

UTAH OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REMARKS: WELL LOG ELECTRIC LOGS FILE **X** WATER SANDS LOCATION INSPR SUB. REPORT/abd

DATE FILED **12-15-93**

LAND: FEE & PATENTED STATE LEASE NO. PUBLIC LEASE NO. **UTU-72106** INDIAN

DRILLING APPROVED: **12-21-93**

SPUDDED IN

COMPLETED PUT TO PRODUCING:

INITIAL PRODUCTION

GRAVITY API

GOR

PRODUCING ZONES

TOTAL DEPTH

WELL ELEVATION

DATE ABANDONED: **LOCATION ABANDONED PER BLM EFF. MARCH 25, 1996**

FIELD: **MONUMENT BUTTE**

UNIT

COUNTY: **DUCHESNE**

WELL NO: **BALCRON MONUMENT FEDERAL 42-18** API NO. **43-013-31433**

LOCATION **1800' FNL** FT. FROM (N) (S) LINE: **800' FEL** FT. FROM (E) (W) LINE: **SE NE** 1/4 - 1/4 SEC **18**

TWP	RGE	SEC	OPERATOR	TWP	RGE	SEC	OPERATOR
				9S	17E	18	EQUITABLE RESOURCES



**EQUITABLE RESOURCES
ENERGY COMPANY**

BALCRON OIL DIVISION

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December 14, 1993

-- VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS --

Bureau of Land Management
170 South 500 East
Vernal, UT 84078

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are Applications for Permit to Drill the following wells:

Balcron Monument Federal #41-26

Balcron Monument Federal #42-18

Balcron Monument Federal #43-7

As operator, we hereby request that the status of this well be held TIGHT for the maximum period allowed by Federal and State regulations.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Schuman

Bobbie Schuman
Coordinator of Operations,
Environmental and Regulatory Affairs

/rs

Enclosures

cc: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

Type of Work
 DRILL DEEPEN PLUG BACK

Type of Well
 Oil Well Gas Well Other Single Zone Multiple Zone

Name of Operator
Equitable Resources Energy Company, Balcron Oil Division

Address of Operator
P.O. Box 21017; Billings, MT 59104

Location of Well (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)*
At surface SE NE Sec. 18, T9S, R17E 1800' FNL, 800' FEL

At proposed prod. zone

Distance in miles and direction from nearest town or post office*
From Myton, Utah, approximately 16 miles southwest

Distance from proposed location to nearest property or lease line, ft. (Also to nearest drlg. line, if any)
16. No. of acres in lease

Distance from proposed location to nearest well, drilling, completed, or applied for, on this lease, ft.
19. Proposed depth 5,650'

Elevations (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)
GL 5424.7'

5. Lease Designation and Serial No.

Federal # UTU-72106

6. If Indian, Aluttoo or Tribe Name
n/a

7. Unit Agreement Name
n/a

8. Farm or Lease Name
Balcron Monument Federal

9. Well No.
#42-18

10. Field and Pool, or Wildcat
Monument Butte/Green River

11. Qtr., Sec., T., R., N., or S., and Survey or Area
SE NE Sec. 18, T9S, R17E

12. County or Parrish
Duchesne

13. State
UTAH

17. No. of acres assigned to this well

20. Rotary or cable tools
Rotary

22. Approx. date work will start*
Upon APD approval

PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

Size of Hole	Size of Casing	Weight per Foot	Setting Depth	Quantity of Cement
See attached				

Operator plans to drill this well in accordance with the attached Federal Application for Permit to Drill.



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ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

I hereby certify that this report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
Signed Robbie Schuman Title Coordinator of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs Date December 14, 1993

(This space for Federal or State office use)
API NO. 43-013-31433 Approval Date _____

APPROVED BY THE STATE
OF UTAH DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS, AND MINING

Approved by _____ Title _____
Conditions of approval, if any: _____
DATE: 12-21-93
BY: JAY Matthews

WELL SPACING: 449-3-2

*See Instructions On Reverse Side

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. TYPE OF WORK
 DRILL DEEPEN PLUG BACK
 b. TYPE OF WELL
 OIL WELL GAS WELL OTHER
 SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE ZONE

2. NAME OF OPERATOR
 EQUITABLE RESOURCES ENERGY COMPANY, Balcron Oil **CONFIDENTIAL**

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR
 P.O. Box 21017; Billings, MT 59104

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)
 At surface SE NE Section 18, T9S, R17E 1800' FNL, 800' FEL
 At proposed prod. zone

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE*
 From Myton, Utah, approximately 16 miles southwest

16. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT. (Also to nearest drlg. unit line, if any)

18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.
 5,650'

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)
 GL 5424.7'

23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
See attached				

EXHIBITS ATTACHED

- "A" PROPOSED DRILLING PROGRAM
- "B" PROPOSED SURFACE USE PROGRAM
- "C" GEOLOGIC PROGNOSIS
- "D" DRILLING PROGRAM/CASING DESIGN
- "E" HAZMAT DECLARATION
- "F" SURVEY PLAT
- "G" RIG LAYOUT
- "H" BOPE DIAGRAM
- "I" EXISTING ROADS (Map A)
- "J" PLANNED ACCESS (Map B)
- "K" EXISTING WELLS (Map C)
- "L" CUT & FILL DIAGRAM
- "M" ARCHEOLOGY REPORT
- "N" PROPOSED PRODUCTION FACILITY DIAGRAM.

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SELF CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that I am authorized, by proper lease interest owner, to conduct these operations associated with the application. Bond coverage pursuant to 43 CFR 3104 for lease activities is being provided by Equitable Resources Energy Company as principal and Safeco Insurance Company of America as surety under BLM Bond No. MT-0576 (Nationwide Oil & Gas Bond #5547188) who will be responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of that portion of the lease associated with this application.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24. SIGNED Bobbie Schuman TITLE Coordinator of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs DATE December 14, 1993
 Bobbie Schuman
 (This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO. _____ APPROVAL DATE _____

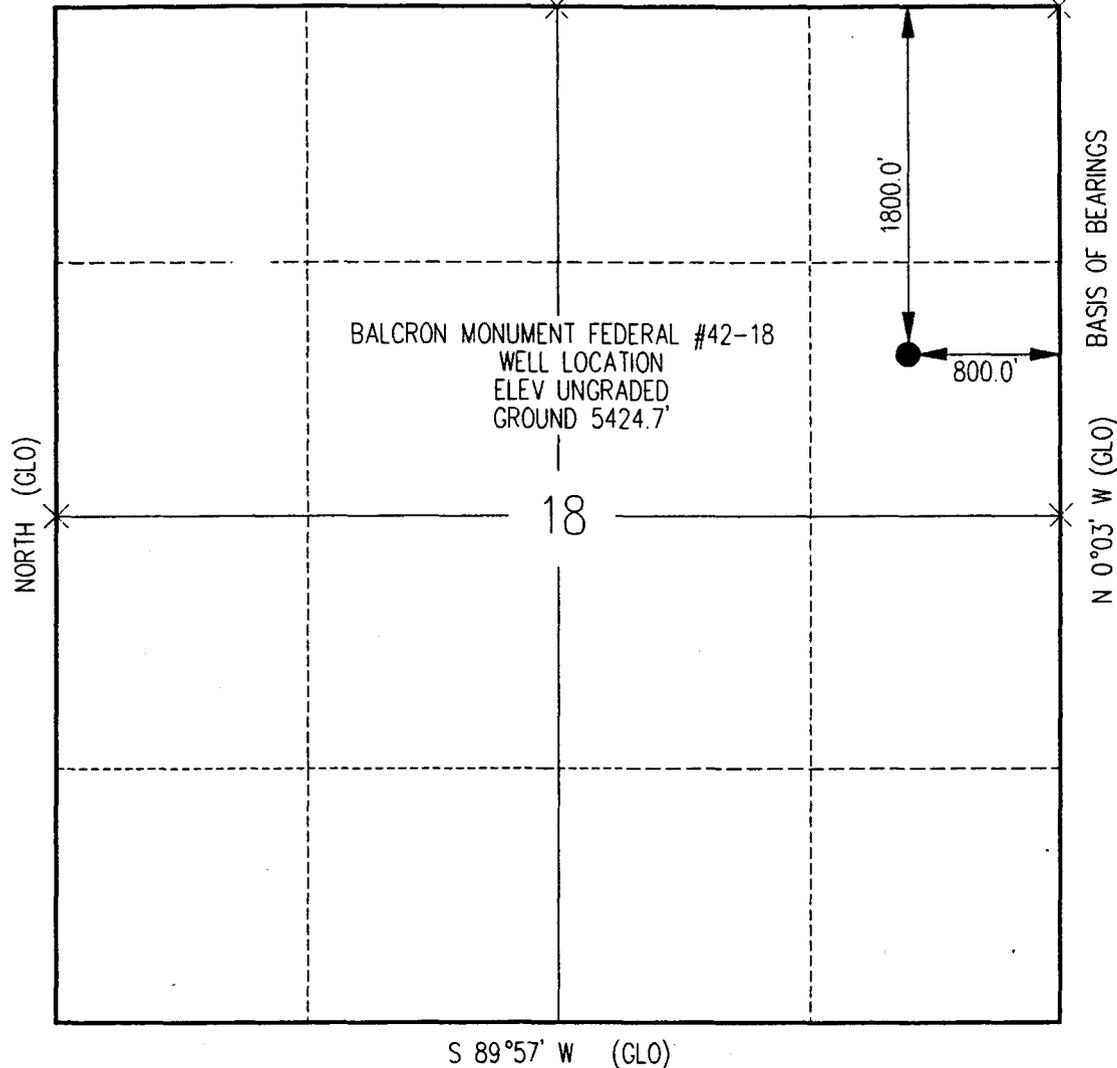
APPROVED BY _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

*See Instructions On Reverse Side

T9S, R17E, S.L.B. & M.

S 89°59'55" W ' 2632.22' (MEASURED)



EQUITABLE RESOURCES ENERGY CO.

WELL LOCATION, BALCRON MONUMENT FEDERAL #42-18, LOCATED AS SHOWN IN THE SE 1/4 NE 1/4 OF SECTION 18 , T9S, R17E, S.L.B. & M, DUCHESNE COUNTY UTAH.



THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE PLAT WAS PREPARED FROM FIELD NOTES OF ACTUAL SURVEYS MADE BY ME OR UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT THE SAME ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.



X = SECTION CORNERS LOCATED
BASIS OF BEARINGS; G.L.O. PLAT 1911
BASIS OF ELEV; U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 min QUAD (MYTON SE)

WEATHER: CLEAR & WARM
DATE: 11/6/93
SCALE: 1" = 1000'
SURVEYED BY: GS HW
FILE: 42-18



EQUITABLE RESOURCES ENERGY COMPANY
Balcron Oil Division
Balcron Monument Federal #42-18
SE NE Section 18-T9S-R17E
Duchesne County, Utah

In accordance with requirements outlined in 43 CFR 3162-3.1 (d):

1. ESTIMATED IMPORTANT GEOLOGICAL MARKERS:

See Geologic Prognosis (EXHIBIT "C")

2. ESTIMATED DEPTHS OF ANTICIPATED OIL, GAS OR WATER:

See Geologic Prognosis (EXHIBIT "C")

3. OPERATOR'S MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR PRESSURE CONTROL:

- a. EXHIBIT "H" is a schematic of the BOP equipment and choke manifold. A 2M system will be used. The BOPE will be installed after setting 8-5/8" casing at 260'. The blind rams and pipe rams will be tested to 1500 psi. Pipe rams will be operationally checked each 24-hour period and blind rams each time pipe is pulled out of the hole.
- b. The BOPE will be tested to 1500 psi when initially installed, whenever any seal subject to test pressure is broken, and following related repairs. The pipe and blind rams will be activated at least weekly and on every trip the pipe and blind rams will be activated.
- c. An accumulator of sufficient capacity to open the hydraulically-controlled choke valve lines (if so equipped), close all rams, and retain a minimum of 200 psi above precharge on the closing manifold without the use of the closing unit pumps will be installed during the drilling of this well.
- d. An upper kelly cock will be used during the drilling of this well.
- e. Visual mud monitoring equipment will be used to detect volume changes indicating loss or gain in circulating fluid volume.
- f. Sufficient quantities of mud materials will be maintained or readily accessible for the purpose of assuring well control.

4. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM:

- a. Surface casing will be set in the Uinta formation to approximately 260' and cemented to surface.
- b. All potentially productive hydrocarbon zones will be isolated.
- c. Casing designs are based on factors of burst: 1.25, collapse: 1.125, and joint strength: 1.8.
- d. All casing strings will be pressure tested to 0.22 psi/ft. of casing string length or 1500 psi whichever is greater (not to exceed 70% of yield).
- E. For details of casing, cement program, drilling fluid program, and proposed mud program, see the following two attachments:

Drilling Program/Casing Design (EXHIBIT "D")
Geologic Prognosis (EXHIBIT "C")

5. HAZARDOUS PRESSURES, TEMPERATURES, FLUIDS/GASSES EXPECTED:

- a. Expected bottom hole temperature is 125 degrees F. Expected bottom hole pressure is 1500 psi.
- b. No abnormal pressures or temperatures have been noted or reported in wells drilled to the Green River formation in this area.
- c. No dangerous levels of hydrogen sulfide, hazardous fluids, or gasses have been found, reported, or known to exist at the depth to be drilled in this well, in this area.

6. ANTICIPATED STARTING DATE AND DURATION OF OPERATIONS:

- a. The drilling operations for this well will begin as soon after APD approval as possible.
- b. These drilling operations should be completed within 12 days after spudding the well depending on weather and hole conditions.
- c. If the well is productive, a sundry notice and plat showing exact installed facilities will be submitted.
- d. If this well is non-productive, a sundry notice will be filed with the BLM District Office within 30 days following completion of the well for abandonment.

Multi-Point Surface Use and Operations Plan

EQUITABLE RESOURCES ENERGY COMPANY
BALCRON OIL DIVISION
BALCRON MONUMENT FEDERAL #42-18
SE NE SECTION 18, T9S, R17E
DUCHESNE COUNTY, UTAH

1. **Existing Roads: Refer to Maps "A" & "B" (shown in RED)**
 - A. The proposed well site is staked and four reference stakes are present. 150' & 200' SE and 200' & 250' NE.
 - B. The Monument Federal #42-18 is located 16 miles Southwest of Myton Utah in the SE1/4 NE1/4 Section 18, T9S, R17E, SLB&M, Duchesne County, Utah. To reach the 42-18, proceed West from Myton, Utah along U.S. Highway 40 for 1.6 miles to the junction of this highway and Sand Wash road; Proceed South along the Sand Wash road approximately 10.6 miles to a road intersection, turn right and continue 2.2 miles to proposed access road sign. Follow flags 100 feet to location.
 - C. Access roads - refer to Maps "A" and "B".
 - D. Access roads within a one-mile radius - refer to map "B".
 - E. The existing roads will be maintained in the same or better condition as existed prior to the commencement of operations and said maintenance will continue until final abandonment and reclamation of the well location.
2. **Planned Access Roads: Refer to Map "B"**

Approximately 100 feet of new road construction will be required for access to the proposed well location.

 - A. Width - maximum 30-foot overall right-of-way with an 18-foot road running surface, crowned & ditched and/or sloped and dipped.

- B. Construction standard - the access road will be constructed so as to conform to the standards outlined in the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service publication: Surface Operating Standards for Oil and Gas Exploration and Development. (1989)

The road will be constructed to meet the standards of the anticipated traffic flow and all-weather requirements. Construction will include ditching, draining, crowning, and capping or sloping and dipping the roadbed as necessary to provide a well constructed and safe road. Prior to construction/upgrading, the roadway shall be cleared of any snow cover and allowed to dry completely. Traveling off of the thirty (30) foot right-of-way will not be allowed.

Road drainage crossings shall be of the typical dry creek drainage crossing type. Crossing shall be designed so they will not cause siltation or the accumulation of debris in the drainage crossing nor shall the drainages be blocked by the roadbed. Erosion of drainage ditches by runoff water shall be prevented by diverting water off at frequent intervals by means of cutouts.

Upgrading shall not be allowed during muddy conditions.

Should mud holes develop, they shall be filled in and detours around them avoided.

- C. Maximum grade - Less than 8%
- D. Turnouts - no turnouts will be required on this access road.
- E. Drainage design - the access road will be crowned and ditched or sloped and dipped, and water turnouts installed as necessary to provide for proper drainage along the access road route.
- F. Culverts, cuts and fills - no culverts will be required. There are no major cuts and/or fills on/along the proposed access road route.
- G. Surface materials - all construction materials will be native material taken from onsite.
- H. Gates, cattleguards or fence cuts - none required.
- I. Road maintenance - during both the drilling and production phase of operations, the road surface and shoulders will be kept in a safe and useable condition and

will be maintained in accordance with the original construction standards. All drainage ditches and culverts will be kept clear and free-flowing, and will also be maintained in accordance with the original construction standards. The access road right-of-way will be kept free of trash during operations.

J. The proposed access road has been centerline flagged.

K. If a right-of-way is required please consider this APD the application for said right-of-way.

3. Location of Existing Wells Within a One-Mile Radius:

Please Refer to Map "C"

- A. Water wells - none known.
- B. Abandoned wells - see Map "C"
- C. Temporarily abandoned wells - none known.
- D. Disposal wells - none known.
- E. Drilling wells - none known.
- F. Producing wells - see Map "C".
- G. Shut-in wells - none known.
- H. Injection wells - none known.
- I. Monitoring wells - none known.

4. Location of Existing and/or Proposed Facilities Owned by Equitable Resources Energy Company Within a One-Mile Radius:

A. Existing

- 1. Tank batteries - see Map "C".
- 2. Production facilities - see Map "C".
- 3. Oil gathering lines - none.
- 4. Gas gathering lines - see Map "C".

B. New Facilities Contemplated

- 1. All production facilities will be located on the disturbed portion of the well pad and at a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from the toe of the backslope or toe of the fill slope.
- 2. The production facilities will consist primarily of a pumping unit, Two tanks and an emergency pit. ~~As diagram showing the proposed production facility layout will be submitted to the Authorized Officer via Sunday Notice (Form 3160-5) for approval of subsequent installation operations.~~ See EXHIBIT "N" proposed production facility diagram.
- 3. Production facilities will be accommodated on the

existing well pad. Construction materials required for installation of the production facilities will be obtained from the site; any additional materials required will be purchased from a local supplier having a permitted (private) source of materials within the area.

A dike will be constructed completely around those production facilities which contain fluids (i.e. production tanks, produced water tanks and/or heater treater). These dikes will be constructed of compacted subsoil, be impervious, hold 100% of the capacity of the largest tank, and be independent of the back cut.

4. All permanent (onsite for six months or longer) above the ground structures constructed or installed including pumping units) will be painted Desert Brown. All production facilities will be painted within six (6) months of installation. Facilities required to comply with Occupational Health and Safety Act Rules and Regulations will be excluded from this painting requirement.

C. The production (emergency) pit will be 12'x12' and will be fenced. Said fence will be maintained in good condition.

D. During drilling and subsequent operations, all equipment and vehicles will be confined to the access road right-of-way and any additional areas as specified in the approved Application for Permit to Drill.

E. Reclamation of disturbed areas no longer needed for operation will be accomplished by grading, leveling and seeding as recommended by the Bureau of Land Management.

For Pipeline:

F. Any proposed pipelines will be submitted to the authorized officer Via Sundry Notice for approval of subsequent operations.

G. Equitable Resources Energy Company shall be responsible for road maintenance from the beginning to completion of operations.

5. Location and Type of Water Supply

A. Water to be used for the drilling of these wells will be

hauled by truck over the roads described in item #1 and item #2, from a well owned by Owen Dale Anderson of Vernal Utah or from a spring owned by Joe Shields of Myton Utah. Source will be determined by sundry notice closer to the beginning of drilling operations.

B. No water well will be drilled on this location.

6. Source of Construction Materials

A. No construction materials are needed for drilling operations. In the event of production, the small amount of gravel needed for facilities will be hauled in by truck from a local gravel pit over existing access roads to the area. No special access other than for drilling operations and pipeline construction is needed.

B. All access roads crossing Federal land are described under item #2, and shown on Map #A.

All construction material for these location sites and access roads shall be borrowed material accumulated during the construction of the location sites and access roads. No additional construction material from other sources is anticipated at this time, if in the future it is required the appropriate actions will be taken to acquire it from private sources.

C. All surface disturbance area is on B.L.M. lands.

D. There are no trees on this location.

7. Methods of Handling Waste Materials:

A. Cuttings - the cuttings will be deposited in the reserve pit.

B. Drilling fluids - including salts and chemicals will be contained in the reserve pit. Upon termination of drilling and completion operations, the liquid contents of the reserve pit will be removed and disposed of at an approved waste disposal facility within one hundred twenty (120) days after termination of drilling and completion activities.

In the event adverse weather conditions prevent removal of the fluids from the reserve pit within this time period, an extension may be granted by the Authorized Officer upon receipt of a written request from Equitable Resources Energy Company.

The reserve pit will be constructed so as not to leak, break, or allow discharge. The reserve pit will be lined with a 12 mil plastic reinforced liner.

- C. Produced fluids - liquid hydrocarbons produced during completion operations will be placed in test tanks on the location. Produced waste water will be confined to a lined pit (reserve pit) or storage tank for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days after initial production. During the ninety (90) day period, in accordance with NTL-2B, an application for approval of a permanent disposal method and location, along with the required water analysis, shall be submitted for the Authorized Officer's approval. Failure to file an application within the time frame allowed will be considered an incidence of noncompliance.

Any spills of oil, gas, salt water or other noxious fluids will be immediately cleaned up and removed to an approved disposal site.

- D. Sewage - self-contained, chemical toilets will be provided for human waste disposal. Upon completion of operations, or as needed, the toilet holding tanks will be pumped and the contents thereof disposed of in the nearest, approved, sewage disposal facility.
- E. Garbage and other waste material - garbage, trash and other waste materials will be collected in a portable, self-contained and fully-enclosed trash cage during drilling and completion operations. Upon completion of operations (or as needed) the accumulated trash will be disposed of at an authorized sanitary landfill. No trash will be burned on location or placed in the reserve pit.
- F. Immediately after removal of the drilling rig, all debris and other waste materials not contained in the trash cage will be cleaned up and removed from the well location. No adverse materials will be left on the location. Any open pits will be fenced during the drilling operation and the fencing will be maintained until such time as the pits are backfilled.
- G. The reserve and/or production pit will be constructed on the existing location and will not be located in natural drainages where a flood hazard exists or surface runoff will destroy or damage the pit walls. All pits will be constructed so as not to leak, break, or allow the discharge of liquids therefrom.

8. Ancillary Facilities:

None anticipated.

9. Wellsite Layout:

- A. Plat #1 shows the drill site layout as staked. Cross sections have been drafted to visualize the planned cuts and fills across the location. An average minimum of six (6) inches of topsoil will be stripped from the location (including areas of cut, fill, and/or subsoil storage) and stockpiled for future reclamation of the well site. Refer to Figure #1 for the location of the topsoil and subsoil stockpiles. The reserve pit will be on the West side of location. The flare pit will be located downwind of the prevailing wind direction on the Southwest near corner #4. Access will be from the Southeast near corner #2.
- B. Plat #2 is a diagram showing the rig layout. No permanent living facilities are planned. There may be as many as three (3) trailers on location during drilling operation.
- C. A diagram showing the proposed production facility layout will be submitted to the Authorized Officer via Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) for approval of subsequent operations.
- D. The reserve pit will be constructed so as to be capable of holding 12,000 bbls. of fluid.

The reserve pit will be lined with a 12 mil plastic liner, it will be torn and perforated after the pit dries and before backfilling of the reserve pit.

- E. Prior to the commencement of drilling operations, the reserve pit will be fenced on three (3) sides using 39-inch net wire with one strand of barbed wire on top of the net wire. The net wire will be no more than two inches above the ground. the barbed wire will be three inches above the net wire. total height of the fence will be at least 42-inches.
 - 1. Corner posts shall be cemented and/or braced in such a manner to keep the fence tight at all times.
 - 2. Standard steel, wood, or pipe posts shall be used between the corner braces. The maximum distance between any two (2) posts shall be no greater than sixteen (16) feet.
 - 3. All wire shall be stretched, by using a stretching device, before it is attached to the corner posts.

The fourth side of the reserve pit will be fenced immediately upon removal of the drilling rig and the fencing will be maintained until the pit is backfilled.

- F. Any hydrocarbons on the pit will be removed from the pit as soon as possible after drilling operations are completed.

10. Plans for Reclamation of the Surface:

The B.L.M. will be contacted prior to commencement of any reclamation operations.

A. Production

1. Immediately upon well completion, the well location and surrounding area(s) will be cleared of all debris, materials, trash and junk not required for production.
2. Immediately upon well completion, any hydrocarbons on the pit shall be removed in accordance with 43 CFR 3162.7-1.
3. The plastic pit liner shall be torn and perforated before backfilling of the reserve pit.
4. Before any dirt work to restore the location takes place, the reserve pit will be completely dry and all cans, barrels, pipe, etc. will be removed.

Other waste and spoil materials will be disposed of immediately upon completion of drilling and workover activities.

5. The reserve pit and that portion of the location and access road not needed for production facilities/operations will be reclaimed within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of well completion, weather permitting.
6. If the well is a producer, Equitable Resources Energy Company will, upgrade and maintain access roads as necessary to prevent soil erosion, and accommodate year round traffic. Reshape areas unnecessary to operations, distribute topsoil, disk and seed all disturbed areas outside the work area according to the recommended seed mixture. Perennial vegetation must be established. Additional work shall be required in case of seeding failures, etc.

If the well is abandoned/dry hole, Equitable Resources

Energy Company will, restore the access road and location to approximately the original contours. During reclamation of the site, push the fill material into cuts and up over the backslope. Leave no depressions that will trap water or form ponds. Distribute topsoil evenly over the location, and seed according to the above seed mixture. The access road and location shall be ripped or dished prior to seeding. Perennial vegetation must be established. Additional work shall be required in case of seeding failures, etc.

Seedbed will be prepared by disking, then roller packing following the natural contours. Seed will be drilled on contours at a depth no greater than one-half inch (1/2"). In areas that cannot be drilled, seed will be broadcast at double the seeding rate and harrowed into soil. Certified seed will be used whenever available.

Fall seeding will be completed after September 1 and prior to prolonged ground frost. Spring seeding, to be effective, will be completed after the frost has left the ground and prior to May 15th.

7. Upon completion of backfilling, leveling and recontouring, the stockpiled topsoil will be evenly spread over the reclaimed area(s). Prior to reseeding, all disturbed surfaces will be scarified and left with a rough surface. No depressions will be left that would trap water and form ponds. All disturbed surfaces will be reseeded with the seed mixture stipulated by the B.L.M.

Seed will be drilled on the contour to a approximate depth of one-half (1/2) inch. All seeding will be conducted after September 1 and prior to ground frost. Spring seeding will be done after the frost leaves the ground and no later than May 15. If the seeding is unsuccessful, Equitable Resources may be required to make subsequent seedings.

B. Dry Hole/Abandoned Location

1. On lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, abandoned well sites, roads, or other disturbed areas will be restored to near their original condition. This procedure will include:

(c) ensuring revegetation of the disturbed areas to the specifications of the Bureau of Land Management at

the time of abandonment.

2. All disturbed surfaces will be recontoured to the approximate natural contours and reseeded according to BLM specifications. Reclamation of the well pad and access road will be performed as soon as practical after final abandonment and reseeded operations will be performed in the fall or spring following completion of reclamation operations.

11. Surface Ownership:

The well site and proposed access road are situated on surface lands administered by

Bureau of Land Management
Vernal District Office
Vernal, Utah

12. Other Information:

- A. Topographic and geologic features of the area (reference Topographic Map #A) are:

The proposed drill site is located in the Monument Butte oil field, which lies in a large basin formed by the Uinta Mountains to the North and the Bookcliff Mountains to the South. The site is located approximately 15 miles Northwest of the Green River, which is the major drainage for this area, and approximately 13 miles Southwest of Myton Utah.

This basin floor is interlaced with numerous canyons and ridges formed by the non-perennial streams of the area. The sides of these canyons are steep and ledges formed in sandstone, conglomerate deposits and shale are common in this area.

The geologic structures that are visible in the area are of the Uinta formation (Eocene Epoch) tertiary period and the cobblestone and younger alluvial deposits from the Quaternary period.

The soils in the semi-arid area of the Williams Fork Formation (Upper Cretaceous) and Wasatch Formation (Eocene) consist of light brownish gray clay (OL) to sand soil (SM-ML) type with poorly graded gravels.

Outcrops of sandstone ledges, conglomerate deposits and shale are common in this area.

The topsoils in the area range from a sandy clay (SM-ML) type soil to a clayey (OL) soil.

The majority of the numerous washes and draws in the area are of a non-perennial nature flowing during the early spring run-off and heavy rain storms of long duration which are rare as the normal annual rainfall in the area is only 8".

The flora of the area includes sagebrush, mountain mahogany, serviceberry, rabbit brush, greasewood, four-wing saltbush, Gambel scrub oak, willow, tamarack, shadscale, Spanish bayonet, indian rice grass, cheatgrass, wheatgrass, curly grass, crested wheatgrass, sweet clover, gum weed, foxtail, mustard, Canadian thistle, Russian thistle, Kochia, sunflowers and cacti.

The fauna of the area includes cattle, horses, elk, deer, coyotes, rabbits, rodents, lizards, bull snakes, rattle snakes, water snakes and horned toads. Birds of the area are ground sparrows, bluejays, bluebirds, magpies, ravens, raptors, morning doves, swallows, nighthawks, hummingbirds, and chukar.

- B. The surface ownership is Federal. The surface use is grazing and petroleum production.
- C.
 1. The closest live water is the Green River which is approximately 15 miles Southwest of the proposed site.
 2. There are no occupied dwellings in the immediate area
 3. An archaeological report ~~will be forwarded upon completion~~ is attached. See EXHIBIT "M".
 4. There are no reported restrictions or reservations noted on the oil and gas lease.
 5. A silt catchment dam will be constructed if determined necessary as a condition of approval.

13. Lessee's or Operator's Representative:

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(406)259-7860
FAX: (406)245-1361

Dave McCoskery, Drilling Engineer Home (406)248-3864

Dale Griffin, Home (303)824-3323

14. certification:

I hereby certify that I, or persons under my direct supervision, have inspected the proposed drillsite and access route; that I am familiar with the conditions which presently exist; that any statements made in this plan are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct; and that the work associated with the operations proposed herein will be performed by Balcron Oil, a division of Equitable Resources Energy Company, and its contractors and subcontractors in conformity with this plan and the terms and conditions under which it is approved. This statement is subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C. 1001 for the filing of a false statement.

December 14, 1993

Date

Bobbie Schuman

Bobbie Schuman
Coordinator of Environmental
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BALCRON OIL division of
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Operator: BALCRON OIL	Well Name: MONUMENT BUTTE AREA
Project ID:	Location: Monument Butte, Utah

Design Parameters:

Mud weight (9.63 ppg) : 0.500 psi/ft
 Shut in surface pressure : 2280 psi
 Internal gradient (burst) : 0.100 psi/ft
 Annular gradient (burst) : 0.000 psi/ft
 Tensile load is determined using air weight
 Service rating is "Sweet"

Design Factors:

Collapse : 1.125
 Burst : 1.00
 8 Round : 1.80 (J)
 Buttress : 1.60 (J)
 Body Yield : 1.50 (B)
 Overpull : 0 lbs.

Length (feet)	Size (in.)	Weight (lb/ft)	Grade	Joint	Depth (feet)	Drift (in.)	Cost		
1	SFC TO TD 5-1/2"	15.50	J-55	ST&C	SEE APD COVER SHEET	4.825			
	Load (psi)	Collapse Strgth (psi)	S.F.	Burst Load (psi)	Min Int Strgth (psi)	Yield S.F.	Tension Load (kips)	Strgth (kips)	S.F.
1	2850	4040	1.418	2850	4810	1.69	88.35	202	2.29 J

Prepared by : McCoskery, Billings, MT
 Date : 11-30-1992 (Revised 8/30/93)
 Remarks :

The mud gradient and bottom hole pressures (for burst) are 0.500 psi/ft and 2,850 psi, respectively.

NOTE: The design factors used in this casing string design are as shown above. As a general guideline, Lone Star Steel recommends using minimum design factors of 1.125 - Collapse (with evacuated casing), 1.0 - Burst, 1.8 - 8 Round Tension, 1.6 - Buttress Tension, and 1.5 - Body Yield. Collapse strength under axial tension was calculated based on the Westcott, Dunlop and Kemler curve. Engineering responsibility for use of this design will be that of the purchaser. Costs for this design are based on a 1990 pricing model. (Version 1.0G)

EXHIBIT E

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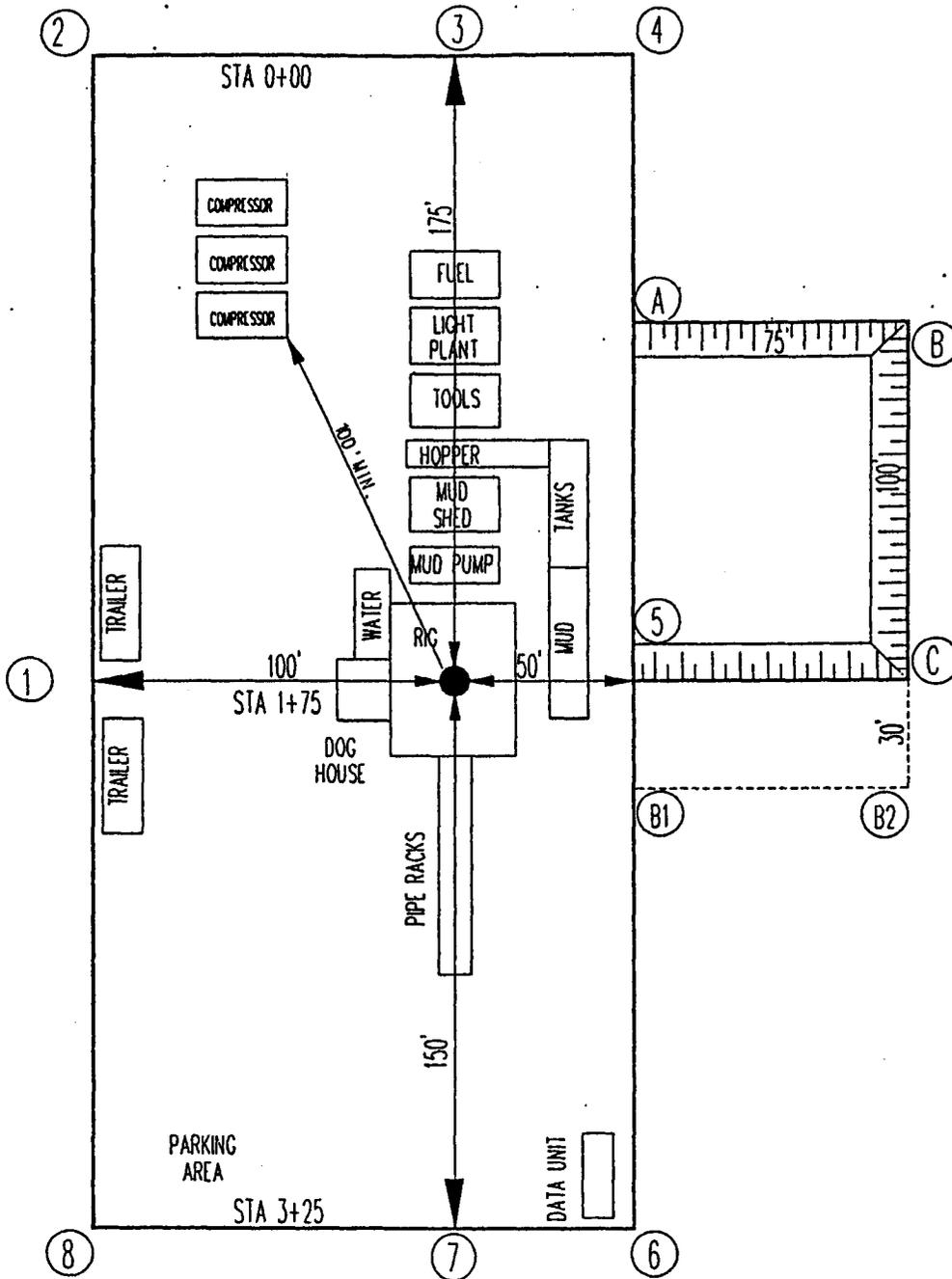
We anticipate that none of the hazardous chemicals in quantities of 10,000 pounds or more will be associated with these operations.

- B. Extremely hazardous substances threshold quantities (per Howard Cleavinger 11/30/93) of which will be used, produced, stored, transported, or disposed of in association with the proposed action of drilling, completing and producing this well:

We anticipate that none of the extremely hazardous substances in threshold quantities per 40 CFR 355 will be associated with these operations.

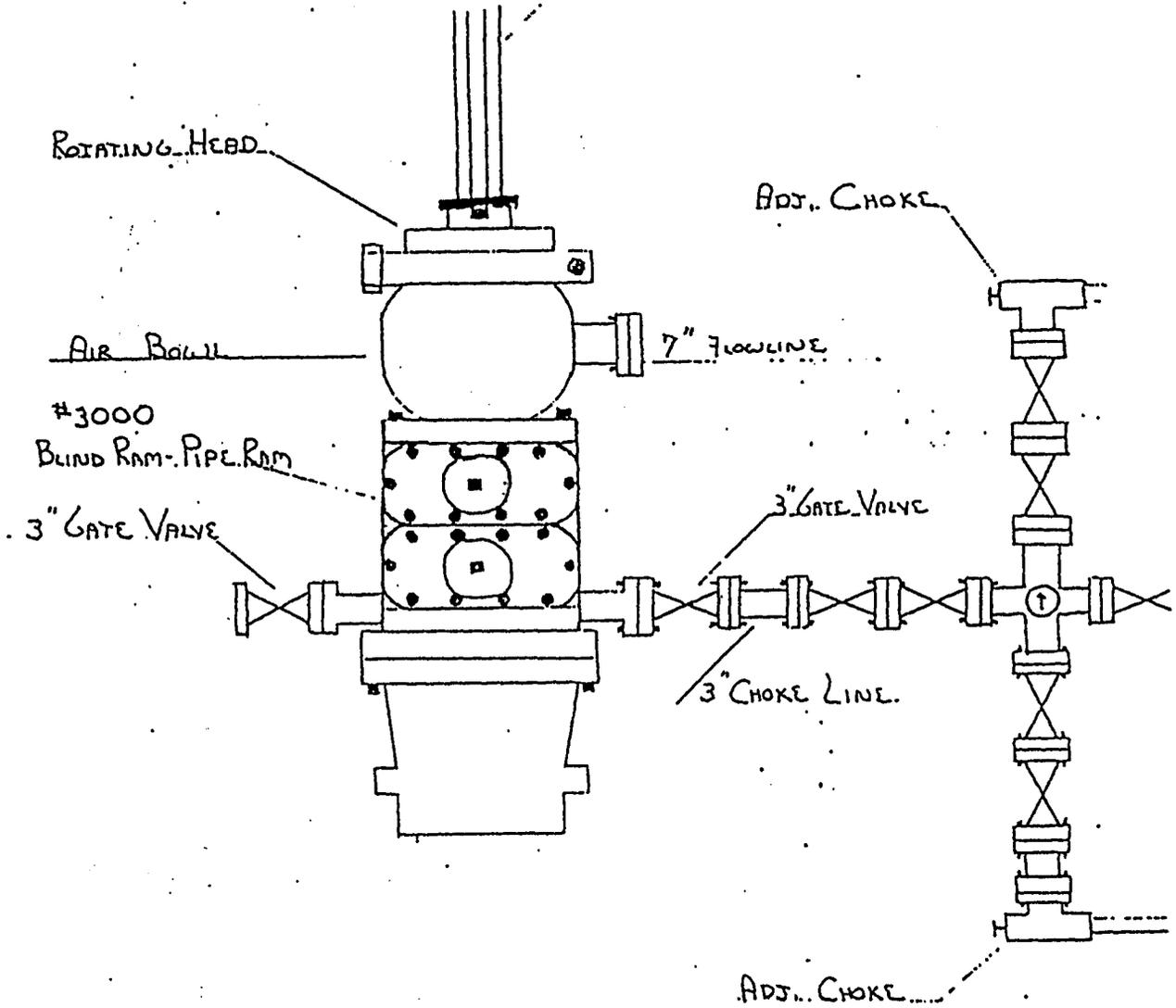
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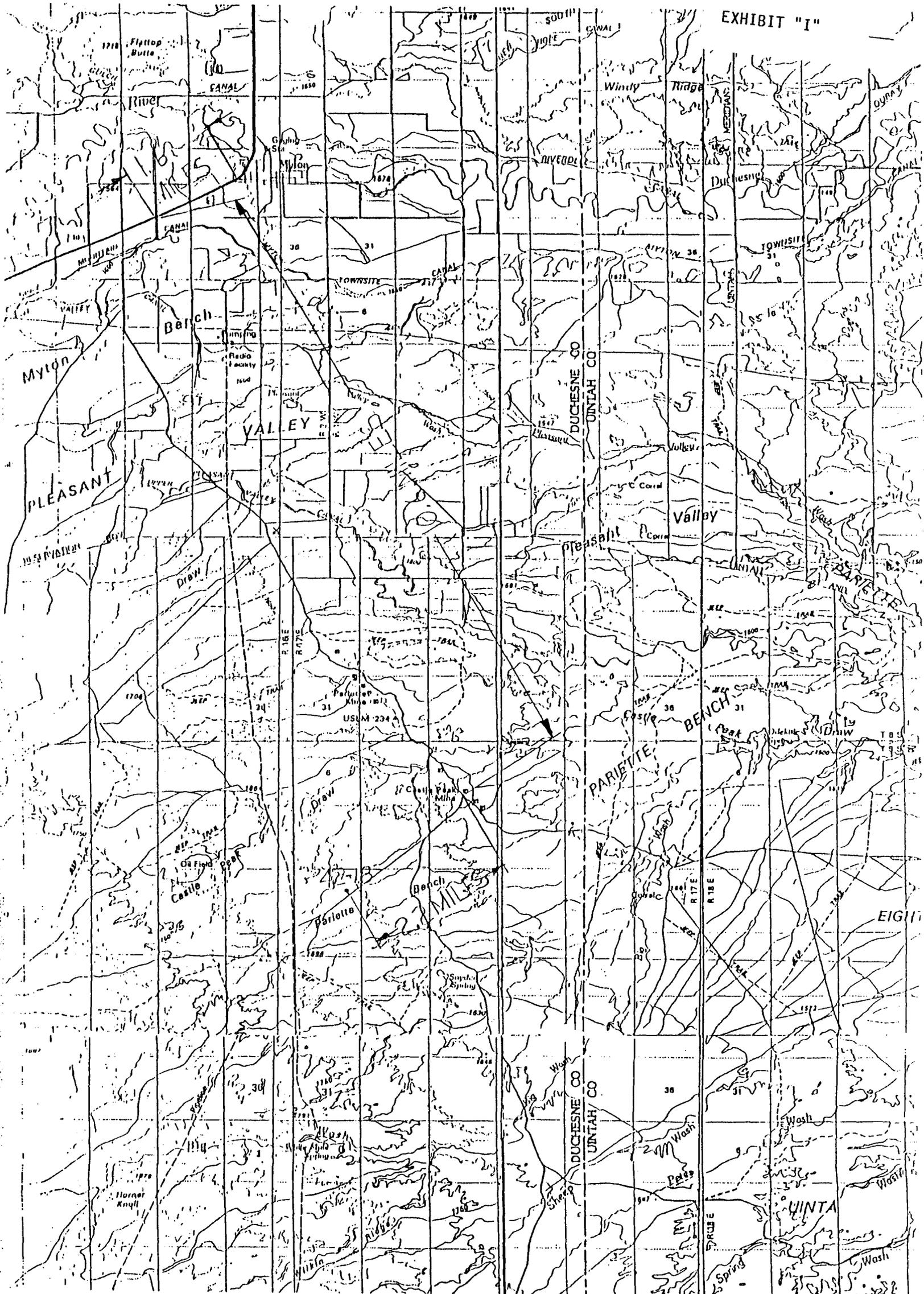


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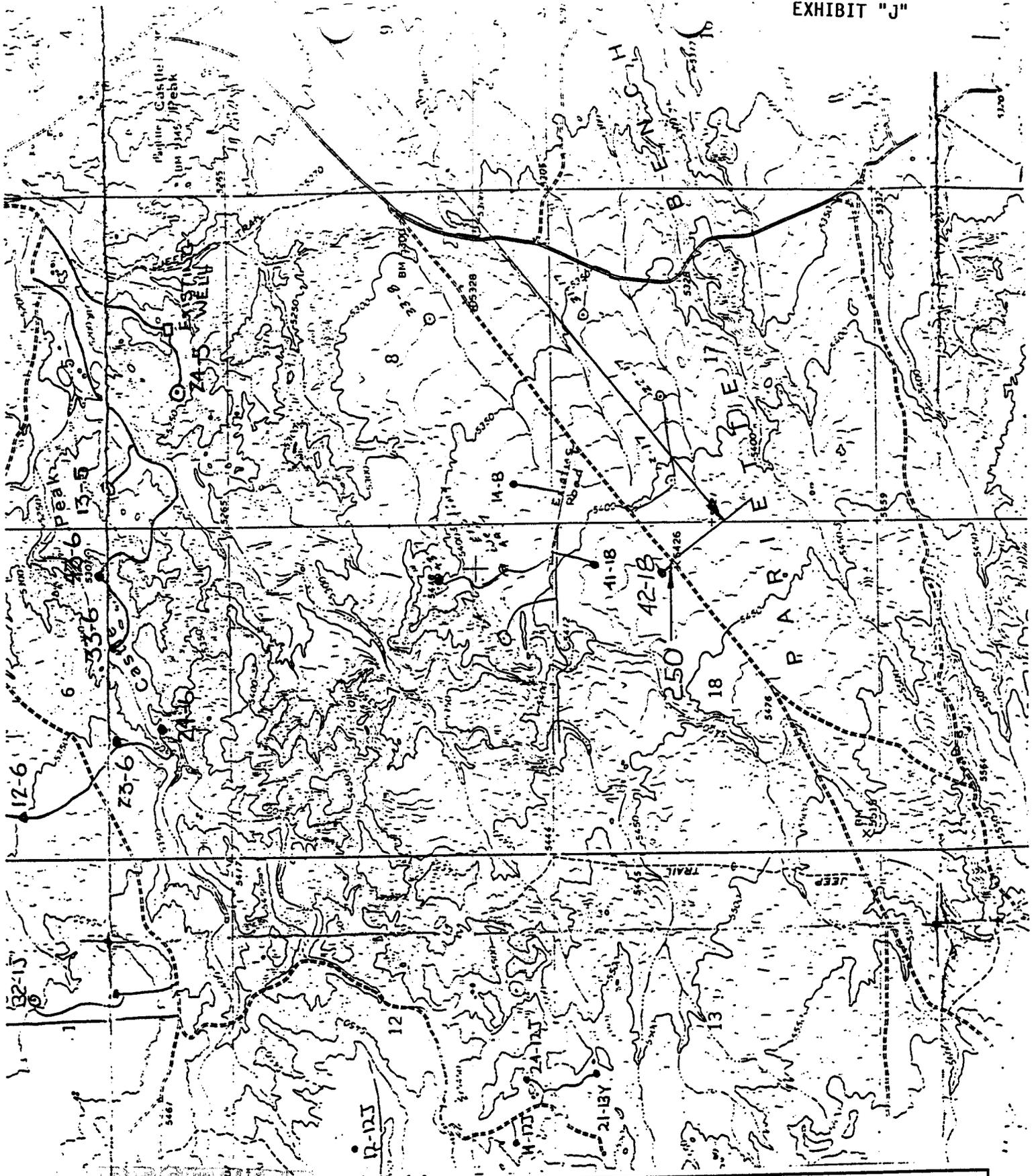


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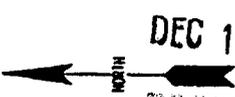
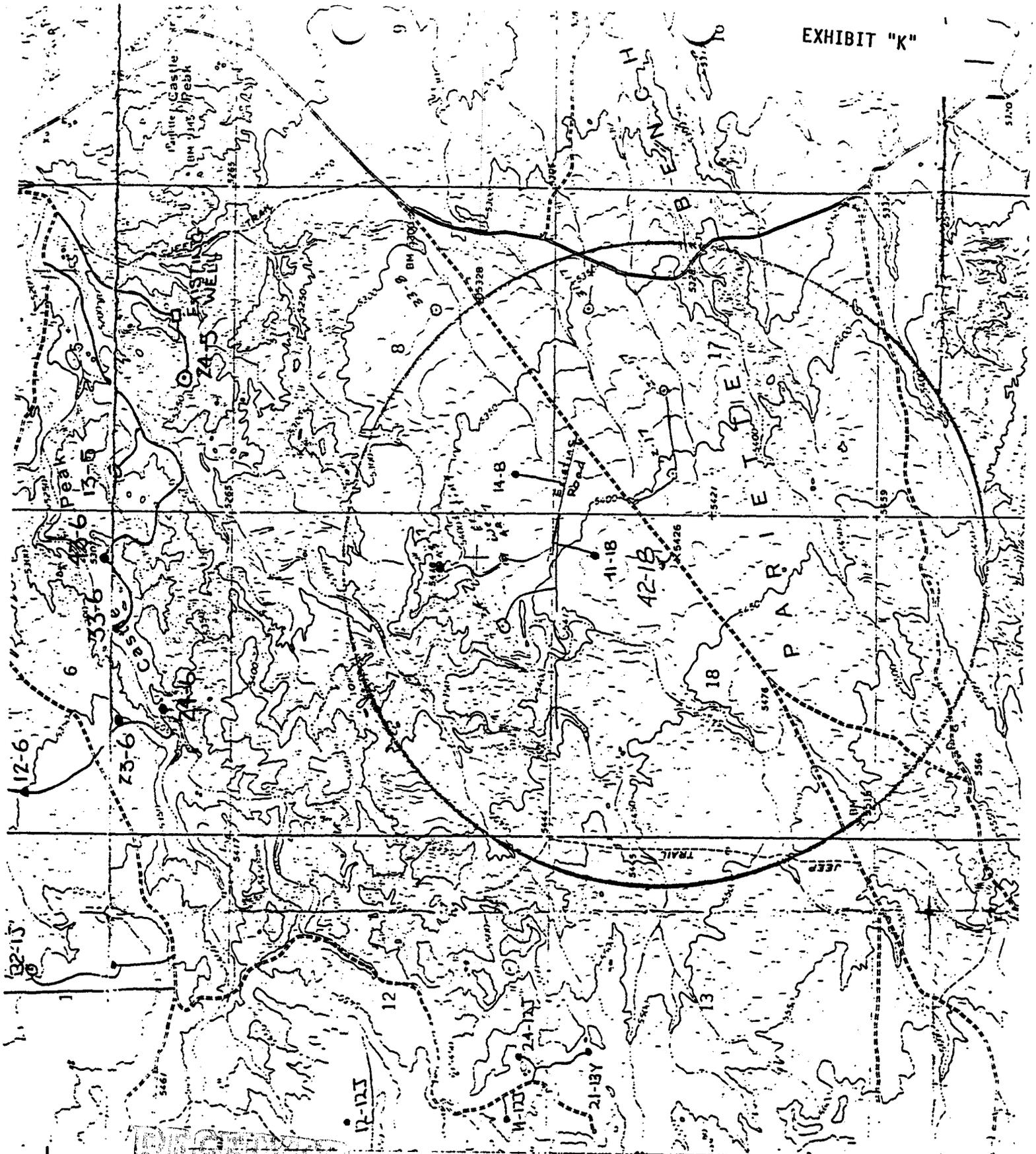


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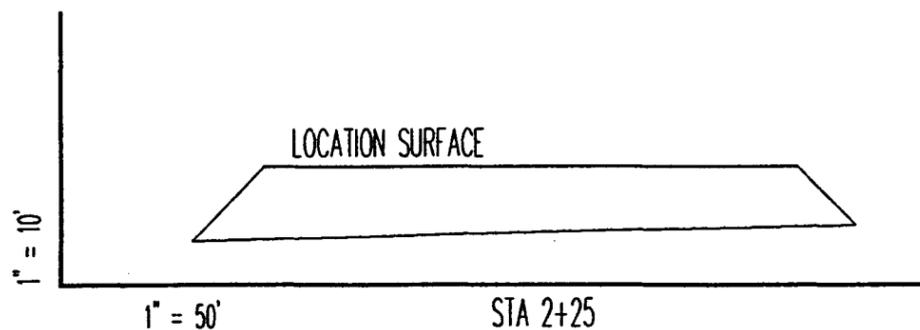
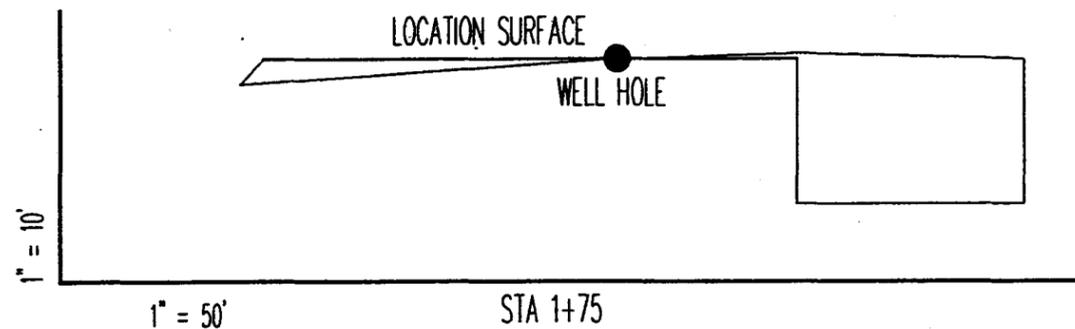
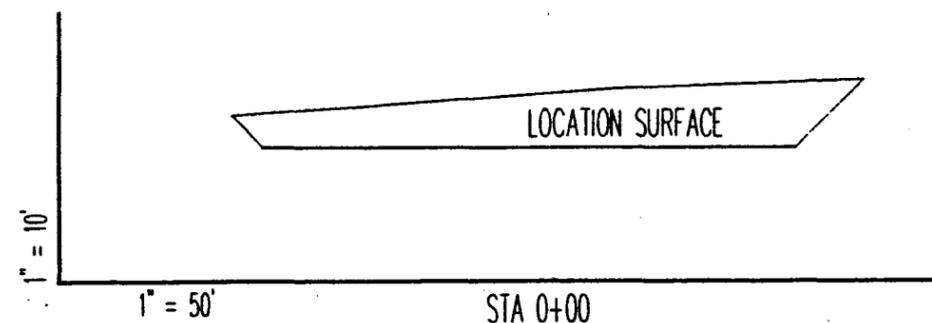
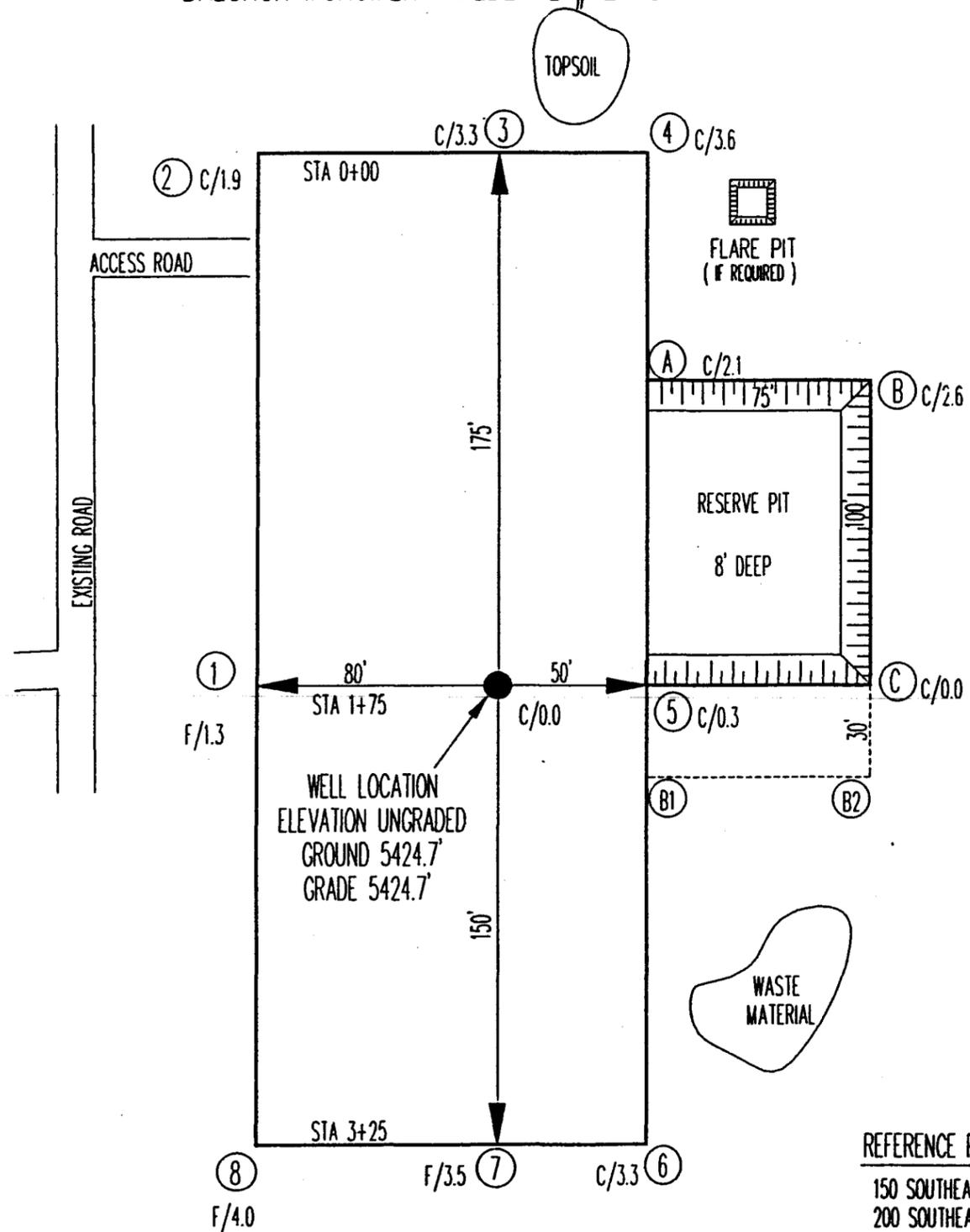
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BALCRON MONUMENT FEDERAL #42-18



REFERENCE POINTS

- 150 SOUTHEAST 5423.0'
- 200 SOUTHEAST 5422.1'
- 200 NORTHEAST 5419.8'
- 250 NORTHEAST 5418.8'

APPROXIMATE YARDAGE

- CUT = 1762 Cu Yds
- FILL = 1704 Cu Yds
- PIT = 1826.4 Cu Yds

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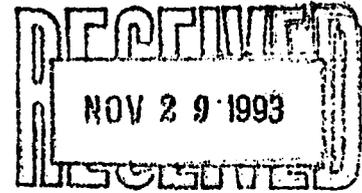
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ABSTRACT

An intensive cultural resource evaluation has been conducted for Balcron Oil Company of seven proposed wells (Monument Federal Units 33-8, 12-17, 22-17, 31-17, 42-18, 43-7 and 41-26) and associated access routes situated on BLM administered lands located in the Monument Buttes locality of Duchesne County, Utah and the Pleasant Valley locality of Uintah County, Utah. This evaluation involved a total of 78.6 acres, of which 70 acres are associated with the seven well pads and an additional 8.6 acres associated with the various access road rights of way. These evaluations were conducted by Glade Hadden and Walter Lenington of AERC on November 16, 17 and 18, 1993.

No previously recorded significant or National Register eligible cultural resources will be adversely affected by the proposed developments.

One newly identified cultural resource activity locus was discovered and recorded during the examinations. 42UN 2084 is a non-significant prehistoric activity locus associated with well location 41-26. This site is a cobble quarry area located within the proposed well development zone.

One isolated artifact was recorded during the investigations. Isolate 1415G/X1 is a non-diagnostic chert core noted on the access road between Units 12-17 and 22-17. This artifact was recorded but not collected.

AERC recommends project clearance based on adherence to the stipulations noted in the final section of this report.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

On November 16, 17 and 18, 1993, AERC archaeologists Glade Hadden and Walter Lenington conducted an intensive cultural resource evaluation for Balcron Oil Company of Billings, Montana. This examination involved seven proposed well locations (Monument Federal Units 33-8, 12-17, 22-17, 31-17, 42-18, 43-7 and 41-26) and associated access roads located in the Monument Buttes area, and in the Pleasant Valley area, south of Myton, Utah. Some 78.6 acres were examined which includes ca. 70 acres associated with the well pads and an additional 8.6 acres associated with the various 100 foot-wide access routes. This project is situated in the Monument Buttes locality of Duchesne County, Utah. The entire project area is situated on federal lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Vernal District Office, Diamond Mountain Resource Area.

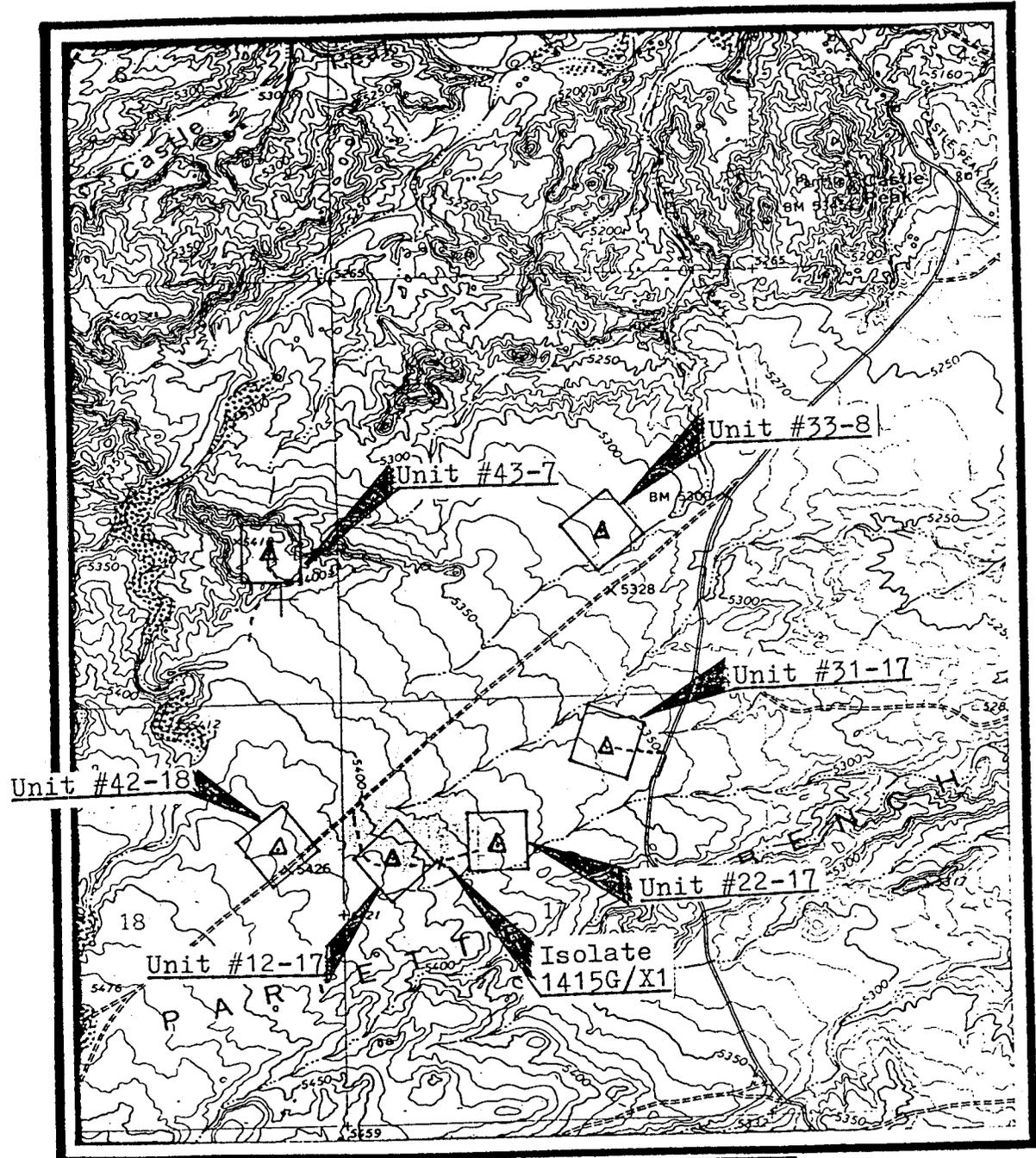
The purpose of the field study and this report is to identify and document cultural site presence and assess National Register potential significance relative to established criteria (cf., Title 36 CFR 60.6). The proposed developments of these seven drilling locations require archaeological evaluations in compliance with U.C.A. 9-8-404, the Federal Antiquities Act of 1906, the Reservoir Salvage Act of 1960-as amended by P.L. 93-291, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966-as amended, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1979, the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979, the Native American Religious Freedom Act of 1978, the Historic Preservation Act of 1980, and Executive Order 11593.

In addition to documenting cultural identity and significance, mitigation recommendations relative to the preservation of cultural data and materials can be directed to the Bureau of Land Management Vernal District Office, and to the Utah State Antiquities Section. This work was done under U.S. Department of Interior Permit for Utah UT-93-54937 which expires on January 31, 1994.

Project Location

The project location is in the Monument Buttes locality of Duchesne County, Utah (situated on the Myton SE 7.5 minute topographic quad) and in the Pleasant Valley locality of Uintah County, Utah (situated on the Pariette Draw SW 7.5 minute topographic quad). The proposed drilling locations are situated in the following sections:

Balcron Monument Federal #33-8 is located in the NW - SE of Section 8, T. 9 So., R. 17 E. (see Map 1)



T. 9 So.
 R. 17 E.
 Meridian: SL
 Quad: Myton SE
 Utah

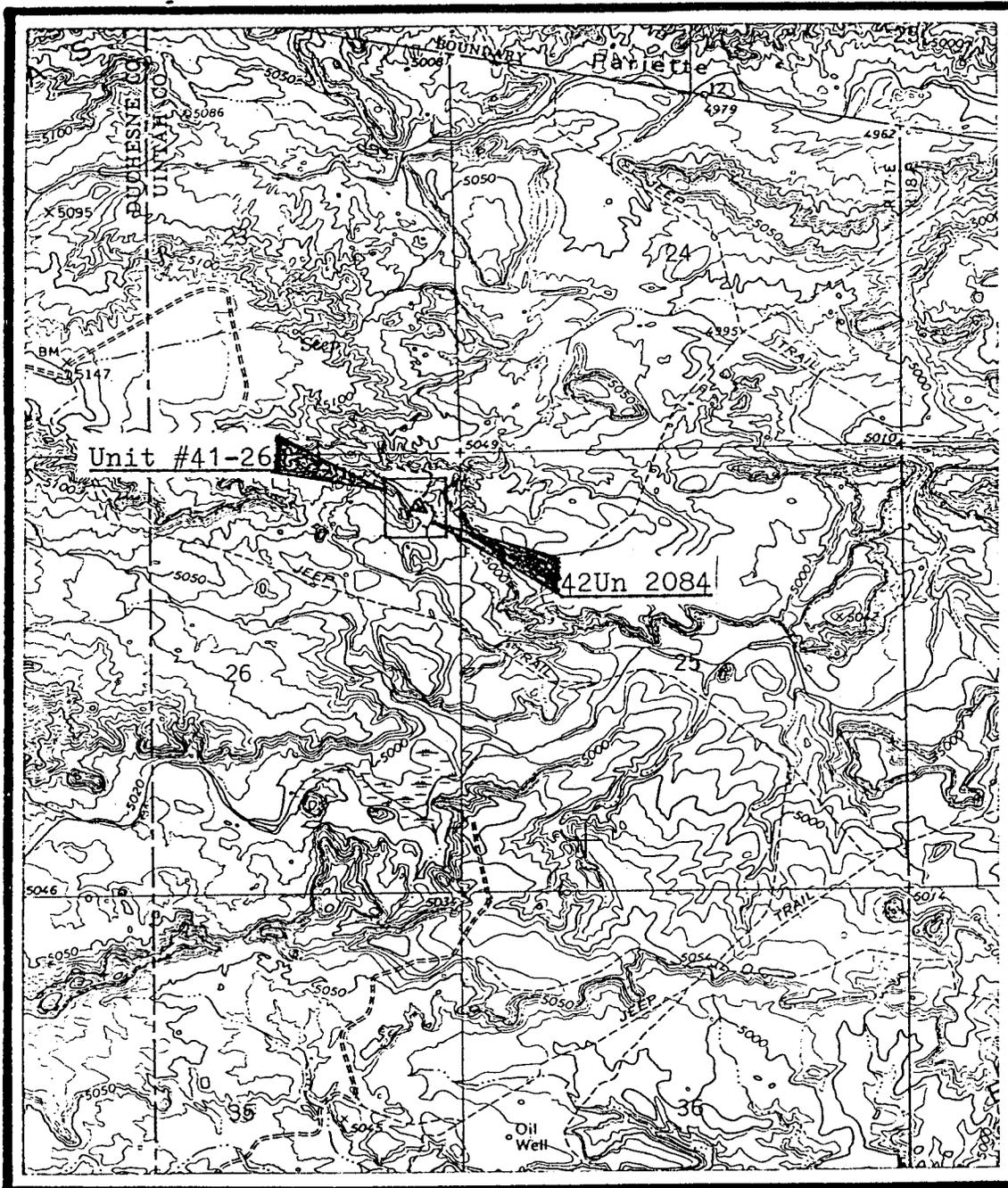
MAP 1
 Cultural Resource Survey of
 Proposed Balcron Well Units
 in the Monument Buttes
 Locality, Duchesne County

Legend:
 Well Location 
 Access Route 



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Series: Uinta Basin
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Scale: 1:64,000





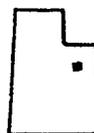
T. 8 So.
 R. 17 E.
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 Draw SW
 Utah



Project: BLCR-93-11
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MAP 2
 Cultural Resource Survey of
 a Proposed Balcron Well
 in the Pleasant Valley
 Locality, Uintah County

Scale: 1:64,000



Legend:
 Well Location 
 Access Route 
 Cultural Site 

Balcron Monument Federal #12-17 is located in the SW - NW of Section 17, T. 9 So., R. 17 E. and includes ca. 600 feet of access road (see Map 1)

Balcron Monument Federal #22-17 is located in the SE - NW of Section 17, T. 9 So., R. 17 E. and includes ca. 500 feet of access road (see Map 1)

Balcron Monument Federal #31-17 is located in the NW - NE of Section 17, T. 9 So., R. 17 E. and includes ca. 350 feet of access road (see Map 1)

Balcron Monument Federal #42-18 is located in the SE - NE of Section 18, T. 9 So., R. 17 E. (see Map 1)

Balcron Monument Federal #43-7 is located in the NE - SE of Section 7, T. 9 So., R. 17 E. and includes ca. 1000 feet of access road (see Map 1)

Balcron Monument Federal #41-26 is located in the NE - NE of Section 26, T. 8 So., R. 17 E. and includes ca. 1300 feet of access road (see Map 2)

Environmental Description

The project area is within the 5000 to 5500 foot elevation zone above sea level. Open rangeland terrain and eroded Eocene lakebed surfaces are associated with the project area.

The vegetation in the project area includes *Chrysothamnus spp.*, *Artemisia spp.*, *Eriogonum spp.*, *Sarcobatus vermiculatus*, *Ephedra viridis*, *Cercocarpus spp.*, *Atriplex canescens*, *Salix spp.*, *Typha spp.*, and a variety of grasses and sedges.

The geological associations within the project area consist of fluvial and lake deposits which correlate with the Uinta Formation which is of Tertiary age.

PREVIOUS RESEARCH IN THE LOCALITY

File Search

A records search of the site files and maps at the Antiquities Section of the State Historic Preservation Office in Salt Lake City was conducted on November 19, 1993. A similar search was conducted in the Vernal District Office of the BLM on November 16, 1993. The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no registered historic or prehistoric properties will be affected by the proposed developments.

A variety of known cultural sites are situated in the Monument Buttes / Castle Peak Draw locality. Many of these prehistoric resources were identified and recorded by AERC during the Mapco River Bend survey (Norman and Hauck 1980). Other sites have been located and

recorded by AERC and other archaeological consultants during oil and gas exploration inventories.

Prehistory and History of the Cultural Region

Currently available information indicates that the Northern Colorado Plateau Cultural Region has been occupied by a variety of cultures beginning perhaps as early as 10,000 B.C. These cultures, as identified by their material remains, demonstrate a cultural developmental process that begins with the earliest identified Paleoindian peoples (10,000 -- 7,000 B.C.) and extends through the Archaic (ca. 7,000 B.C. -- A.D. 300), and Formative (ca. A.D. 400 -- 1100) Stages, and the Late Prehistoric-Protohistoric periods (ca. A.D. 1200 -- 1850) to conclude in the Historic-Modern period which was initiated with the incursion of the Euro-American trappers, explorers, and settlers. Basically, each cultural stage -- with the exception of the Late Prehistoric hunting and gathering Shoshonean bands -- features a more complex life-way and social order than occurred during the earlier stage of development (Hauck 1991:53). For a more comprehensive treatment of the prehistory and history of this region see Archaeological Evaluations in the Northern Colorado Plateau Cultural Area (Hauck 1991).

Site Potential in the Project Development Zone

Previous archaeological evaluations in the general project area have resulted in the identification and recording of a variety of cultural resource sites having eligibility for potential nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The majority of these sites are lithic scatters containing cobble reduction materials. Many of these quarry sites are of the "Tap and Test" variety, and extend for tens or hundreds of meters. Open occupations are also frequently being identified in this locality. Sites associated with the open rangeland generally appear to have been occupied during the Middle Plains Archaic Stage with occasional indications of Paleoindian activity based on the recovery of isolated Plano style projectile points. The north-south drainage canyons appear to contain the majority of Late Prehistoric (Numa) sites probably because those canyon floors were transportation corridors and convenient pastures for the Ute horse herds. Evidence of Formative Stage occupation, i.e., Fremont, is rarely observed in the rangeland environment but is common within the Green River and White River canyons and their primary tributary canyons.

Site density in certain portions of the region appears to range from one to four sites per section. These densities increase in the canyon bottoms due to Ute rock art loci. Recent evaluations indicate that the site densities may reach 8 to 12 sites per section in certain localities on the upper benches which were apparently favored for hunting, lithic resource procurement, and camping. Prehistoric sites on the rangeland benches appear to be associated with water courses and aeolian deposits.

FIELD EVALUATIONS

Methodology

Intensive evaluations consisted of the archaeologists walking a series of 10 to 20 meter-wide transects across a 10 acre area covering each well pad. In addition, access routes were surveyed by the archaeologists walking a pair of 10 to 15 meter wide transects on each side of the flagged access route right of way. Thus, a 30 meter-wide or 100 foot-wide corridor (ca. 8.6 acres) was examined for the total ca. 3750 foot length of proposed access road, in addition to the seventy acres inventoried on the well pads for a total of 78.6 acres.

Observation of cultural materials results in intensive examinations to determine the nature of the resource (isolate or activity locus). The analysis of each specific cultural site results in its subsequently being sketched, photographed, and appropriately recorded on standard IMACS forms. Cultural sites are then evaluated for significance utilizing the standards described below and mitigation recommendations are considered as a means of preserving significant resources which may be situated within the development zone.

Site Significance Criteria

Prehistoric and historic cultural sites which can be considered as eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places have been outlined as follows in the National Register's Criteria for Evaluation as established in Title 36 CFR 60.6:

The quality of significance in American ... archaeology ... and culture is present in ... sites ... that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association and:

- a. That are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
- b. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
- c. that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction ... ; or
- d. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

In addition to satisfying one or more of these general conditions, a significant cultural resource site in Utah will generally be considered as being eligible for inclusion in the National Register if it should advance our current state of knowledge relating to chronology, cultural relationships, origins, and cultural life ways of prehistoric or historic groups in the area.

In a final review of any site's cultural significance, the site must possess integrity and at least one of the above criteria to be considered eligible for nomination to the National Record of Historic Places.

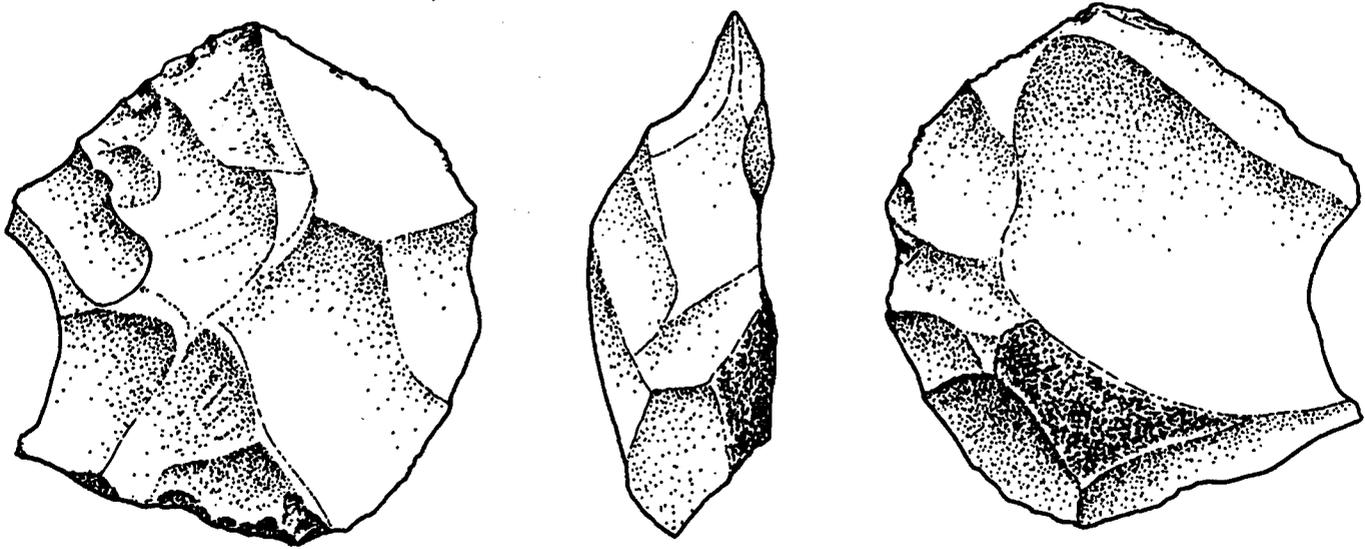
Results of the Inventory

One prehistoric cultural resource activity locus was observed and recorded during the archaeological evaluations. Site 42UN 2084 (see map 2) is a 50 x 120 meter lithic surface quarry area. Isolated flakes are located up to 500 meters from the main locus. Artifacts are composed mainly of Parachute Creek Chert cores. Two biface blanks and two utilized flakes were also found. This non-significant site is of a type commonly found in the area. Remnant lag gravel deposits with many chert and quartzite cobbles present cover extensive areas in this locality, and most such "Desert Pavement" sites are the location for "Tap and Test" quarry operations. No buried deposits are present and artifact context is questionable due to sheet wash erosion. The site does not qualify under criterion d of Title 36 CFR 60.6.

No previously identified and recorded significant or National Register sites were noted or recorded during the survey.

No paleontological loci were observed or recorded during the evaluations.

One isolated artifact was recorded during the evaluations. Isolate 1415G/X1 (see Figure one) consists of a single Parachute Creek chert core located along the access route connecting Units 12-17 and 22-17. This artifact was not collected.



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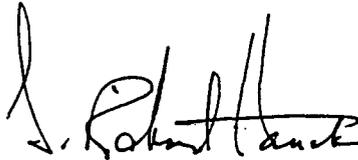
Isolated Artifact 1415G/X1
(actual size)

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

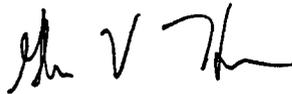
No known significant cultural or paleontological resources will be adversely impacted during the development and operation of Balcron Units 33-8, 12-17, 22-17, 31-17, 42-18, 43-7 and 41-26 as evaluated during this project.

AERC recommends that a cultural resource clearance be granted to Balcron Oil Company relative to the developments of these seven proposed drilling locations based upon adherence to the following stipulations:

1. All vehicular traffic, personnel movement, construction and restoration operations should be confined to the flagged areas and corridors examined as referenced in this report, and to the existing roadways.
2. All personnel should refrain from collecting artifacts and from disturbing any significant cultural resources in the area.
3. The authorized official should be consulted should cultural remains from subsurface deposits be exposed during construction work or if the need arises to relocate or otherwise alter the location of the exploration area.



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Investigator



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Field Supervisor

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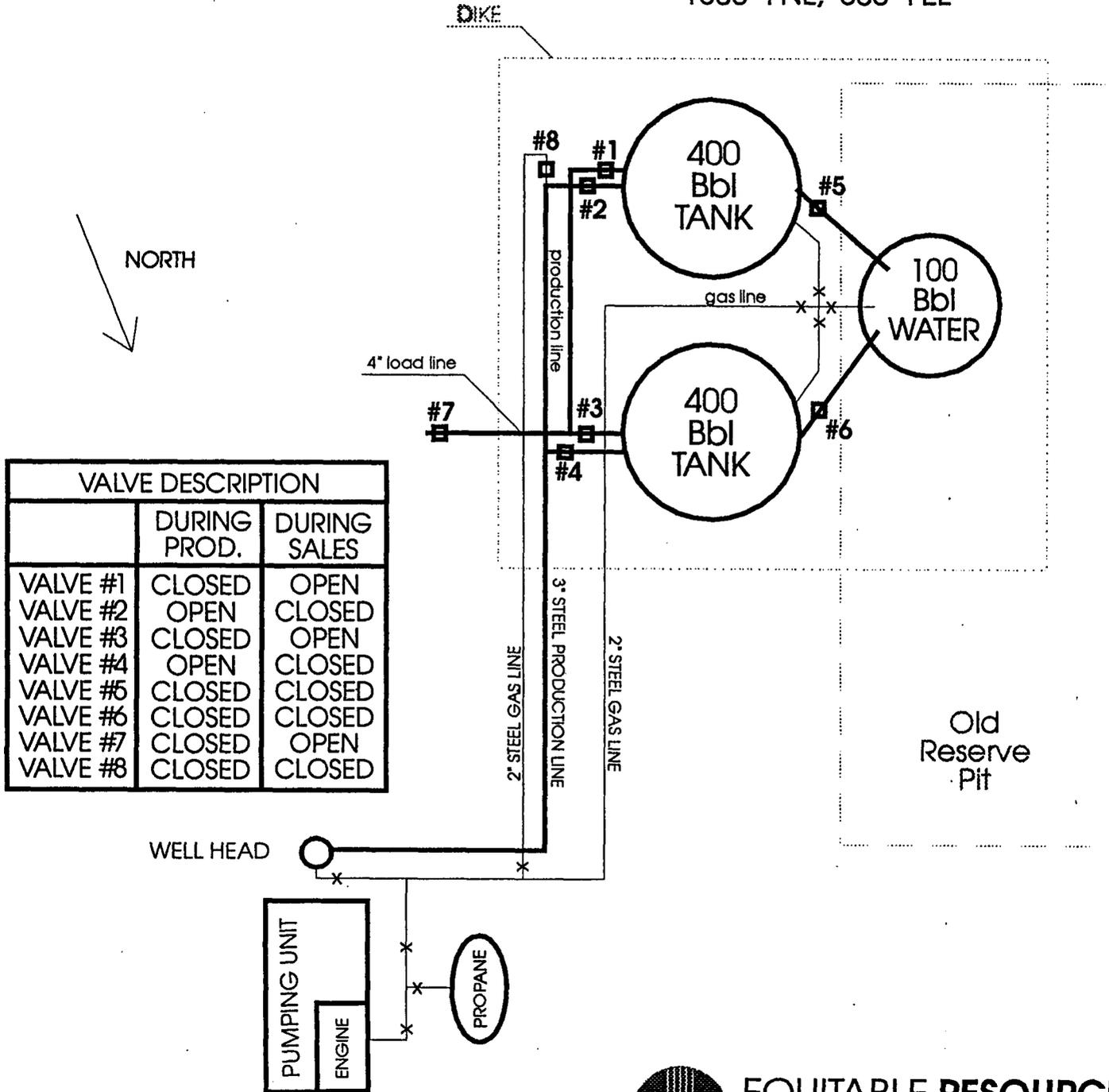
Equitable Resources Energy Company
 Balcron Monument Federal 42-18
 Proposed Production Facility Diagram

EXHIBIT "N"

Balcron Monument Federal 42-18
 SE NE Sec. 18, T9S, R17E
 Duchesne County, Utah
 Federal Lease #UTU-72106
 1800' FNL, 800' FEL

ACCESS ROAD

NORTH



VALVE DESCRIPTION		
	DURING PROD.	DURING SALES
VALVE #1	CLOSED	OPEN
VALVE #2	OPEN	CLOSED
VALVE #3	CLOSED	OPEN
VALVE #4	OPEN	CLOSED
VALVE #5	CLOSED	CLOSED
VALVE #6	CLOSED	CLOSED
VALVE #7	CLOSED	OPEN
VALVE #8	CLOSED	CLOSED

DIAGRAM NOT TO SCALE



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 1601 Lewis Avenue
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**WORKSHEET
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL**

APD RECEIVED: 12/15/93

API NO. ASSIGNED: 43-013-31433

WELL NAME: BALCRON MONUMENT FEDERAL 42-18
 OPERATOR: EQUITABLE RESOURCES (N9890)

PROPOSED LOCATION:
 SENE 18 - T09S - R17E
 SURFACE: 1800-FNL-0800-FEL
 BOTTOM: 1800-FNL-0800-FEL
 DUCHESNE COUNTY
 MONUMENT BUTTE FIELD (105)

INSPECT LOCATION BY: / /		
TECH REVIEW	Initials	Date
Engineering		
Geology		
Surface		

LEASE TYPE: FED
 LEASE NUMBER: UTU-72106

RECEIVED AND/OR REVIEWED:

Y Plat
Y Bond: Federal [State [] Fee []
 (Number M10576 5547188)
N Potash (Y/N)
N Oil shale (Y/N)
H Water permit
 (Number BY SUNDAY)
N RDCC Review (Y/N)
 (Date: _____)

LOCATION AND SITING:

____ R649-2-3. Unit: _____
 R649-3-2. General.
 ____ R649-3-3. Exception.
 ____ Drilling Unit.
 ____ Board Cause no: _____
 ____ Date: _____

COMMENTS: WELL IS NOT IN A SECONDARY RECOVER UNIT

STIPULATIONS: 1. WATER SOURCE AND PERMIT WILL BE FILED BY SUNDAY PRIOR TO SURF.



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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

December 15, 1993

Bureau of Land Management
170 South 500 East
Vernal, UT 84078

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Gentlemen:

Enclosed are Paleontology Reports on the wellpad location and access road for the following wells:

- Balcron Monument Federal #11-25
- Balcron Monument Federal #12-17
- Balcron Monument Federal #14-4
- Balcron Monument Federal #22-17
- Balcron Monument Federal #31-17
- Balcron Monument Federal #33-8
- Balcron Monument Federal #34-7
- Balcron Monument Federal #41-26
- Balcron Monument Federal #42-18 43 013 51433
- Balcron Monument Federal #43-7

Applications for Permit to Drill these wells have already been submitted.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Schuman

Bobbie Schuman
Coordinator of Operations,
Environmental and Regulatory Affairs

/rs

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cc: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

BALCRON OIL

**Balcron Monument Federal #42-18
SE NE Section 18, T9S, R17E, SLB&M
Duchesne County, Utah**

PALEONTOLOGY REPORT

WELLPAD LOCATION AND ACCESS ROAD

BY

**ALDEN H. HAMBLIN
PALEONTOLOGIST
235 EAST MAIN
VERNAL, UTAH 84078**

DECEMBER 8, 1993

RESULTS OF PALEONTOLOGY SURVEY AT BALCRON MONUMENT BUTTE FEDERAL #42-18

Description of Geology and Topography-

This well is located 11 miles south of Myton, Utah. It sits toward the west end of Pariette Bench. The immediate area is flat and covered with sandy alluvium and small rock fragments.

All rock outcrops in the general area are of the Upper Eocene Uinta Formation, known for its fossil vertebrate fauna of mammals, turtles, crocodilians, and occasional fish remains and plant impressions.

There are no exposures of bed rock (Uinta Formation) on the wellpad or proposed access road.

Paleontological material found -

No fossils were found on the wellpad location or access road.

Recommendations-

No other recommendations are made for this location.

Alden H. Hamblin

Date December 9, 1993



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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801-538-5340
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801-538-5319 (TDD)

December 21, 1993

Equitable Resources Energy Company
P.O. Box 21017
Billings, Montana 59104

Re: Balcron Monument Federal #42-18 Well, 1800' FNL, 800' FEL, SE NE, Sec. 18, T. 9 S., R. 17 E., Duchesne County, Utah

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Utah Admin. R. 649-3-2, Location and Siting of Wells and Utah Admin. R. 649-3-4, Permitting of Wells to be Drilled, Deepened or Plugged-Back, approval to drill the referenced well is hereby granted.

In addition, the following specific actions are necessary to fully comply with this approval:

1. Compliance with the requirements of Utah Admin. R. 649-1 et seq., Oil and Gas Conservation General Rules.
2. Notification within 24 hours after commencing drilling operations.
3. Submittal of Entity Action Form, Form 6, within five working days following commencement of drilling operations and whenever a change in operations or interests necessitates an entity status change.
4. Submittal of the Report of Water Encountered During Drilling, Form 7.
5. Prompt notification prior to commencing operations, if necessary, to plug and abandon the well. Notify Frank R. Matthews, Petroleum Engineer, (Office) (801)538-5340, (Home) (801)476-8613, or Mike Hebertson, Oil and Gas Field Specialist, (Home) (801)269-9212.
6. Compliance with the requirements of Utah Admin. R. 649-3-20, Gas Flaring or Venting, if the well is completed for production.



Page 2
Equitable Resources Energy Company
Balcron Monument Federal #42-18 Well
December 21, 1993

This approval shall expire one year after date of issuance unless substantial and continuous operation is underway or a request for an extension is made prior to the approval expiration date. The API number assigned to this well is 43-013-31433.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.J. Fifth". The signature is stylized and cursive.

R.J. Fifth
Associate Director, Oil and Gas

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Enclosures
cc: Duchesne County Assessor
Bureau of Land Management, Vernal
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN, OR PLUG BACK

1a. TYPE OF WORK
DRILL DEEPEN PLUG BACK

b. TYPE OF WELL
OIL WELL GAS WELL OTHER
SINGLE ZONE MULTIPLE ZONE

2. NAME OF OPERATOR
EQUITABLE RESOURCES ENERGY COMPANY, Balcron Oil **CONFIDENTIAL**

3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR
P.O. Box 21017; Billings, MT 59104

4. LOCATION OF WELL (Report location clearly and in accordance with any State requirements.)
At surface SE NE Section 18, T9S, R17E 1800' FNL, 800' FEL
At proposed prod. zone 43-013-31433

14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE
From Myton, Utah, approximately 16 miles southwest

16. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE, FT. (Also to nearest drig. unit line, if any)

18. DISTANCE FROM PROPOSED LOCATION TO NEAREST WELL, DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR, ON THIS LEASE, FT.

21. ELEVATIONS (Show whether DF, RT, GR, etc.)
GL 5424.7'

23. PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM

SIZE OF HOLE	SIZE OF CASING	WEIGHT PER FOOT	SETTING DEPTH	QUANTITY OF CEMENT
		See attached		

6. LEASE DESIGNATION AND SERIAL NO.
UTU-72106

8. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME
n/a

7. UNIT AGREEMENT NAME
n/a

5. FARM OR LEASE NAME
Balcron Monument Federal

9. WELL NO.
#42-18

10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT
Monument Butte/Green River

11. SEC., T., R., M., OR BLK. AND SURVEY OR AREA
Sec. 18, T9S, R17E

12. COUNTY OR PARISH
Duchesne

13. STATE
UTAH

17. NO. OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL

20. ROTARY OR CABLE TOOLS
Rotary

22. APPROX. DATE WORK WILL START
Upon APD approval

EXHIBITS ATTACHED

- "A" PROPOSED DRILLING PROGRAM
- "B" PROPOSED SURFACE USE PROGRAM
- "C" GEOLOGIC PROGNOSIS
- "D" DRILLING PROGRAM/CASING DESIGN
- "E" HAZMAT DECLARATION
- "F" SURVEY PLAT
- "G" RIG LAYOUT
- "H" BOPE DIAGRAM
- "I" EXISTING ROADS (Map A)
- "J" PLANNED ACCESS (Map B)
- "K" EXISTING WELLS (Map C)
- "L" CUT & FILL DIAGRAM
- "M" ARCHEOLOGY REPORT
- "N" PROPOSED PRODUCTION FACILITY DIAGRAM.

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

DEC 15 1993

SELF CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that I am authorized, by proper lease interest owner, to conduct these operations associated with the application. Bond coverage pursuant to 43 CFR 3104 for lease activities is being provided by Equitable Resources Energy Company as principal and Safeco Insurance Company of America as surety under BLM Bond No. MT-0576 (Nationwide Oil & Gas Bond #5547188) who will be responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of that portion of the lease associated with this application.

IN ABOVE SPACE DESCRIBE PROPOSED PROGRAM: If proposal is to deepen or plug back, give data on present productive zone and proposed new productive zone. If proposal is to drill or deepen directionally, give pertinent data on subsurface locations and measured and true vertical depths. Give blowout preventer program, if any.

24. SIGNED Robbie Schuman TITLE Coordinator of Environmental and Regulatory Affairs DATE December 14, 1993
(This space for Federal or State office use)

PERMIT NO. _____ APPROVAL DATE _____
APPROVED BY [Signature] TITLE ASSISTANT DISTRICT MANAGER DATE JAN 20 1994
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ATTACHED TO OPERATOR'S COPY

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

*See Instructions On Reverse Side

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL

Company/Operator: Equitable Resources Energy Company

Well Name & Number: Monument Federal 42-18

API Number: 43-013-31433

Lease Number: U-72106

Location: SENE Sec. 18 T. 9S R. 17E

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Location Construction - at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to construction of location and access roads.
- Location Completion - prior to moving on the drilling rig.
- Spud Notice - at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to spudding the well.
- Casing String and Cementing - at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to running casing and cementing all casing strings.
- BOP and Related Equipment Tests - at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to initiating pressure tests.
- First Production Notice - within five (5) business days after new well begins, or production resumes after well has been off production for more than ninety (90) days.

For more specific details on notification requirements, please check the Conditions of Approval for Notice to Drill and Surface Use Program.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR NOTICE TO DRILL

Approval of this application does not warrant or certify that the applicant holds legal or equitable title to those rights in the subject lease which would entitle the applicant to conduct operations thereon.

All lease and/or unit operations will be conducted in such a manner that full compliance is made with applicable laws, regulations (43 CFR 3100), Onshore Oil and Gas Orders, and the approved plan of operations. The operator is fully responsible for the actions of his subcontractors. A copy of these conditions will be furnished the field representative to insure compliance.

Be aware fire restrictions may be in effect when location is being constructed and/or when well is being drilled. Contact the appropriate Surface Management Agency for information.

A. DRILLING PROGRAM

1. Estimated Depth at Which Oil, Gas, Water, or Other Mineral Bearing Zones are Expected to be Encountered

Report ALL water shows and water-bearing sands to Tim Ingwell of this office. Copies of State of Utah form OGC-8-X are acceptable. If noticeable water flows are detected, submit samples to this office along with any water analyses conducted.

All usable water and prospectively valuable minerals (as described by BLM at onsite) encountered during drilling, will be recorded by depth and adequately protected. All oil and gas shows will be tested to determine commercial potential.

2. Pressure Control Equipment

The BOP and related equipment shall meet the minimum requirements of Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2 for equipment and testing requirements, procedures, etc., for a 2M system and individual components shall be operable as designed. Chart recorders shall be used for all pressure tests.

Test charts, with individual test results identified, shall be maintained on location while drilling and shall be made available to a BLM representative upon request.

If an air compressor is on location and is being utilized to provide air for the drilling medium while drilling, the special drilling requirements in Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 2, regarding air or gas drilling shall be adhered to. If a mist system is being utilized then the requirement for a deduster shall be waived.

The Vernal District Office shall be notified, at least 24 hours prior to initiating the pressure tests, in order to have a BLM representative on location during pressure testing.

3. Casing Program and Auxiliary Equipment

Surface casing shall have centralizers on the bottom three joints, with a minimum of one centralizer per joint.

As a minimum, the usable water and oil shale resources shall be isolated and/or protected by having a cement top for the production casing at least 200 ft. above the top of the Mahogany Oil shale zone, identified at $\pm 2,651$ ft. If gilsonite is encountered while drilling, it shall be isolated and/or protected via the cementing program.

The Vernal District Office shall be notified at least 24 hours prior to the running and cementing of all casing strings, in order to have a BLM representative on location while running and cementing all casing strings.

4. Mud Program and Circulating Medium

Hazardous substances specifically listed by the EPA as a hazardous waste or demonstrating a characteristic of a hazardous waste will not be used in drilling, testing, or completion operations.

No chromate additives will be used in the mud system on Federal and Indian lands without prior BLM approval to ensure adequate protection of fresh water aquifers.

5. Coring, Logging and Testing Program

Daily drilling and completion progress reports shall be submitted to this office on a weekly basis.

All Drill Stem tests (DST) shall be accomplished during daylight hours, unless specific approval to start during other hours is obtained from the AO. However, DSTs may be allowed to continue at night if the test was initiated during daylight hours and the rate of flow is stabilized and if adequate lighting is available (i.e., lighting which is adequate for visibility and vaporproof for safe operations). Packers can be released, but tripping should not begin before daylight unless prior approval is obtained from the AO.

A cement bond log (CBL) will be run from the production casing shoe to $\pm 2,451$ ft. and shall be utilized to determine the bond quality for the production casing. Submit a field copy of the CBL to this office.

Whether the well is completed as a dry hole or as a producer, "Well Completion and Recompletion Report and Log" (Form 3160-4) will be submitted not later than 30 days after completion of the well or after completion of operations being performed, in accordance with 43 CFR 3164. Two copies of all logs, core descriptions, core analyses, well-test data, geologic summaries, sample description, and all other surveys or data obtained and compiled during the drilling, workover, and/or completion operations, will be filed with Form 3160-4. Samples (cuttings, fluids, and/or gases) will be submitted when requested by the AO.

6. Notifications of Operations

No location will be constructed or moved, no well will be plugged, and no drilling or workover equipment will be removed from a well to be placed in a suspended status without prior approval of the AO. If operations are to be suspended, prior approval of the AO will be obtained and notification given before resumption of operations.

The Vernal District Office shall be notified, during regular work hours (7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except holidays), at least 24 hours prior to spudding the well.

Operator shall report production data to MMS pursuant to 30 CFR 216.5 using form MMS/3160.

Immediate Report: Spills, blowouts, fires, leaks, accidents, or any other unusual occurrences shall be promptly reported in accordance with the requirements of NTL-3A or its revision.

If a replacement rig is contemplated for completion operations, a "Sundry Notice" (Form 3160-5) to that effect will be filed, for prior approval of the AO, and all conditions of this approved plan are applicable during all operations conducted with the replacement rig.

The date on which production is commenced or resumed will be construed for oil wells as the date on which liquid hydrocarbons are first sold or shipped from a temporary storage facility, such as a test tank, and for which a run ticket is required to be generated or, the date on which liquid hydrocarbons are first produced into a permanent storage facility, whichever first occurs; and, for gas wells as the date on which associated liquid hydrocarbons are first sold or shipped from a temporary storage facility, such as a test tank, and for which a run ticket is required to be generated or, the date on which gas is first measured through permanent metering facilities, whichever first occurs.

Should the well be successfully completed for production, the AO will be notified when the well is placed in a producing status. Such notification will be sent by telegram or other written communication, not later than five (5) days following the date on which the well is placed on production.

Gas produced from this well may not be vented or flared beyond an initial authorized test period of 30 days or 50 MMCF following its completion, whichever occurs first, without the prior written approval of the Authorized Officer. Should gas be vented or flared without approval beyond the authorized test period, the operator may be directed to shut-in the well until the gas can be captured or approval to continue venting or flaring as uneconomic is granted and the operator shall be required to compensate the lessor for that portion of the gas vented or flared without approval which is determined to have been avoidably lost.

A schematic facilities diagram as required by 43 CFR 3162.7-2, 3162.7-3, and 3162.7-4 shall be submitted to the appropriate District Office within thirty (30) days of installation or first production, whichever occurs first. All site security regulations as specified in Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 3 shall be adhered to. All product lines entering and leaving hydrocarbon storage tanks will be effectively sealed in accordance with 43 CFR 3162.7-4.

No well abandonment operations will be commenced without the prior approval of the AO. In the case of newly drilled dry holes or failures, and in emergency situations, oral approval will be obtained from the AO. A "Subsequent Report of Abandonment" Form 3160-5, will be filed with the AO within thirty (30) days following completion of the well for abandonment. This report will indicate where plugs were placed and the current status of surface restoration. Final abandonment will not be approved until the surface reclamation work required by the approved APD or approved abandonment notice has been completed to the satisfaction of the AO or his representative, or the appropriate Surface Managing Agency.

7. Other Information

All loading lines will be placed inside the berm surrounding the tank battery.

All off-lease storage, off-lease measurement, or commingling on-lease or off-lease will have prior written approval from the AO.

Gas meter runs for each well will be located within 500 feet of the wellhead. The gas flowline will be buried or anchored down from the wellhead to the meter and within 500 feet downstream of the meter run or any production facilities. Meter runs will be housed and/or fenced.

The oil and gas measurement facilities will be installed on the well location. The oil and gas meters will be calibrated in place prior to any deliveries. Tests for meter accuracy will be conducted monthly for the first three months on new meter installations and at least quarterly thereafter. The AO will be provided with a date and time for the initial meter calibration and all future meter proving schedules. A copy of the meter calibration reports will be submitted to the Vernal District Office. All meter measurement facilities will conform with Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 4 for liquid hydrocarbons and Onshore Oil & Gas Order No. 5 for natural gas measurement.

The use of materials under BLM jurisdiction will conform to 43 CFR 3610.2-3.

There will be no deviation from the proposed drilling and/or workover program without prior approval from the AO. Safe drilling and operating practices must be observed. All wells, whether drilling, producing, suspended, or abandoned will be identified in accordance with 43 CFR 3162.

"Sundry Notice and Report on Wells" (Form 3160-5) will be filed for approval for all changes of plans and other operations in accordance with 43 CFR 3162.3-2.

Section 102(b)(3) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, as implemented by the applicable provisions of the operating regulations at Title 43 CFR 3162.4-1(c), requires that "not later than the 5th business day after any well begins production on which royalty is due anywhere on a lease site or allocated to a lease site, or resumes production in the case of a well which has been off production for more than 90 days, the operator shall notify the authorized officer by letter or sundry notice, Form 3160-5, or orally to be followed by a letter or sundry notice, of the date on which such production has begun or resumed."

If you fail to comply with this requirement in the manner and time allowed, you shall be liable for a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 per violation for each day such violation continues, not to exceed a maximum of 20 days. See Section 109(c)(3) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 and the implementing regulations at Title 43 CFR 3162.4-1(b)(5)(ii).

APD approval is valid for a period of one (1) year from the signature date. An extension period may be granted, if requested, prior to the expiration of the original approval period.

In the event after-hours approvals are necessary, please contact one of the following individuals:

Gerald E. Kenczka (801) 781-1190
Petroleum Engineer

Ed Forsman (801) 789-7077
Petroleum Engineer

BLM FAX Machine (801) 781-4410

EPA'S LIST OF NONEXEMPT EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION WASTES

While the following wastes are nonexempt, they are not necessarily hazardous.

- Unused fracturing fluids or acids
- Gas plant cooling tower cleaning wastes
- Painting wastes
- Oil and gas service company wastes, such as empty drums, drum rinsate, vacuum truck rinsate, sandblast media, painting wastes, spent solvents, spilled chemicals, and waste acids
- Vacuum truck and drum rinsate from trucks and drums, transporting or containing nonexempt waste
- Refinery wastes
- Liquid and solid wastes generated by crude oil and tank bottom reclaimers
- Used equipment lubrication oils
- Waste compressor oil, filters, and blowdown
- Used hydraulic fluids
- Waste solvents
- Waste in transportation pipeline-related pits
- Caustic or acid cleaners
- Boiler cleaning wastes
- Boiler refractory bricks
- Incinerator ash
- Laboratory wastes
- Sanitary wastes
- Pesticide wastes
- Radioactive tracer wastes
- Drums, insulation and miscellaneous solids.

SURFACE USE PLAN OF OPERATION
Conditions of Approval (COAs)

Methods for Handling Waste Disposal

The reserve pit liner will have sufficient bedding (straw or dirt) to cover rocks. The liner will overlap the pit walls and be covered with dirt and/or rocks to hold it in place. No trash, scrap pipe, etc..., that could puncture the liner will be deposited in the pit.

The requested emergency pit is hereby approved under Onshore Order No. 7, subject to the following Conditions of Approval:

1. The emergency pit shall be fenced and the fence maintained for safety, and to prevent livestock and wildlife entry. The pit shall be fenced according to the same minimum standards listed for drilling the reserve pit under Point 9E of the Multi-point Surface Use and Operation Plan. The fence shall be maintained in a taut condition. Fences shall not be built on berms.
2. Turn downs shall be put on the ends of pipes to direct fluids downward instead of against the wall of the pit.

Additional Surface Conditions of Approval

If paleontologic resources are found or uncovered during ground disturbing activities, Balcron will suspend all operations that would further disturb such materials and immediately contact the BLM Authorized Officer.

A complete copy of the approved APD and ROW grant, if applicable, shall be on location during construction of the location and drilling activities.

The operator or his/her contractor shall contact the BLM Office at (801) 789-1362 forty-eight (48) hours prior to construction activities.

The BLM Office shall be notified upon site completion prior to moving on the drilling rig.

Due to potential mountain plover nesting habitat, surface disturbing activities will not be allowed between March 15 and August 15, unless a BLM approved wildlife field inspection show no mountain plover activity near the proposed site.

The flare pit location will be changed to be downwind of the prevailing wind direction on the northwest side of the location near the #6 corner.



**EQUITABLE RESOURCES
ENERGY COMPANY**

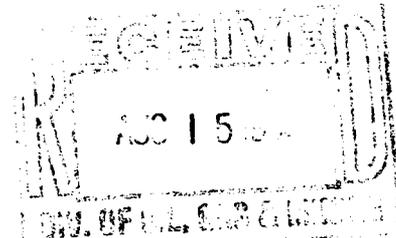
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August 11, 1994



Bureau of Land Management
170 South 500 East
Vernal, UT 84078

*BALCRON Monument Fed. 42-18
Sec 18 T9S R17E
43-012-21433*

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a sundry notice reporting an intended change in the cement program for the production casing (long-string) on the wells on the enclosed list. The wells have been broken down by three categories:

- wells on which we have approved APDs but have not yet drilled
- wells on which we do not yet have approved APDS but APDs have been submitted
- wells on which we have approved State APDs but not yet approved Federal APDs

Please consider this change in cement program as a part of our APDs.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Schuman

Bobbie Schuman
Regulatory and Environmental Specialist

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Enclosures

cc: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
Al Plunkett

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 1004-0135
Expires: March 31, 1993

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to deepen or reentry to a different reservoir.
Use "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT—" for such proposals

5. Lease Designation and Serial No.

See attached listing

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

n/a

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE

7. If Unit or CA, Agreement Designation

See attached listing

1. Type of Well

Oil Well Gas Well Other

8. Well Name and No.

See attached listing

2. Name of Operator

Equitable Resources Energy Company, Balcron Oil Division

9. API Well No.

See attached listing

3. Address and Telephone No.

P.O. Box 21017; Billings, MT 59104 (406) 259-7860

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area

See attached listing*

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)

See attached listing

11. County or Parish, State

See attached listing

12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(S) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION	TYPE OF ACTION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment
<input type="checkbox"/> Subsequent Report	<input type="checkbox"/> Recompletion
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Abandonment Notice	<input type="checkbox"/> Plugging Back
	<input type="checkbox"/> Casing Repair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altering Casing
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>change in cement program</u>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Plans
	<input type="checkbox"/> New Construction
	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Routine Fracturing
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Shut-Off
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conversion to Injection
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dispose Water

(Note: Report results of multiple completion on Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log form.)

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*Formation (pool): Green River

Production cement program on wells on the attached listing will be changed as follows:

250 sacks Western Super "G" consisting of 47 #/sack "G", 20 #/sack Poz A, 17 #/sack CSE, 3% salt, 2% gel and 2 #/sack Hi-seal 2. (Yield = 2.76 Cu.Ft./Sk, Weight = 11.08 PPG). Tailed with 300 sacks 50-50 Poz with 2% Gel, 1/4 #/sack Cello-seal and 2 #/sack Hi-seal. (Yield = 1.24 Cu.Ft./Sk, Weight = 14.30 PPG).

a.) Actual cement volumes will be determined using caliper log.

b.) Cement top will be at approximate depth as specified in the Conditions of Approval in the Application for Permit to Drill.

The cement program is being changed to improve cement bond quality and improve compressive strength in the lead slurry.

14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

Signed Bobbie Schuman

Regulatory and
Title Environmental Specialist

Date 8-10-94

(This space for Federal or State office use)

Approved by _____
Conditions of approval, if any:

Title _____

Date _____

Have approved APDs but not yet drilled

Balcron Monument Federal #14-15
SW SW Section 15, T9S, R16E
Duchesne County, Utah
771.5' FSL, 543.3' FWL
FLS #UTU-72107
Monument Butte Field
API #43-013-31381

Balcron Monument Federal #14-4
SW SW Section 4, T9S, R16E
Duchesne County, Utah
719' FSL, 607' FWL
FLS #U-73086
Monument Butte Field
API #43-013-31430

Balcron Monument Federal #34-7
SW SE Section 7, T9S, R17E
Duchesne County, Utah
810' FSL, 1736' FEL
FLS #UTU-72106
Monument Butte Field
API #43-013-31426

Balcron Monument Federal #42-18
SE NE Section 18, T9S, R17E
Duchesne County, Utah
1800' FNL, 800' FEL
FLS #UTU-72106
Monument Butte Field
API #43-013-31433

Balcron Federal #24-4Y
SE SW Section 4, T9S, R16E
Duchesne County, Utah
710' FSL, 2031' FWL
FLS #U-64379
Monument Butte Field
API #43-013-31412

Balcron Federal #44-4Y
SE SE Section 4, T9S, R17E
660' FSL, 660' FEL
Duchesne County, Utah
Monument Butte Field
FLS #U-65967
Monument Butte Field
API #43-013-31452

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**EQUITABLE RESOURCES
ENERGY COMPANY**

BALCRON OIL DIVISION

1601 Lewis Avenue
P.O. Box 21017
Billings, MT 59104

Office: (406) 259-7860
FAX: (406) 245-1365
FAX: (406) 245-1361

January 12, 1995

-- VIA FAX and FEDERAL EXPRESS --

Bureau of Land Management
170 South 500 East
Vernal, UT 84078

Gentlemen:

We hereby request extensions of the Applications for Permit to Drill the following wells:

Balcron Monument Federal #11-12J (expires 12/13/94)
Balcron Monument Federal #34-12J (expires 12/22/94)
Balcron Monument Federal #43-15J (expires 12/16/94)
Balcron Monument Federal #31-1J (expires 12/16/94)
Balcron Monument Federal #34-7J (expires 2/2/95)
Balcron Monument Federal #42-18 (expires 1/20/95) *42-012-31433*

It is obvious that the expiration dates on several of these APDs were overlooked by us. Your help in this matter will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Schuman

Bobbie Schuman
Regulatory and Environmental Specialist

/hs

cc: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

APPROVED BY THE STATE
OF UTAH DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS, AND MINING
DATE: *1/17/95*
BY: *[Signature]*



3/28/96



United States Department of the Interior

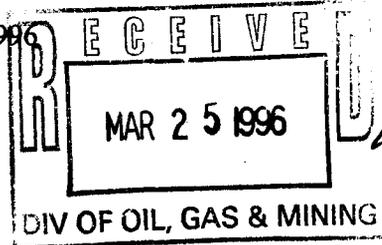
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Vernal District Office
170 South 500 East
Vernal, Utah 84078-2799

Phone: (801) 781-4400
Fax: (801) 781-4410

IN REPLY REFER TO:
3162
UT08438

March 20, 1996



*DOFUM
LA Date*

Equitable Resources Energy Company
Attn: Molly Conrad
1601 Lewis Avenue
Billings MT 59104

Re: Notification of Expiration
Well Balcron Monument Fed. 42-18
Section 18, T9S, R17E
Lease No. U-72106
Utah County, Utah

Purchase
43-013-31433

Dear Ms. Conrad:

The Application for Permit to Drill the above-referenced well was approved on January 20, 1994. Equitable Resources Energy Company requested an extension of the original APD approval for an additional year. The request was reviewed and the extension approved until January 20, 1996. According to our records, no known activity has transpired at the approved location. In view of the foregoing, this office is notifying you the approval of the referenced application has expired. If you intend to drill at this location at a future date, a new Application for Permit to Drill must be submitted.

This office requires a letter confirming that no surface disturbance has been made for this drill site. Any surface disturbance associated with the approved location of this well is to be rehabilitated. A schedule for this rehabilitation must be submitted to this office. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Margie Herrmann
Legal Instruments Examiner

cc: State Div. OG&M

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

FORM APPROVED
Budget Bureau No. 1004-0135
Expires: March 31, 1993

SUNDRY NOTICES AND REPORTS ON WELLS

Do not use this form for proposals to drill or to deepen or reentry to a different reservoir.
Use "APPLICATION FOR PERMIT—" for such proposals

5. Lease Designation and Serial No.

UTU-72106

6. If Indian, Allottee or Tribe Name

n/a

7. If Unit or CA, Agreement Designation

n/a

8. Well Name and No.

Balc.Mon.Fed. #42-18

9. API Well No.

43-013-31433

10. Field and Pool, or Exploratory Area

Mon.Butte/ Grn River

11. County or Parish, State

Duchesne County, UTAH

SUBMIT IN TRIPLICATE

1. Type of Well

Oil Well Gas Well Other

2. Name of Operator

Equitable Resources Energy Company

3. Address and Telephone No.

1601 Lewis Avenue; Billings, MT 59102 (406) 259-7860

4. Location of Well (Footage, Sec., T., R., M., or Survey Description)

SE NE Section 18, T9S, R17E 1800' FNL, 800' FEL

12. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(s) TO INDICATE NATURE OF NOTICE, REPORT, OR OTHER DATA

TYPE OF SUBMISSION

- Notice of Intent
 Subsequent Report
 Final Abandonment Notice

TYPE OF ACTION

- Abandonment
 Recompletion
 Plugging Back
 Casing Repair
 Altering Casing
 Other renew APD
 Change of Plans
 New Construction
 Non-Routine Fracturing
 Water Shut-Off
 Conversion to Injection
 Dispose Water

(Note: Report results of multiple completion on Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log form.)

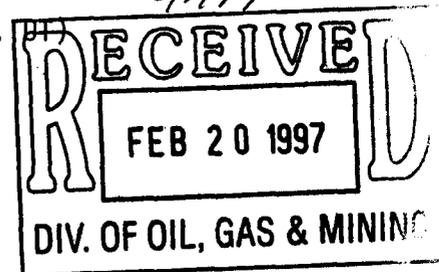
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Operator requests a one-year renewal of the Application for Permit to Drill (APD) this well.

*Rescinded by BLM in 1996.
Not to be extended for
Marjic Herman - Vernal BLM*

DT 5/9/97

ORIGINAL: Bureau of Land Management (Vernal,
COPY: Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining



14. I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct

Signed

Robbie Schuman

Title

Regulatory and
Environmental Specialist

Date February 18, 1997

Approved by

Conditions of approval, if any:

Title

Date

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001, makes it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

*See instruction on Reverse Side

From: Margie Herrmann <mherrman@ut.blm.gov>
To: NRDOMAIN.NROGM(DS. LEY)
Date: 5/9/97 11:39am
Subject: RESCIND LETTERS - Reply -Reply - Reply

Hi Don,
This works great!

According to our records the Balcron Monument Federal 42-18 18-9S-17E expired January 20, 1996. Our Sundry Notice Log doesn't show a sundry for this APD. We still consider it to be expired.

As for the Balcron Monument Fed 43-26 26-8S-17E, I haven't sent the letter yet, but it did expire yesterday. Bobbie had sent a sundry notice on it. I talked to her this morning and told her we wouldn't be approving a second extension, but they could resubmit an APD.

Let me know if you have any more questions.
Have a good day (and remember Sunday is Mother's Day)
Thank you
Margie