and gas facility planned on location):

Special Purpose Pits: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Drilling Pits: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Wells: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Production Pits: <input type="text" value=""/>	Dehydrator Units: <input type="text" value="1"/>
Condensate Tanks: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Water Tanks: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Separators: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Electric Motors: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Multi-Well Pits: <input type="text" value="0"/>
Gas or Diesel Motors: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Cavity Pumps: <input type="text" value="0"/>	LACT Unit: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Pump Jacks: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Pigging Station: <input type="text" value="0"/>
Electric Generators: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Gas Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Oil Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Water Pipeline: <input type="text" value="1"/>	Flare: <input type="text" value="0"/>
Gas Compressors: <input type="text" value="0"/>	VOC Combustor: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Oil Tanks: <input type="text" value="0"/>	Fuel Tanks: <input type="text" value="0"/>	

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Construction:

Date planned to commence construction: 10/31/2009 Size of disturbed area during construction in acres: 2.90  
Estimated date that interim reclamation will begin: 07/15/2010 Size of location after interim reclamation in acres: 0.90  
Estimated post-construction ground elevation: 6591 Will a closed loop system be used for drilling fluids: Yes  No   
Will salt sections be encountered during drilling: Yes  No  Is H2S anticipated? Yes  No   
Will salt (>15,000 ppm TDS Cl) or oil based muds be used: Yes  No   
Mud disposal: Offsite  Onsite  Method: Land Farming  Land Spreading  Disposal Facility   
Other: RESERVE PIT

### 7. Surface Owner:

Name: BUREAU OF LAND MGMT. Phone: 970/826-5000  
Address: 455 EMERSON ST. Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: CRAIG State: CO Zip: 81625 Date of Rule 306 surface owner consultation: 06/25/2009

Surface Owner:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian  
Mineral Owner:  Fee  State  Federal  Indian

The surface owner is:  the mineral owner  committed to an oil and gas lease  
 is the executer of the oil and gas lease  the applicant

The right to construct the location is granted by:  oil and gas lease  Surface Use Agreement  Right of Way  
 applicant is owner

Surface damage assurance if no agreement is in place:  \$2000  \$5000  Blanket Surety ID \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Reclamation Financial Assurance:

Well Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_  Gas Facility Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Mgmt. Surety ID: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. Cultural:

Is the location in a high density area (Rule 603.b.): Yes  No   
Distance, in feet, to nearest building: 28000, public road: 487, above ground utility: 13300,  
railroad: 188496, property line: 660

### 10. 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): OIL AND GAS  
Subdivided:  Industrial  Commercial  Residential

### 11. 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): OIL AND GAS  
Subdivided:  Industrial  Commercial  Residential

### 12. Soils:

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 used when segregating topsoil.

The required information can be obtained from the NRCS web site at <http://soildatamart.nrcs.usda.gov/> 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: RYARK-MAYBELL COMPLEX, 1 TO 12 PERCENT SLOPES , 174  
NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
NRCS Map Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. 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: CACTUS, SAGE BRUSH

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): SEE ATTACHED NRCS RANGELAND PRODUCTIVITY AND PLANT COMPOSITION

**14. Water Resources:**

Rule 901.e. may require a sensitive area determination be performed. If this determination is performed the data is to be submitted with the Form 2A.

Is this a sensitive area:  No  Yes Was a Rule 901.e. Sensitive Areas Determination performed:  No  Yes  
Distance (in feet) to nearest surface water: 3463 , water well: 11352 , depth to ground water: 302  
Is the location in a riparian area:  No  Yes Was an Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit filed  No  Yes  
Is the location within a Rule 317B Surface Water Suppl Area buffer zone:  
 No  0-300 ft. zone  301-500 ft. zone  501-2640 ft. 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:  No  Yes

**15. Comments:**

THIS LOCATION WAS APPROVED BY THE BLM ON 06/25/09. WE MOVED THE ACCESS ROAD FOR OUR FIRST WELL BIG HOLE GULCH UNIT #1 TO MISS A SAGE GROUSE LEAK. THIS NEW PROPOSED WELL LOCATION IS OUT OF THE SAGE GROUSE LEAK AS WELL AS ITS ACCESS ROAD. YATES WOULD THINK THAT THE RSFO AND SWHA AREA HAVE BEEN PROTECTED ALREADY BY THE SUFACE OWNER BLM. WE HAVE A TIME STIP FOR SAFE GROUSE NESTING 3/1 TO 6/30 THAT WE FULLY ENFORCE. DUE TO WINTER COMING AND 03/01/2110 MOVING CLOSER YATES RESPECTFULLY ASKS THAT THE 40 DAY WILDLIFE CONSULTATION BE SWIFT AND THE STATE OF COLORADO MOVE WITH THE MEASURES ALREADY IN EFFECT BY THE BLM.

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.  
Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 09/30/2009 Email: WILLR@YATESPETROLEUM.COM  
Print Name: WILL C. RUSSELL 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: David S. Neslin Director of COGCC Date: 11/3/2009

**CONDITIONS OF  
APPROVAL, IF ANY:**

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.

**Description**

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**Attachment Check List**

<b>Att Doc Num</b>	<b>Name</b>
1637206	REFERENCE AREA PICTURES
1637207	REFERENCE AREA MAP
1637337	PROPOSED BMPs
1637340	PROPOSED BMPs
1712921	FORM 2A APPROVED
1712931	LOCATION PICTURES
1712932	LOCATION PICTURES
1712933	LOCATION DRAWING
1712934	HYDROLOGY MAP
1712935	ACCESS ROAD MAP
1712936	NRCS MAP UNIT DESC
1712937	CONST. LAYOUT DRAWINGS
2032626	CORRESPONDENCE
400015310	FORM 2A

Total Attach: 14 Files

**General Comments**

<b>User Group</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Comment Date</b>
DOW	<p>CDOW has reviewed the Operater submitted BMP's for wildlife protection. Upon review of the BMP's, in addition to the stipulations that are in place with BLM Little Snake Field Office and the operator, the CDOW respectfully accepts the conditions of BMP's as Conditions of Approval.</p> <p>Submitted by: Ed Winters, Land Use Specialist</p> <p>16 October 2009</p>	10/16/2009 2:54:32 PM

Total: 1 comment(s)

**Best Management Practices**

<b>No</b>	<b>BMP/COA Type</b>	<b>Description</b>