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October 10, 2007

Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
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Attn: Diana Mason

Re: **Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.**  
**Grand Canyon St #23-35-15.5-23**  
**2003' FSL and 1950' FWL**  
**NE SW Section 35, T15-1/2S - R23E**  
**Grand County, Utah**

Dear Diana,

Enclosed please find two copies of the Application for Permit to Drill, along with the required attachments.

If you should need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Approved copies of the A.P.D. should be sent to PermitCo Inc. at the address shown above.

Sincerely,

PERMITCO INC.

Venessa Langmacher  
Consultant for  
Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.

Enc.

cc: Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - Denver, CO  
Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - Rangely, CO  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining - Roosevelt, UT

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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

FORM 3

AMENDED REPORT   
(highlight changes)

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| <b>APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL</b>   |   | 5. MINERAL LEASE NO.:<br><b>ML-46108</b>                          | 6. SURFACE:<br><b>State</b>   |
| 1A. TYPE OF WORK: <b>DRILL</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REENTER <input type="checkbox"/> DEEPEN <input type="checkbox"/>  |   | 7. IF INDIAN, ALLOTTEE OR TRIBE NAME:<br><b>N/A</b>               |   |
| B. TYPE OF WELL: OIL <input type="checkbox"/> GAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER _____ SINGLE ZONE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ZONE <input type="checkbox"/> |   | 8. UNIT or CA AGREEMENT NAME:<br><b>N/A</b>                       |   |
| 2. NAME OF OPERATOR:<br><b>Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.</b>   |   | 9. WELL NAME and NUMBER:<br><b>Grand Canyon St #23-35-15.5-23</b> |   |
| 3. ADDRESS OF OPERATOR:<br><b>1401 - 17th Street, Suite 1200, Denver, CO 80202</b>   |   | PHONE NUMBER:<br><b>303/675-2782</b>                              | 10. FIELD AND POOL, OR WILDCAT:<br><b>Underlined Grand Canyon / Chinle</b>            |
| 4. LOCATION OF WELL (FOOTAGES)<br>AT SURFACE: <b>642601X</b><br>AT PROPOSED PRODUCING ZONE: <b>4368620Y</b>  |   | <b>2003' FSL and 1950' FWL NE SW</b>                              | 11. QTR/QTR, SECTION, TOWNSHIP, RANGE MERIDIAN:<br><b>Section 35, T15-1/2S - R23E</b> |
| 14. DISTANCE IN MILES AND DIRECTION FROM NEAREST TOWN OR POST OFFICE:<br><b>Approximately 60.4 miles south of Ouray, UT</b>  |   | 12. COUNTY:<br><b>Grand County</b>                                | 13. STATE:<br><b>UT</b>   |
| 15. DISTANCE TO NEAREST PROPERTY OR LEASE LINE (FEET)<br><b>1742'</b>  | 16. NUMBER OF ACRES IN LEASE:<br><b>1135.92</b>             | 17. NUMBER OF ACRES ASSIGNED TO THIS WELL:<br><b>40 Acres</b>     |   |
| 18. DISTANCE TO NEAREST WELL (DRILLING, COMPLETED, OR APPLIED FOR) ON THIS LEASE (FEET):<br><b>3700'</b>   | 19. PROPOSED DEPTH:<br><b>9900'</b>                         | 20. BOND DESCRIPTION:<br><b>Utah State Bond No. 104319463</b>     |   |
| 21. ELEVATIONS (SHOW WHETHER DF, RT, GR, ETC.):<br><b>7905' GL</b>   | 22. APPROXIMATE DATE WORK WILL START:<br><b>Spring 2008</b> | 23. ESTIMATED DURATION:<br><b>26 Days</b>                         |   |

**PROPOSED CASING AND CEMENTING PROGRAM**

| SIZE OF HOLE | CASING SIZE, GRADE, AND WEIGHT PER FOOT | SETTING DEPTH | CEMENT TYPE, QUANTITY, YIELD, AND SLURRY WEIGHT                            |
|--------------|---|---------------|--|
| 14-3/4"      | 10-3/4", 40.5#, K-55, STC               | 450'          | 340 sx Class G, 1.15 ft3/sx, 15.8 ppg                                      |
| 9-7/8"       | 7-5/8", 29.7#, N-80, LTC                | 5100'         | 310 sx RS-1, 4.13 ft3/sx, 10.8 ppg + 150 sx Glass G, 1.12 ft3/sx, 16.0 ppg |
| 6-3/4"       | 5-1/2", 17#, N-80, LTC                  | 9900'         | 232 sx Tuned Light VI, 2.3 ft3/sx, 10.5 ppg                                |
|              |   |               |  |
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CONFIDENTIAL TIGHT HOLE

**ATTACHMENTS**

VERIFY THE FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UTAH OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION GENERAL RULES:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WELL PLAT OR MAP PREPARED BY LICENSED SURVEYOR OR ENGINEER     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE DRILLING PLAN                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EVIDENCE OF DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS APPROVAL FOR USE OF WATER | <input type="checkbox"/> FORM 5, IF OPERATOR IS PERSON OR COMPANY OTHER THAN THE LEASE OWNER |

AGENT: **PermitCo Inc., 14421 County Road 10, Fort Lupton, CO 80621** AGENT'S PHONE NO.: **303/857-9999**  
 NAME (PLEASE PRINT) **Venessa Langmacher** TITLE **Agent for Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.**  
 SIGNATURE *Venessa Langmacher* DATE **October 10, 2007**

(This space for State use only)

API NUMBER ASSIGNED: **43-014-31560** Approved by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining APPROVAL:

(11/2001)

Date: **01-08-08** (See Instructions on Reverse Side)

By: *[Signature]*

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T15 1/2S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.

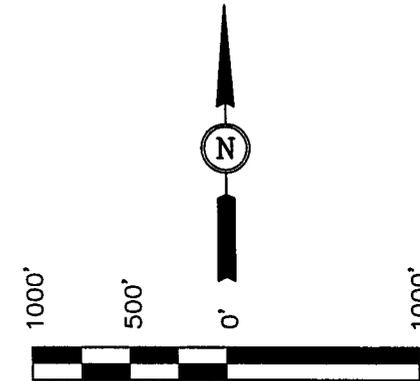
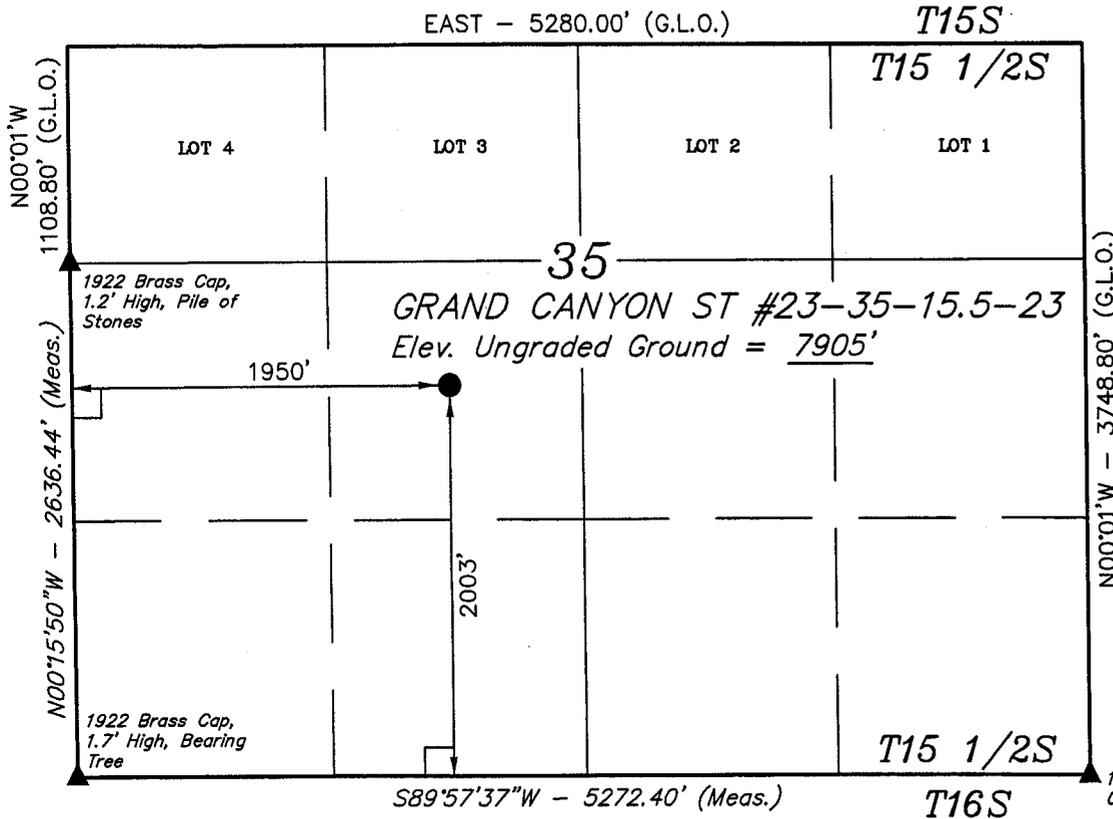
Well location, GRAND CANYON ST #23-35-15.5-23, located as shown in the NE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 35, T15 1/2S, R23E, S.L.B.&M., Grand County, Utah.

BASIS OF ELEVATION

SPOT ELEVATION ALONG A JEEP TRAIL LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 25, T14S, R22E, S.L.B.&M. TAKEN FROM THE PINE SPRING CANYON QUADRANGLE, UTAH, UTAH COUNTY, 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP) PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. SAID ELEVATION IS MARKED AS BEING 7172 FEET.

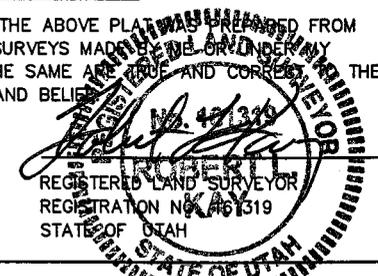
BASIS OF BEARINGS

BASIS OF BEARINGS IS A G.P.S. OBSERVATION.



SCALE  
CERTIFICATE

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.



LEGEND:

└ = 90° SYMBOL

● = PROPOSED WELL HEAD.

▲ = SECTION CORNERS LOCATED.

(AUTONOMOUS NAD 83)

LATITUDE = 39°27'27.24" (39.457567)

LONGITUDE = 109°21'01.38" (109.350383)

(AUTONOMOUS NAD 27)

LATITUDE = 39°27'27.35" (39.457597)

LONGITUDE = 109°20'58.95" (109.349708)

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|                         |   |                        |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|
| SCALE<br>1" = 1000'     | DATE SURVEYED:<br>6-21-07                   | DATE DRAWN:<br>6-28-07 |
| PARTY<br>N.H. B.H. K.G. | REFERENCES<br>G.L.O. PLAT                   |                        |
| WEATHER<br>HOT          | FILE<br>PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC. |                        |

1. **Estimated Tops/Geologic Markers**

The estimated tops of important geologic markers are as follows:

| <i>Formation</i> | <i>Depth</i> | <i>Subsea</i> |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Castlegate       | 4,460'       | +3,468'       |
| Mancos B         | 5,210'       | +2,718'       |
| Mancos B Base    | 5,950'       | +1,978'       |
| Dakota Silt      | 8,150'       | -222'         |
| Entrada          | 8,980'       | -1,052'       |
| Navajo           | 9,190'       | -1,262'       |
| Wingate          | 9,400'       | -1,472'       |
| Chinle           | 9,740'       | -1,812'       |
| TD               | 9,900'       | -1,972'       |

2. **Estimated Depths and Names of Anticipated Water, Oil, Gas or Other Minerals Bearing Formations**

| <i>Substance</i> | <i>Formation</i> | <i>Depth</i> |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Water            | Castlegate       | 4,460'       |
| Gas              | Mancos B         | 5,210'       |
| Gas              | Entrada          | 8,980'       |
| Gas              | Navajo           | 9,190'       |
| Gas              | Wingate          | 9,400'       |
| Gas              | Chinle           | 9,740'       |



**3. Well Control Equipment & Testing Procedures**

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.'s minimum specifications for pressure control equipment are as follows:

Ram Type: 11" Hydraulic double with annular, 5000 psi w.p.

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. will comply will all requirements pertaining to well control as listed in the Rule R649-3-7 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

The size and rating of the BOP stack is shown on the attached diagram.

**4. Casing Program**

The proposed casing program will be as follows:

| <i>Purpose</i> | <i>Depth</i>       | <i>Hole Size</i> | <i>O.D.</i> | <i>Weight</i> | <i>Grade</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>New/Used</i> |
|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Surface        | 0'-450'            | 14-3/4"          | 10-3/4"     | 40.5#         | K-55         | ST&C        | New             |
| Intermediate   | 0'-5,100'          | 9-7/8"           | 7-5/8"      | 29.7#         | N-80         | LT&C        | New             |
| Liner          | 4900'<br>0'-9,900' | 6-3/4"           | 5-1/2"      | 17#           | N-80         | LT&C        | New             |

Casing design subject to revision based on geologic conditions encountered.

**5. Cement Program**

| <i>Surface</i>          | <i>Type and Amount</i>   |
|-------------------------|--|
| TOC @ Surface           | 340 sx Class G, 2% CaCl <sub>2</sub> , 1/4 lb/sk Flocele, 15.8 ppg, 1.15 ft <sup>3</sup> /sx.  |
| <i>Intermediate</i>     | <i>Type and Amount</i>   |
| TOC @ 250'              | Lead: 310 sx Tuned Light System RS-1, 10.8 ppg, 4.13 ft <sup>3</sup> /sx.<br>Tail: 150 sx Class G, 16.0 ppg, 1.12 ft <sup>3</sup> /sx. |
| <i>Production-Liner</i> | <i>Type and Amount</i>   |
| TOC @ 4,900'            | 232 sx Tuned Light V1, 10.5 ppg, 2.3 ft <sup>3</sup> /sx.  |



**6. Drilling Fluids**

The proposed circulating mediums to be employed in drilling are as follows:

| <i>Interval</i> | <i>Mud Type</i> | <i>Mud Wt.</i> | <i>Visc.</i> | <i>F/L</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| 0'-450'         | Spud Mud        | 8.3 - 8.6      | 28           | N/C        |
| 450'-9,900'     | KCL Polymer     | 8.8 - 8.9      | 38 - 40      | 8 - 10     |

**7. Testing, Logging and Coring**

The anticipated type and amount of testing, logging and coring are as follows:

- a. No drill stem tests are anticipated.
- b. The logging program will consist of a GR from surface to surface casing and a Triple Combo - AIT/CNL/FDC/CAL/GR/SP/PE and a Temperature Tool GIH to be run from surface casing to Intermediate Casing Point. An SP/AIT/Scanning Sonic/CNL/FDC/CAL/GR/SP/PE and a Temperature Tool GIH will be run from Intermediate Casing point to TD. An ECS (Environmental Capture Spectroscopy) Spectral GR will be run only over interval from Mancos Shale top to 50' into the Dakota Sand and an FMI will be run from the top of the Mancos B (5,212') to TD.
- c. No cores are anticipated.

**8. Anticipated Pressures and H<sub>2</sub>S**

- a. Normal pressures and temperatures are expected in the objective formation. A maximum bottom hole pressure of 4554 psi is expected. A maximum bottom hole temperature of 217 degrees Fahrenheit is anticipated. Sour gas (H<sub>2</sub>S) is not anticipated.

**9. Water Source**

- a. Water will be trucked from a water well located in the SW SE Section 32, T4S - R3E. Ouray, UT Permit No. 43-8496



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**10. Other Information**

- a. Drilling is planned to commence in Spring, 2008
- b. It is anticipated that the drilling of this well will take approximately 26 days.
- c. Lining of the reserve pit will be done if deemed necessary by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Minerals.
- d. At the end of drilling operations the location will be reclaimed and re-seeded as requested by the surface owner.

Surface Owner  
State of Utah



**CLASS III CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY REPORT  
FOR  
FIVE PROPOSED STATE WELL LOCATIONS  
(MAIN CANYON STATE #12-16-15-23, MAIN CANYON STATE #34-21-15-23,  
GRAND CANYONS STATE #23-35-15-23, HORSE POINT STATE #34-10-16-23, AND  
HORSE POINT STATE #41-1-16-23)  
AND RELATED LINEAR ROUTES IN  
GRAND AND UINTAH COUNTIES, UTAH,  
FOR  
PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.**

GRI Project No. 2756  
23 August 2007

Prepared by

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BLM Antiquities Permit No. 07UT-54939  
UDSH Project Authorization No. U07-GB-0656b,p,s

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Carl E. Conner, Principal Investigator

Submitted to

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The Bureau of Land Management  
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## Abstract

At the request of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), the Bureau of Land Management Vernal Field Office (BLM), and Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. (Pioneer), Grand River Institute (GRI) conducted a Class III cultural resources inventory for five proposed statewell locations (Main Canyon State #12-16-15-23, Main Canyon State #34-21-15-23, Grand Canyons State #23-35-15.5-23, Horse Point State #34-10-16-23, and Horse Point State #41-1-16-23) and their related linear routes (5.6 miles) in Uintah and Grand Counties, Utah. This project was completed under under Utah Division of State History (UDSH) Project Authorization No. U07GB-0656bps and BLM Antiquities Permit No. 07UT-54939. The fieldwork was completed by Carl E. Conner (Principal Investigator), Barbara Davenport, Kevin O'Hanlon, and Dana Archuleta on the of 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2007. A total of 185.7 acres (State 149.8, BLM 27.3, and private 8.6) was surveyed.

The inventory was undertaken to ensure the project's compliance with State and Federal legislation governing the identification and protection of cultural resources. The purposes of this investigation were to identify resources within the project areas that may be adversely affected by the proposed action, to evaluate these sites' eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and to make management recommendations for those sites found to be eligible.

Two isolated finds were newly recorded. The files search indicated one site (42UN913) was previously recorded nearby. It was revisited and reevaluated by this inventory. The site is an open lithic scatter with no surface evidence of hearth features and no apparent depth of cultural fill. It was previously evaluated as non-significant and not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. No changes were made to that evaluation. Accordingly, archaeological clearance is recommended for this project.

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## **Introduction**

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The survey was done to meet requirements of Utah Code, Title 9, Chapter 8; Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office Rule 694-1; Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701); National Historic Preservation Act (as amended in 1992); National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; Executive Order 11593 (36 F.R.8921); Historical and Archaeological Data-Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469); and, Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470aa *et seq.*, as amended). These laws are concerned with the identification, evaluation, and protection of fragile, non-renewable evidences of human activity, occupation and endeavor reflected in districts, sites, structures, artifacts, objects, ruins, works of art, architecture, and natural features that were of importance in human events. Such resources tend to be localized and highly sensitive to disturbance.

## **Location of the Project Area**

The project area is located approximately 65 miles southeast of the town of Vernal, Utah. The proposed wells, access roads and pipelines are found in T. 15 S., R. 23 E., Sections 16, 21, 22, 27, and 28; T. 15.5 S., R. 23 E., Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 23 E., Sections 1, 2, 10, 14 and 15; T. 16 S., R.24 E., Sections 6 and 7; S.L.B.M. (Figures 1-3).

## **Environment**

The project area is located along the south border of the Uinta Basin, a major geologic subdivision of the Colorado Plateau. The basin is distinctively bowl-shaped and bounded by mountains on all sides. Physiographically, the basin includes the Uinta basin in the northern portion and the Book Cliffs/Roan Plateau in the south portion. The geology of the basin consists of Quaternary- and Tertiary-age deposits which include Holocene and Pleistocene pediment deposits, and Eocene-age fluvial and lacustrine sedimentary rocks. The Tertiary-age Green River Formation forms the bedrock of the study area.

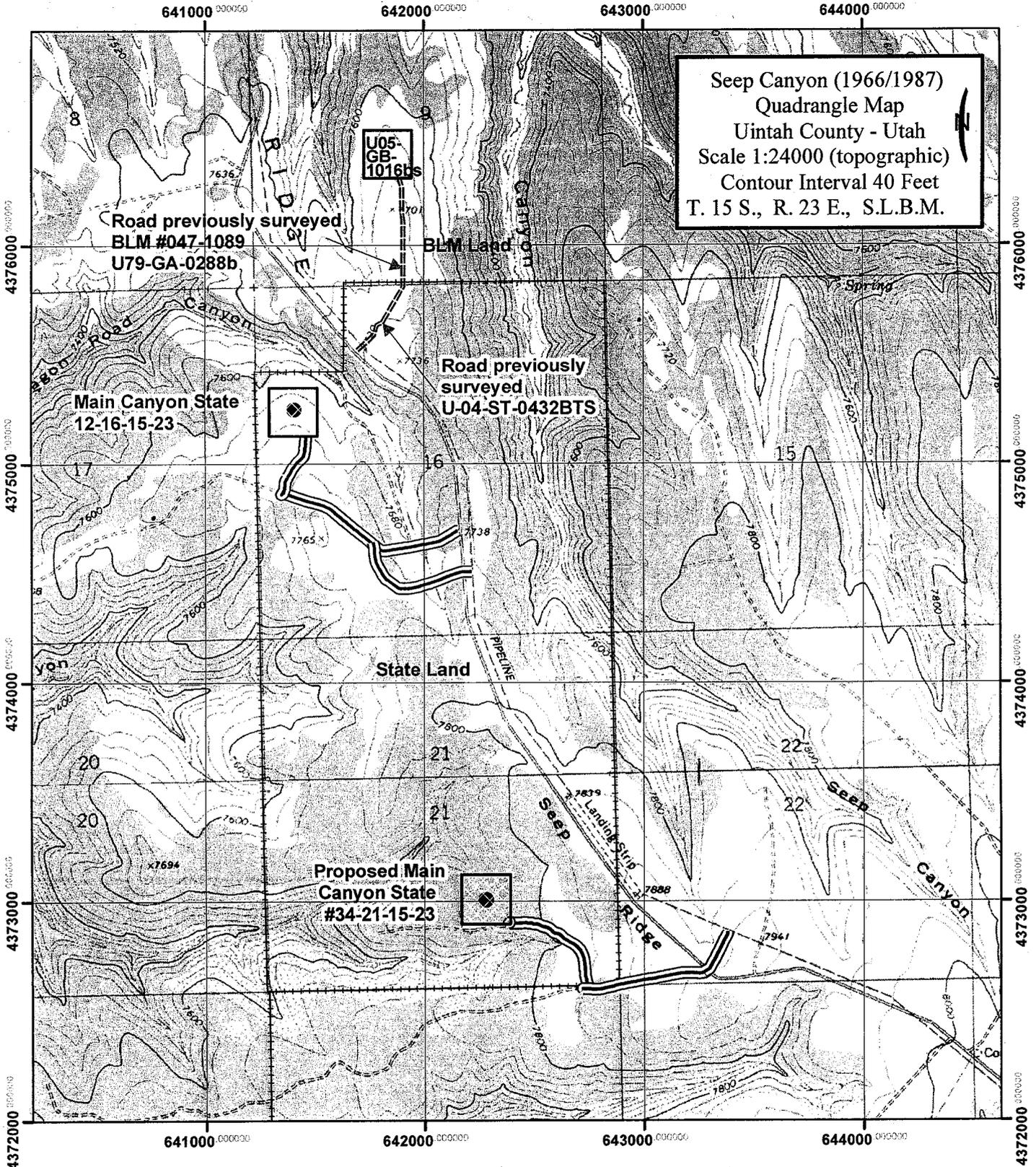


Figure 1. Project location map (1 of 3) for the Class III cultural resources inventory of five proposed well locations and related linear routes in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah for Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Areas surveyed for cultural resources are highlighted. [GRI Project No. #2756, 08/23/07]

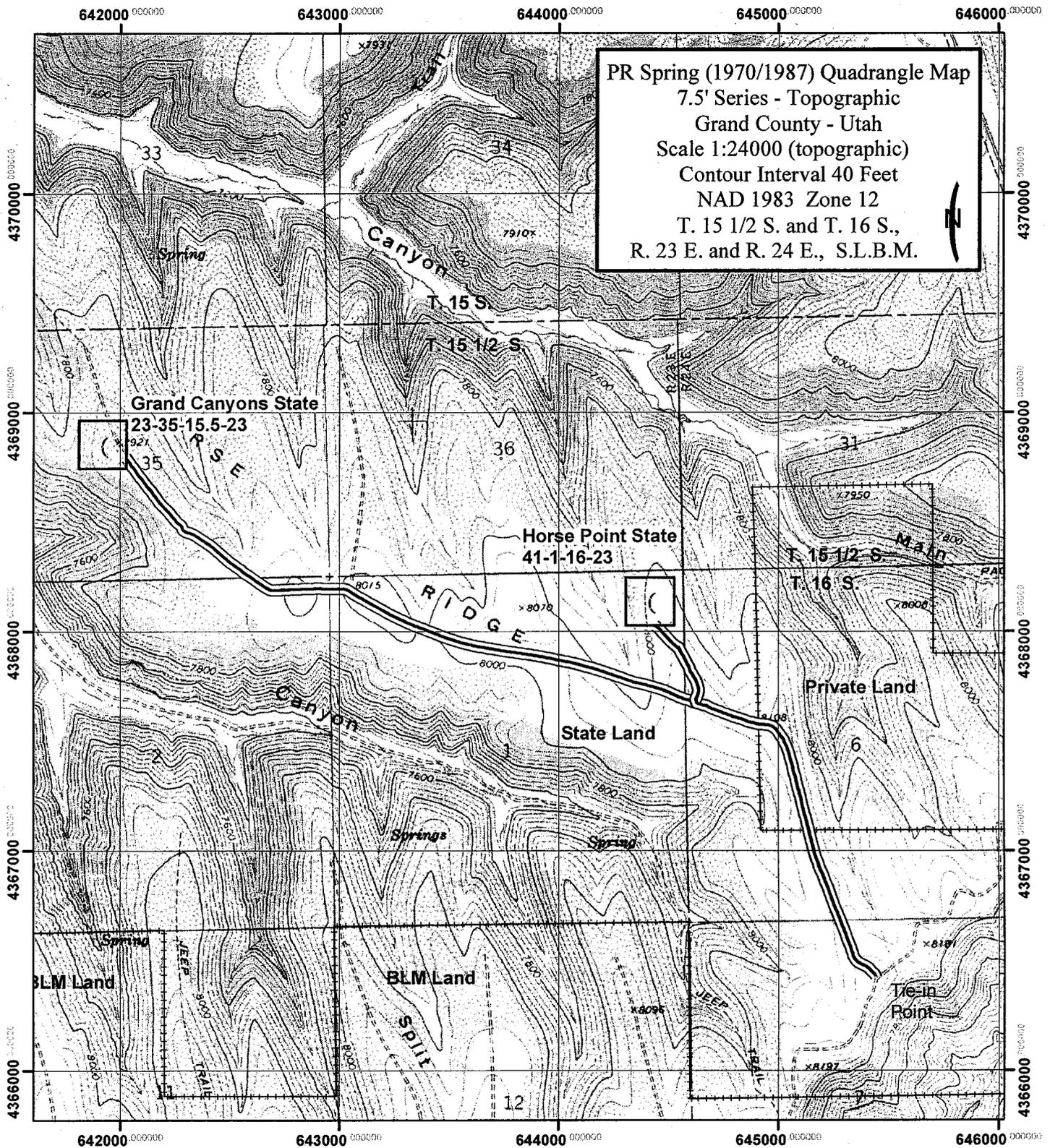


Figure 2. Project location map (2 of 3) for the Class III cultural resources inventory of five proposed well locations and related linear routes in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah for Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Areas surveyed for cultural resources are highlighted. [GRI Project No. #2756, 08/23/07]

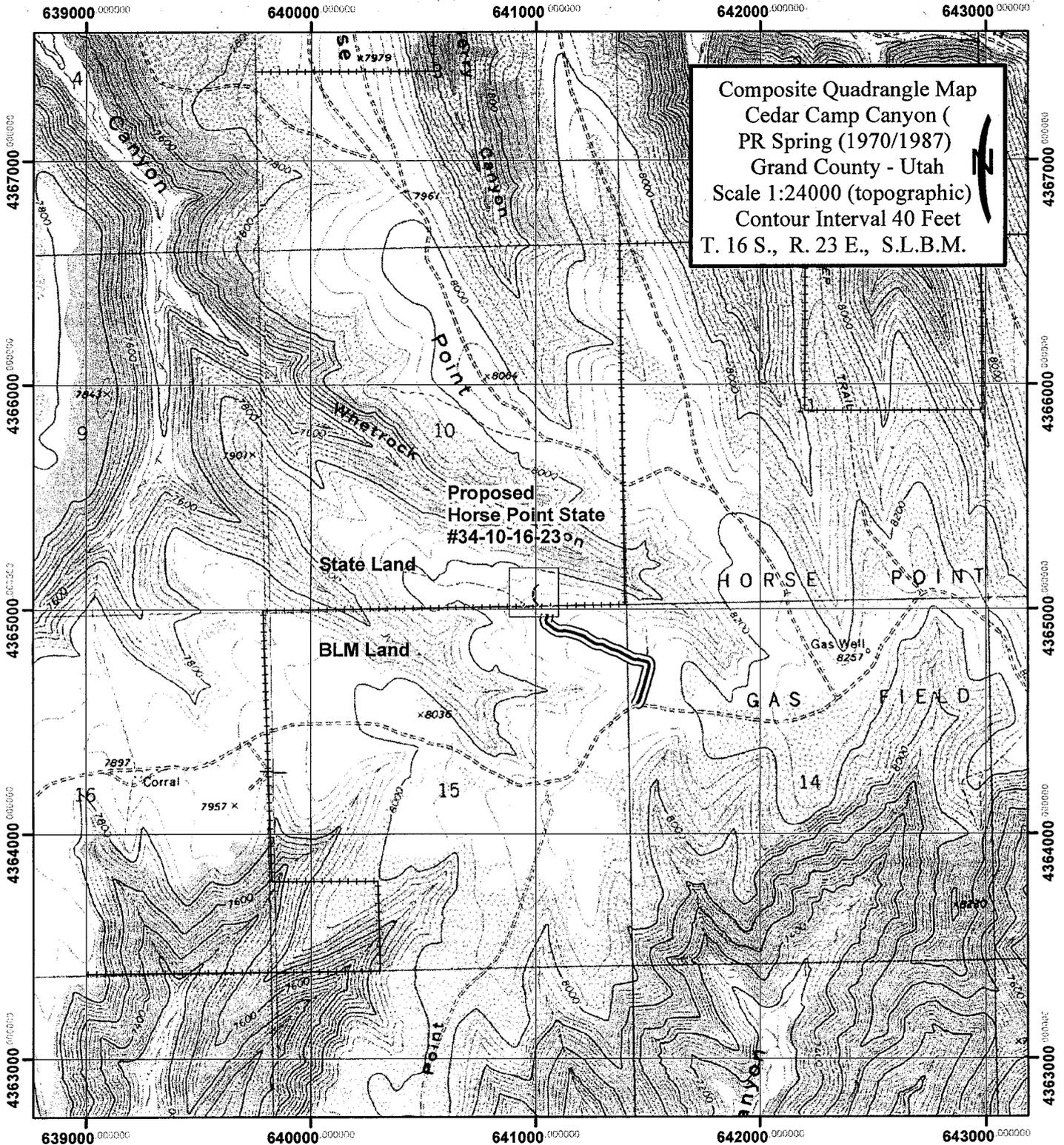


Figure 3. Project location map (3 of 3) for the Class III cultural resources inventory of five proposed well well locations and related linear routes in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah for Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Areas surveyed for cultural resources are highlighted. [GRI Project No. #2756, 08/23/07]

Elevations in the inventoried areas range from about 7600 feet-to-8200 feet, which falls within the Transitional Zone. The natural vegetation cover on the ridge tops is pinyon-juniper forest mixed with sagebrush/grasslands and some oakbrush in the lower elevations. The higher elevation ridges have groves of aspen, common particularly at the heads of drainages. In the higher elevations, the understory is quite thick, consisting of chokecherry, smooth maple, serviceberry, and wild rose. On the steep slopes bordering these uplands is found the only coniferous forest type of the project area, the Douglas fir. Associated understory is light--predominantly snowberry, serviceberry, and barberry. The flat terrain of the project areas is occupied by mountain big sage and western snowberry. Gentle north and east-facing aspects support a mountain brush community--Utah serviceberry, gambel oak, and snowberry. Ground cover ranges from 80 to 100 percent. Soils on the ridge tops are shallow loams with intermixed shale, or fractured shale. Down from the ridge tops, soils deepen and become darker and loamier.

Nineteen mammal species--among them the deer mouse, least chipmunk, short-tailed weasel, mule deer, and black bear--and 38 bird species are known in the Douglas fir community. Amid the aspen environment are 16 mammals--including the deer mouse, masked shrew, least chipmunk, northern pocket gopher, montane vole, porcupine, striped skunk, short-tailed weasel, red fox, deer, and elk--and 30 birds. The mountain brush community attracts 37 bird species and 27 mammal species, among these the rock squirrel, bushy-tailed woodrat, deer mouse, porcupine, least chipmunk, beaver, muskrat, raccoon, striped skunk, coyote, red fox, and the short-tailed weasel (Union Oil Company, Energy Mining Division 1982:H14-18). Present land use includes energy development, open range for domestic animals, and modern hunting.

Climatically, the region is characterized as having a steppe-type climate. Average annual rainfall ranges roughly between 12 and 24 inches. On the Roan Plateau at 8000 feet, the average annual rainfall is 25.66 inches and the average annual temperature is 35.5° F. (ibid.:182, Tables K.1.5 and K.1.7). Temperatures have varied between -20 degrees F. in winter and 90 degrees F. in summer with a frost free seasonal range of 70 to 100 days. Agriculture is limited by the low rainfall, a short period of frost-free days, and low winter temperatures (USDA SCS 1978). Paleoenvironmental data for the area are scant, but it is agreed that gross climatic conditions have remained fairly constant over the last 12,000 years. Still, changes in effective moisture and cooling/ warming trends probably affected the prehistoric occupation of the area.

### **Summary of Files Search**

The prefield check-in was made on 15 August 2007. A records search was made through the Utah Division of State History. This was conducted to determine which areas were previously surveyed, to identify all known cultural resources in the vicinity of the study area, and to gather pertinent published and unpublished information on previous surveys in the immediate area. This information is important in the interpretation and evaluation of the

cultural resources that were expected to be found and to identify resources that may be adversely affected. This search indicated one prehistoric site (42UN913, an open lithic scatter, non-significant) was recorded near the proposed access to the Main Canyon State 12-16-15-23 well location. It was originally recorded as part of the U80-UB-0251 project and was revisited as part of U04-SF-0432, and was revisited during this inventory

Several other cultural resources inventory projects occur within or near the present project's boundaries. Part of the access to the Main Canyon State #34-21-15-23 was inventoried as part of project U01-MQ-0531. A linear portion of previous project U02-NV-0340 crosses through the 10-acre inventory area for the Horse Point State #34-10-16-23. A pipeline was previously inventoried under project U03-MQ-0753b that follows the Divide Road, which is the terminal point of the linear route that connects the Grand Canyons State #23-35-15.5-23 and the Horse Point State #41-1-16-23. Drill holes were inventoried along that same route that follows the existing Horse Point ridge road under project U84-MA-763bs, but only one occurs near one of the 10-acre survey areas. Also, one large seismic project (surveyed as U05-ST-1038bps) had lines placed throughout the present project area.

Regional archaeological studies suggest nearly continuous human occupation of northeastern Utah for the past 12,000 years. Evidence of the Paleoindian Tradition, the Archaic Tradition, Fremont Culture, and Protohistoric/Historic Utes has been found. Historic records suggest occupation or use by EuroAmerican trappers, settlers, miners, and ranchers as well. Overviews of the prehistory and history of the region are provided in the Utah BLM Cultural Resource Series No. 11, "Archaeological Inventory in the Seep Ridge Cultural Study Tract, Uintah County, Northeastern Utah with a Regional Predictive Model for Site Locations" (Chandler and Larralde 1980), in the "Cultural Resources Existing Data Inventory Vernal District, Utah" (Jones and Mackay 1980), and in the BLM Grand Resource Area Class I Cultural Resource Inventory (Horn et al. 1994).

## **Study Objectives**

The inventory was undertaken to ensure the project's compliance with state and federal legislation governing the identification and protection of cultural resources. The purposes of this investigation were to identify resources within the project area that may be adversely affected by the proposed action, to evaluate these sites' eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and to make management recommendations for those sites found to be eligible.

## **Field Methods**

A 100 percent, intensive, pedestrian Class III cultural resource survey of the previously unsurveyed 10-acre blocks related to well pad placement was conducted by two archaeologists who walked a series of north-south and east-west transects spaced at 20-meter

intervals. The inventory of the proposed linear routes was conducted by two surveyors who walked parallel transects spaced at 15 meter intervals to cover 200 foot-wide corridors.

Cultural resources were sought as surface exposures and were characterized as sites or isolated finds. Sites were defined as discrete loci of patterned activity greater than 50 years of age and consisting of 5 or more prehistoric artifacts with or without features or over 50 historic artifacts with associated features. Also, a single isolated hearth with no other associated artifacts or features was to be recorded as a site. Isolated finds were defined as less than 5 artifacts without associated features; historic trash dumps without associated features; single core reduction events with a single core and associated reduction debitage; single pot drops where the sherds are from a single vessel; or prospector pits with/or without artifacts and no associated historic structures or features.

Environmental constraints which might be expected included previous natural ground disturbance that has modified the surface so extensively that the likelihood of finding cultural resources is negligible; human activity within the past 50 years that has created a new land surface such that all traces of cultural resources have been eradicated; natural environmental characteristics that are unfavorable to the presence of historic properties; slopes greater than 30% where no potential for rock shelter, rock art, or other cultural properties associated with rock faces or ledges exist; and areas with 100% vegetation coverage.

All cultural resources that qualified as sites (such as prehistoric open camps, lithic scatters, occupied overhangs, rockshelters, and evidence of historic occupation) or isolated finds were recorded as they were encountered to standards set by the BLM and the State. Cultural resources were to be recorded using the following methods of mapping and note taking. The basic approach to the data collection was to be the continuous mapping of observed artifacts and features by recording UTM coordinates (NAD 83 Datum) using a Trimble Geo XT. Site maps were to be created using corrected GPS data and ARCMAP. Photographs were to be taken at each site and include general views and specific artifacts or features. Field notes for this project are on file at Grand River Institute. No artifacts were collected.

## **Study Findings**

No cultural resource sites were newly recorded; however, the files search indicated one site (42UN913) was recorded nearby. It was revisited and reevaluated by this inventory. Two isolated finds were also documented. Appendix A contains site location data and maps showing the relationship between the resource and the potential area of direct impact. For additional information, refer to the IMACS continuation form in Appendix A (on file at the Utah Division of State History and the BLM Vernal Field Office). After a discussion of site

significance evaluation, this portion of the report briefly describes the site and provides a field evaluation.

### Site Significance

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) directs federal agencies to ensure that authorized actions do not inadvertently disturb or destroy significant cultural resource values. Significance is a quality of cultural resource properties that qualifies them for inclusion in the NRHP. The statements of significance included in this report are field assessments to support recommendations to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The final determination of site significance is made by the controlling federal agency in consultation with the SHPO and the Keeper of the Register.

The Code of Federal Regulations was used as a guide for the in-field site evaluations. Titles 36 CFR 50, 36 CFR 800, and 36 CFR 64 are concerned with the concepts of significance and (possible) historic value of cultural resources. Titles 36 CFR 65 and 36 CFR 66 provide standards for the conduct of significant and scientific data recovery activities. Finally, Title 36 CFR 60.4 establishes the measure of significance that is critical to the determination of a site's NRHP eligibility, which is used to assess a site's research potential:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of State and local importance 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 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 that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or **d)** that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in the prehistory or history.

### Site Description

Site **42UN913** is an open lithic scatter that has been previously recorded on two occasions. The initial recording was by DC and Marian Jacklin of UTARC (U80-UB-0251). At that time, it was characterized as a "lithic scatter of white chert and chalcedony flakes - mainly tertiary and secondary. One flake of grey brown flint. No diagnostic artifacts observed." The recorded site dimensions were 10m x 10m. The research potential was stated as minimal and avoidance was recommended. The second visit was by archaeologists of SWCA Environmental Consultants in 2004 (U04-SF-0432). At that time the site was

described as, "a prehistoric lithic scatter of unknown age comprised of a sparse scatter of flakes covering a 48m north/south x 43m east/west area. It is located in a burned, open flat along a northwest facing, dissected, slope of an unnamed ridge overlooking Jacks Wagon Road Canyon. Vegetation consists of a moderately dense pinyon-juniper overstory; a moderately dense shrub layer of low sagebrush; and a sparse to moderately dense ground layer of various short grasses, and forbs. Soil consists of a thin aeolian deposit (approximately 2-5cm) of light brown silty loam, and some shallow dispersed alluvial deposits. Previous disturbance to the site was limited to erosion. The artifact assemblage included one primary, one secondary and 30 tertiary flakes. Raw materials noted in the assemblage included five white chert, one gray chert, one tan chert, twenty white chalcedony, and five white/red chalcedony flakes."

During this revisit, the site was relocated, a new map was created that is updated with UTM data, and new photos taken. The site was in much the same condition, however this recording identified a uni-directional core fragment of brown with white cortex opalitic chert and a biface fragment of red/white banded chert. Again, no thermal or architectural features were identified.

#### Evaluation and Management Recommendation

No changes are recommended to the previous evaluation of non-significant. The proposed access road passes through the south end of the present site boundary. However, since the site has been deemed non-significant with three on-site visits and no features are visible on the surface and the soils are shallow, no further work is recommended.

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Two isolated finds were also recorded. IF#1 is a micro-flake of red chert and IF#2 is a chopper fragment of meta-quartzite (this could have been one that was previously recorded, because it was found in about the same location). Both were found along the access road to the Main Canyon State #12-16-15-23.

#### **Management Summary**

The eligibility determination and consultation process is guided by Section 106 of the NHPA (36 CFR 60, 63, and 800). Inventory to identify, evaluate, and mitigate potential effects to cultural resources affected by an undertaking is the first step in the Section 106 process. Federal actions cannot be authorized until the Section 106 process is completed (36 CFR 800.3). Final determinations of National Register eligibility and effect should be sought from the controlling federal agencies in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Two isolated finds were newly recorded by this inventory and were field evaluated as non-significant. Previously recorded site 42UN913 was revisited. It was previously

evaluated as non-significant and not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and no changes were made to that evaluation. Accordingly, archaeological clearance is recommended for this project.

As directed by the new 36 CFR800 regulations, this inventory included the search for relevant traditional cultural properties. Based on the files search, field survey, and this researchers personal knowledge, no such sites were found. The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1979 (AIRFA) and amendments to National Historic Preservation Act require a determination of site's eligibility according to their classification as sacred sites by regional Tribes, and/or their location within traditional use areas. Presently, BLM archaeologists are conducting the consultations with the tribes.

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**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: DISCLOSURE OF SITE LOCATIONS IS PROHIBITED (43 CFR 7.18)**

**Appendix A: Cultural Resources Location Data and  
IMACS Site Continuation Form**

# PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.

## GRAND CANYON ST #23-35-15.5-23

LOCATED IN GRAND COUNTY, UTAH  
SECTION 35, T15 1/2S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.

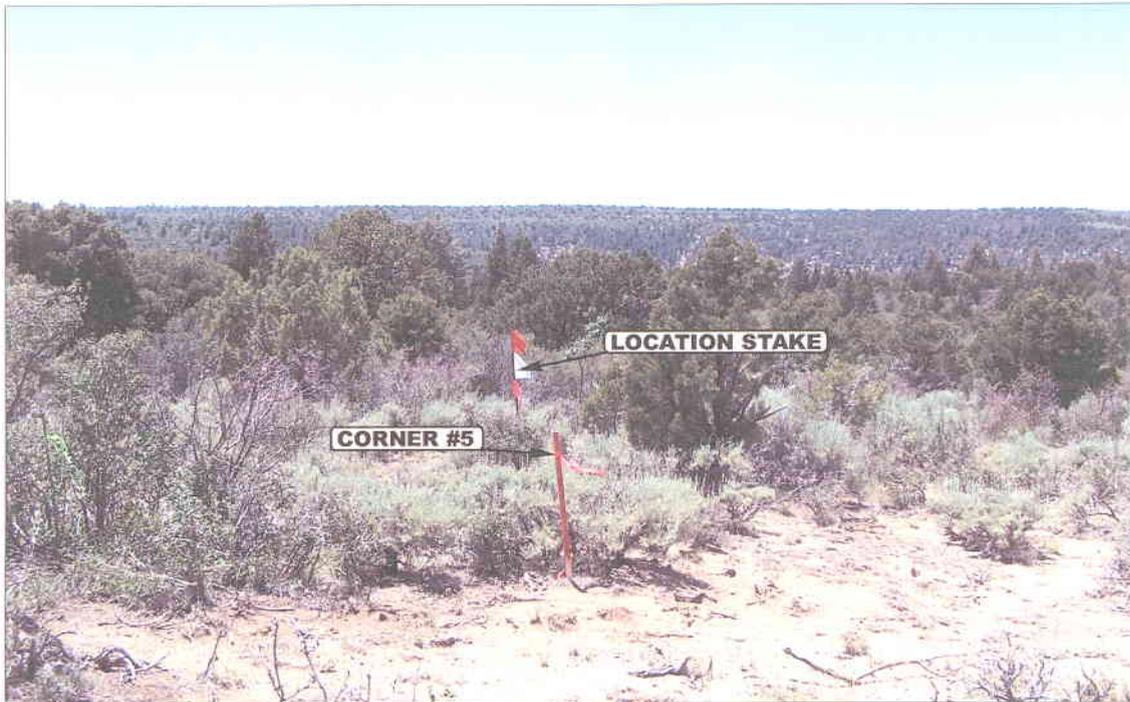


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CAMERA ANGLE: SOUTHWESTERLY



PHOTO: VIEW FROM BEGINNING OF PROPOSED ACCESS

CAMERA ANGLE: WESTERLY



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LOCATION PHOTOS

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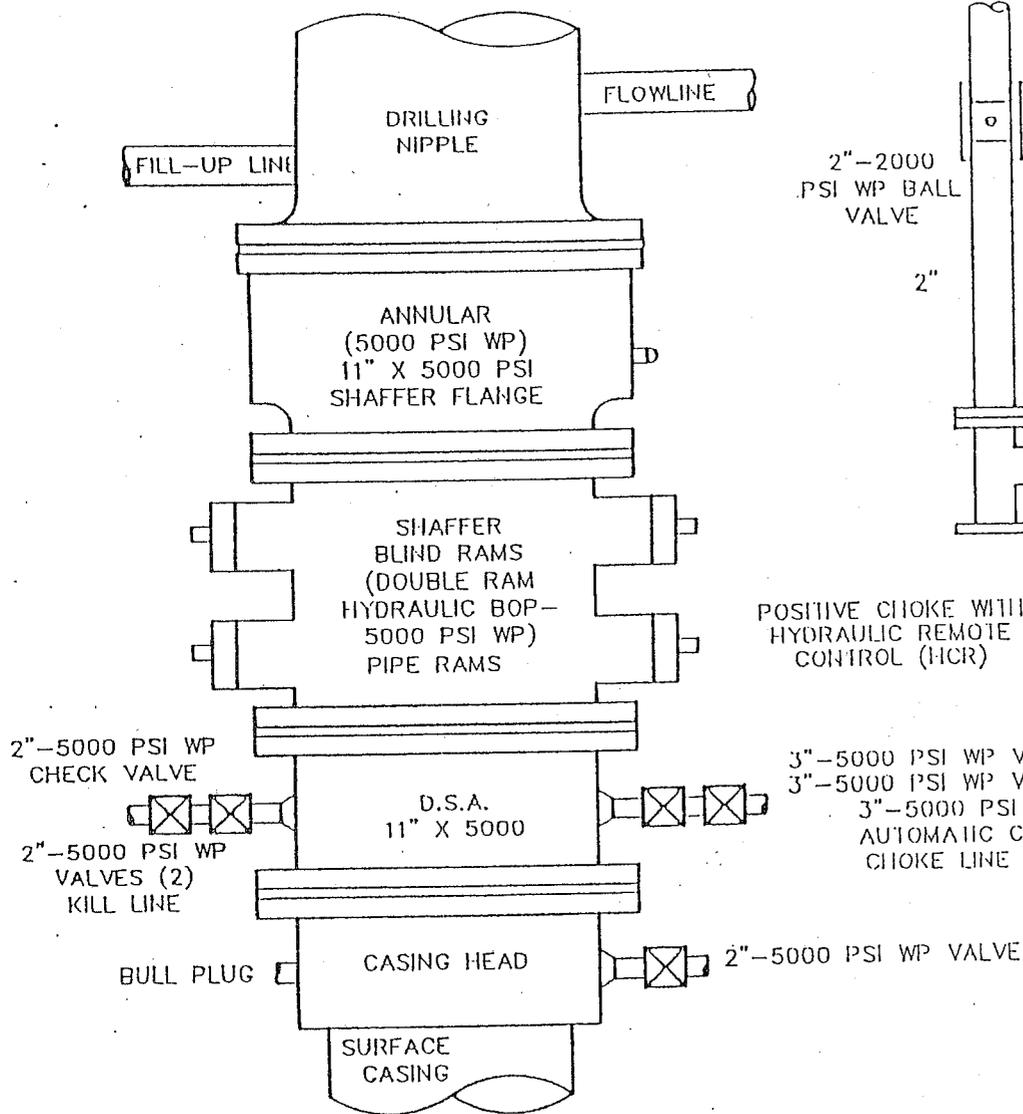
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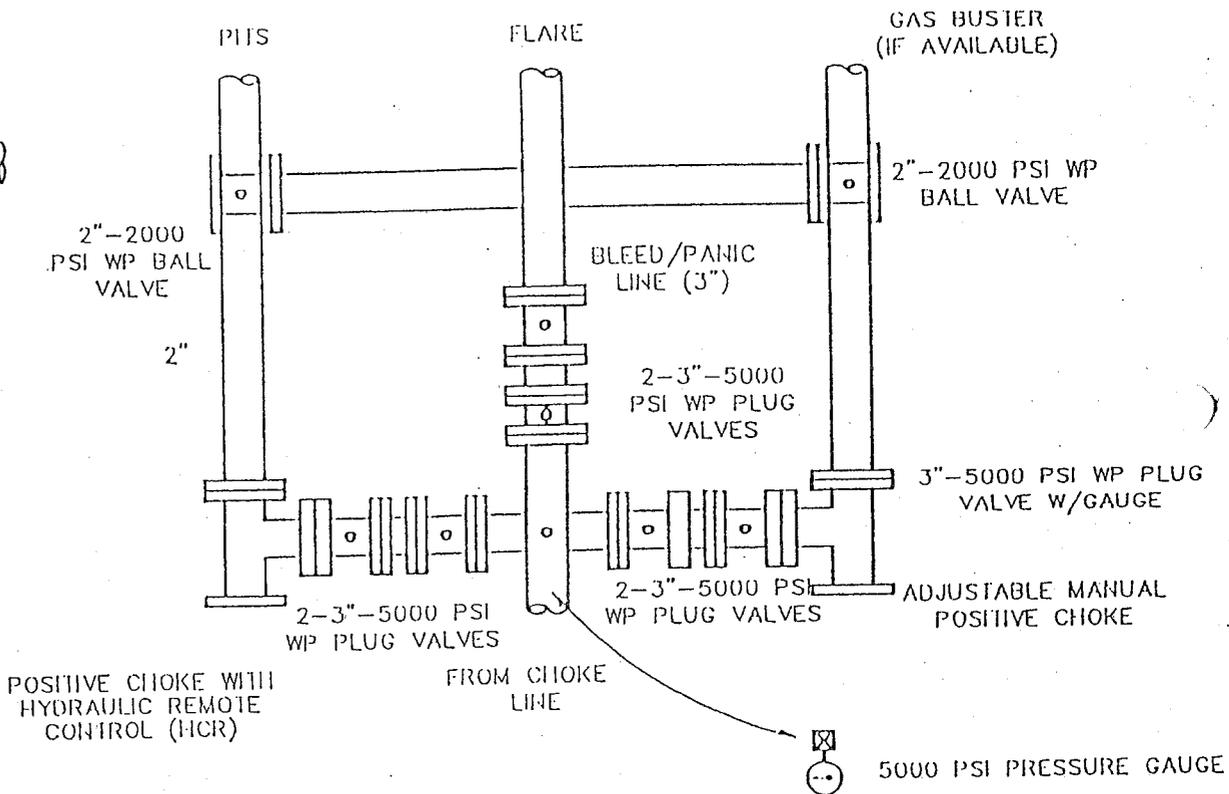
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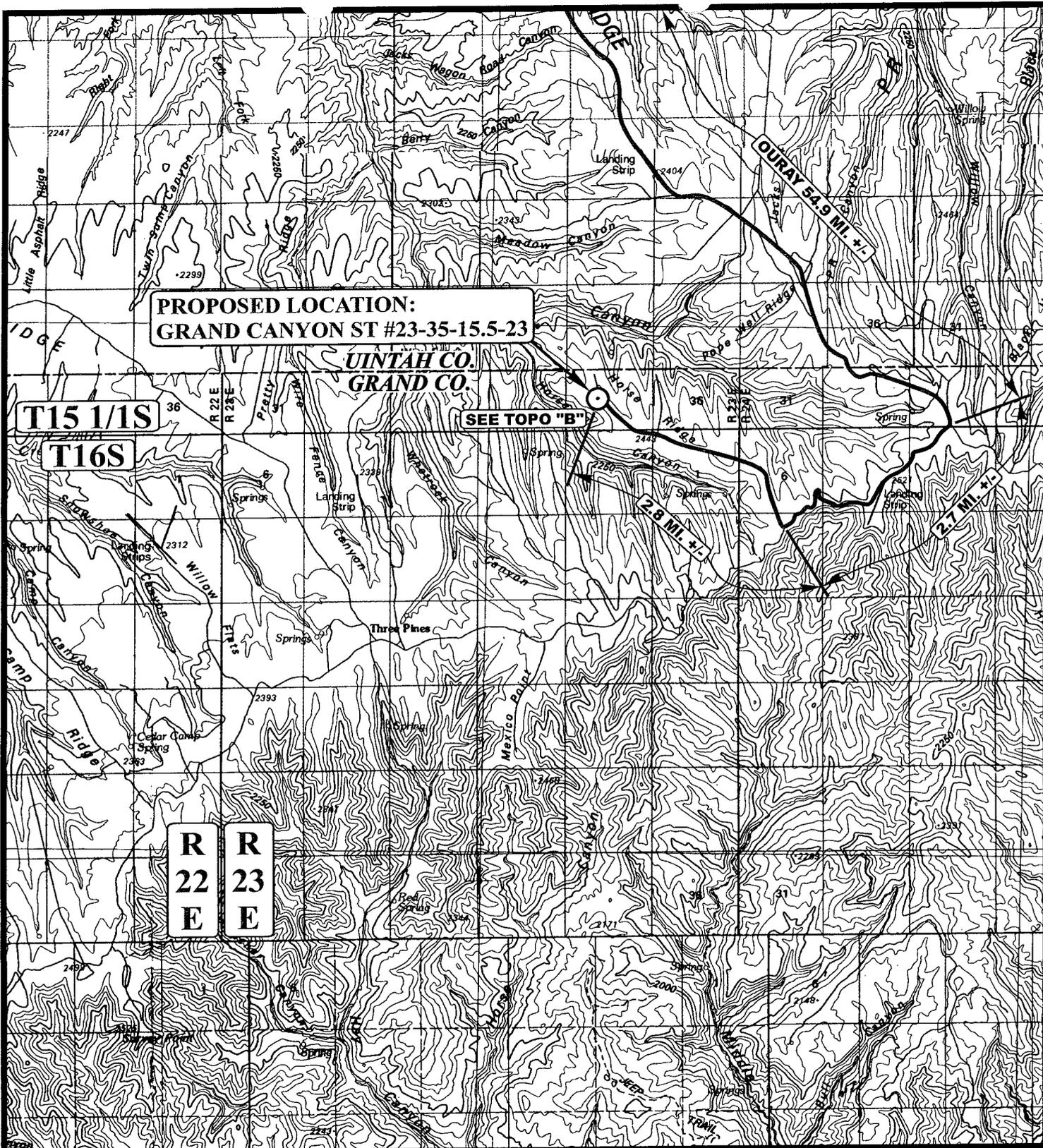
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**PROPOSED LOCATION:  
GRAND CANYON ST #23-35-15.5-23**

**UINIAH CO.  
GRAND CO.**

**T15 1/1S**

**T16S**

**SEE TOPO "B"**

**R 22 E  
R 23 E**

**LEGEND:**

○ PROPOSED LOCATION



**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.**

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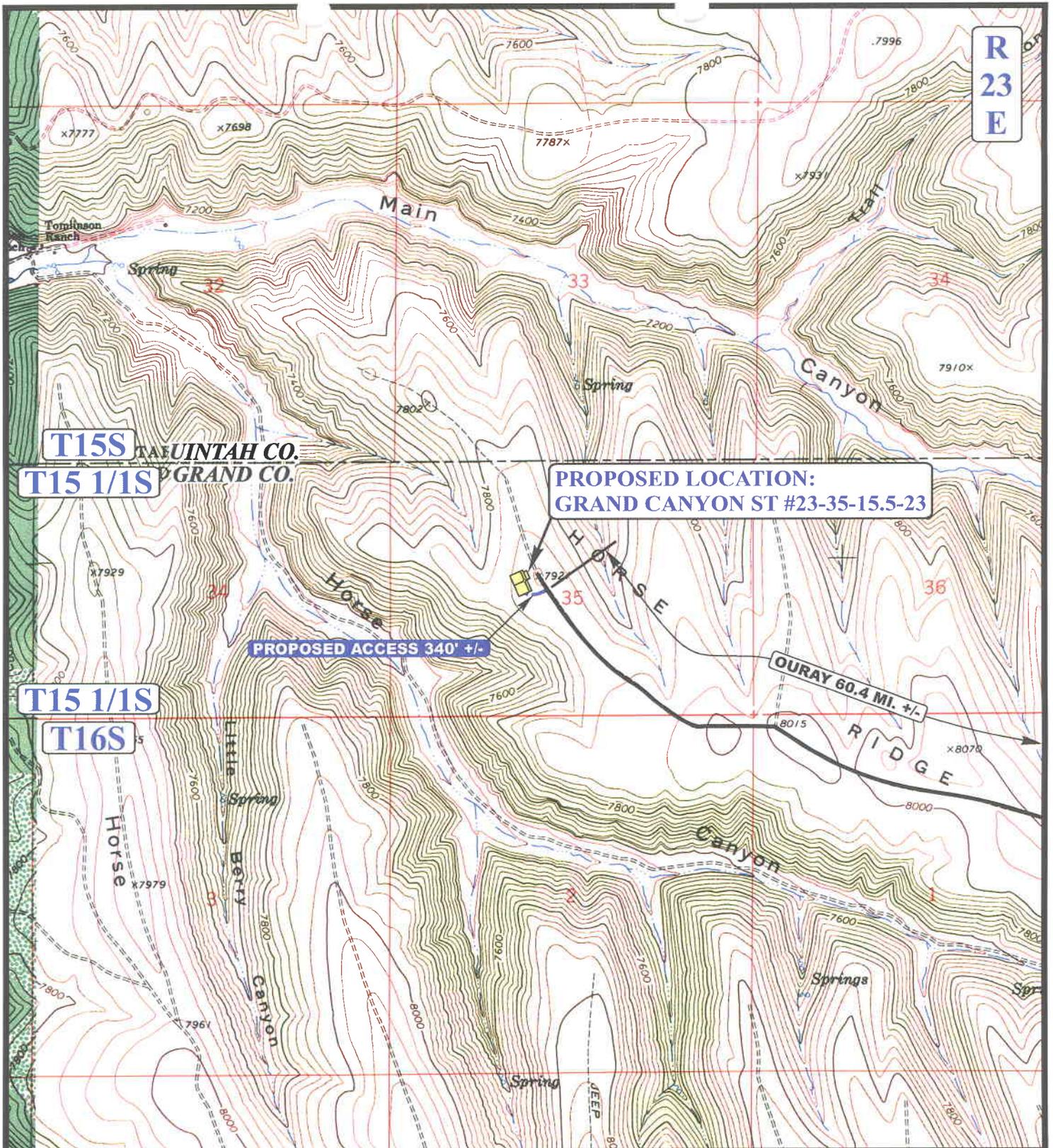
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**LEGEND:**

- EXISTING ROAD
- PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD

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**SECTION 35, T15 1/2S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.**  
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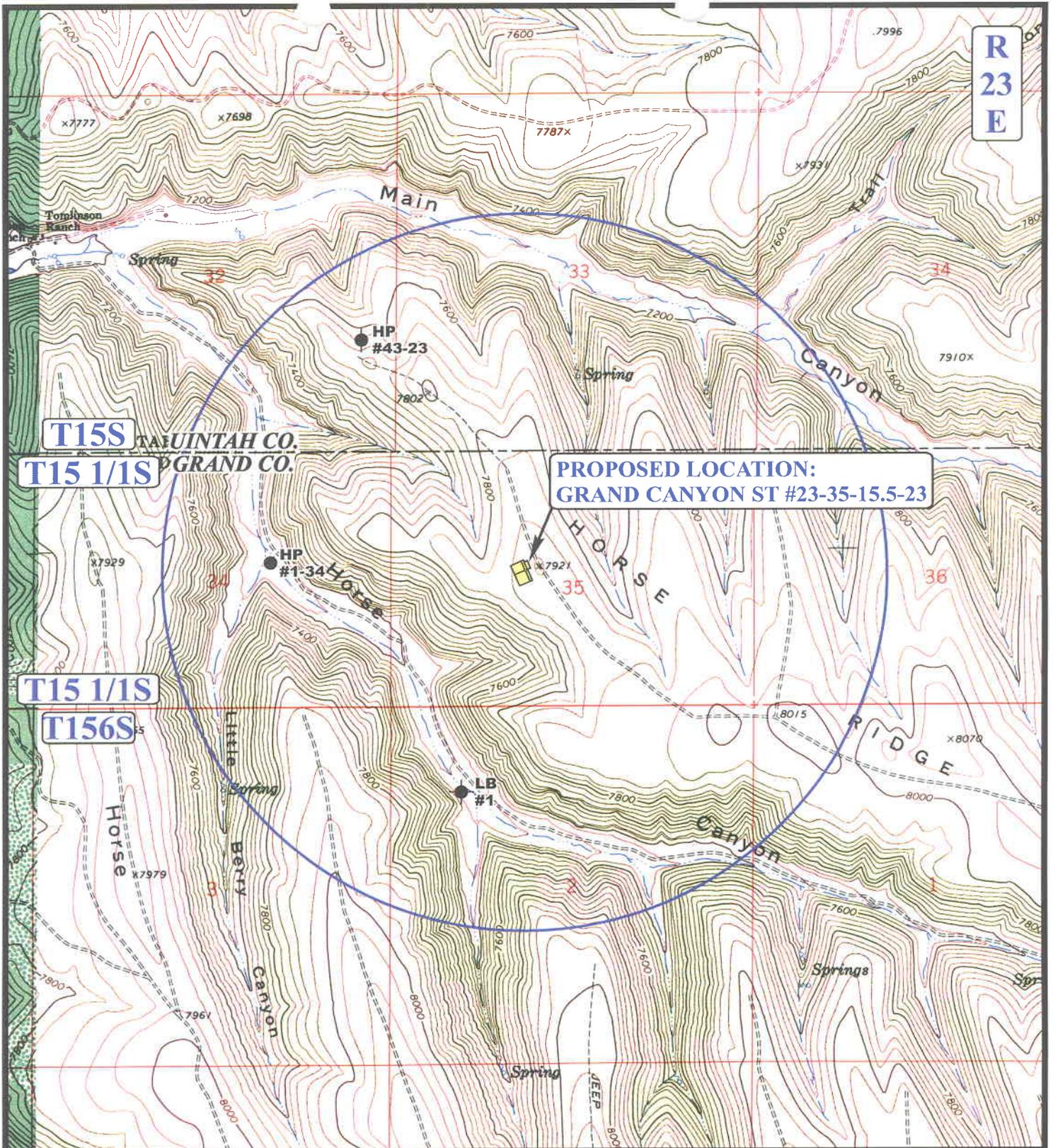
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PROPOSED LOCATION:  
GRAND CANYON ST #23-35-15.5-23

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**LEGEND:**

- ⊗ DISPOSAL WELLS
- PRODUCING WELLS
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- ABANDONED WELLS
- TEMPORARILY ABANDONED



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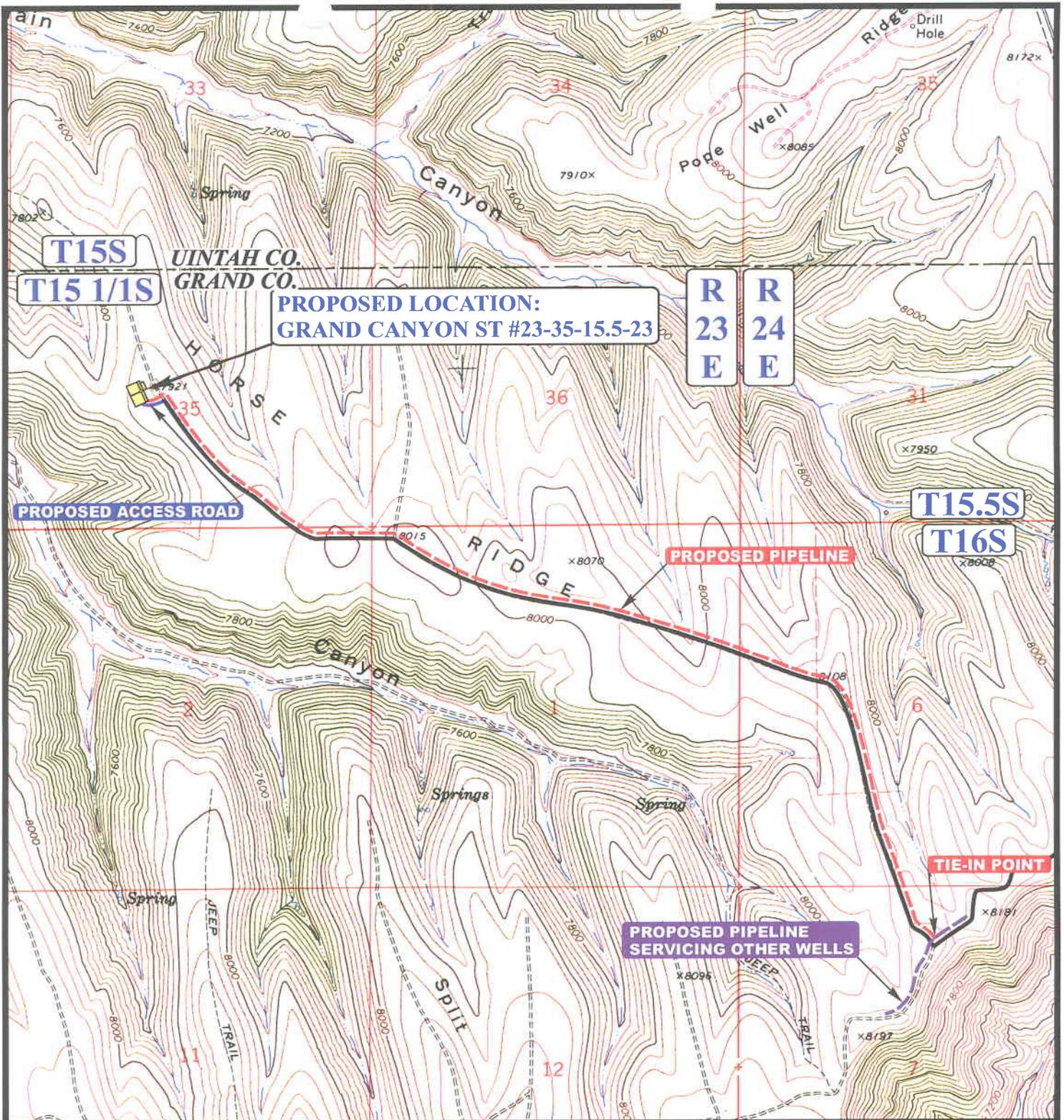
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**APPROXIMATE TOTAL PIPELINE DISTANCE = 15,238' +/-**

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- PROPOSED ACCESS ROAD
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- - - - - PROPOSED PIPELINE (SERVICING OTHER WELLS)

**PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.**

**GRAND CANYON ST #23-35-15.5-23  
SECTION 35, T15 1/2S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.  
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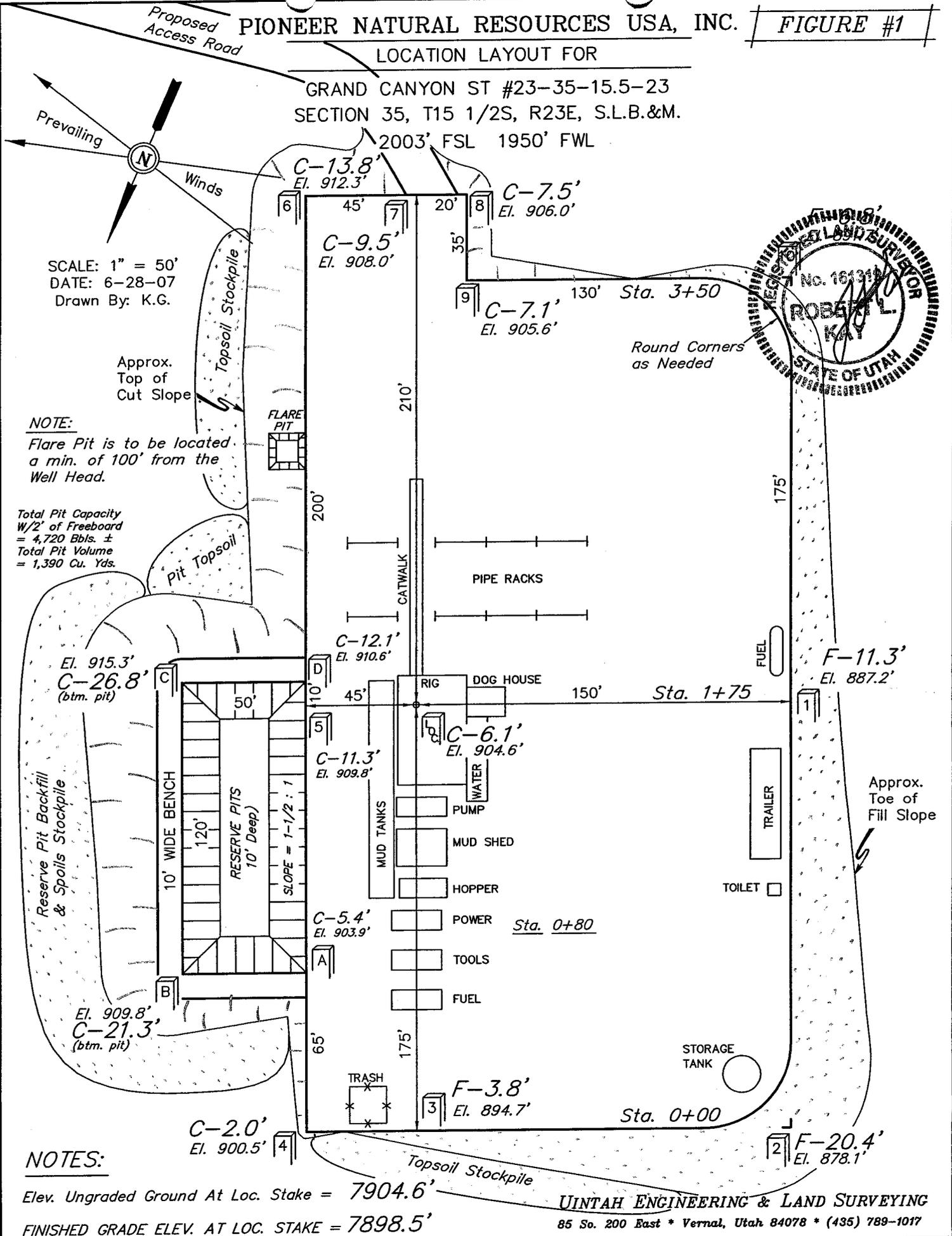
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LOCATION LAYOUT FOR

GRAND CANYON ST #23-35-15.5-23  
SECTION 35, T15 1/2S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.

2003' FSL 1950' FWL



SCALE: 1" = 50'  
DATE: 6-28-07  
Drawn By: K.G.

**NOTE:**

Flare Pit is to be located a min. of 100' from the Well Head.

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Total Pit Volume = 1,390 Cu. Yds.



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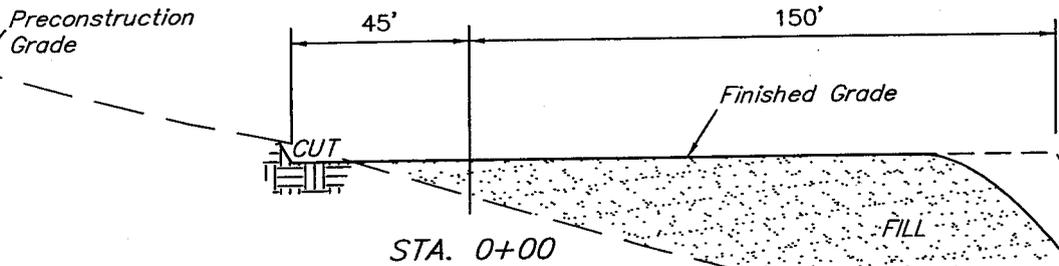
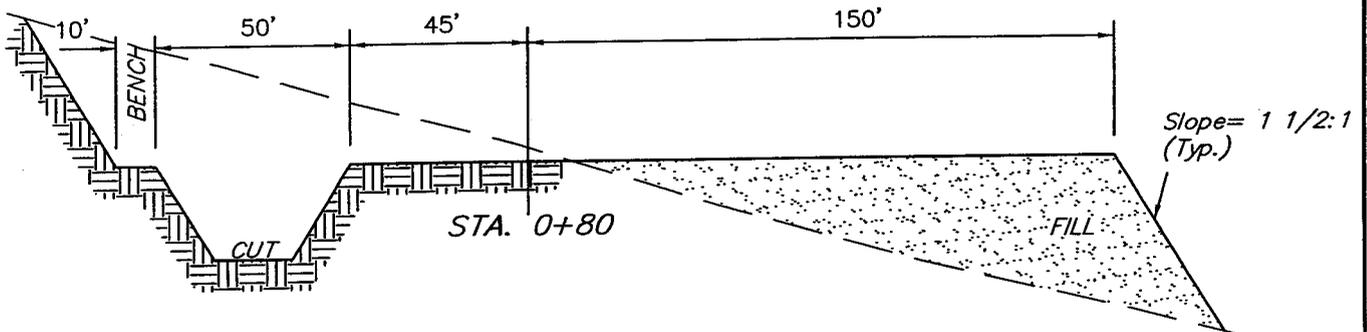
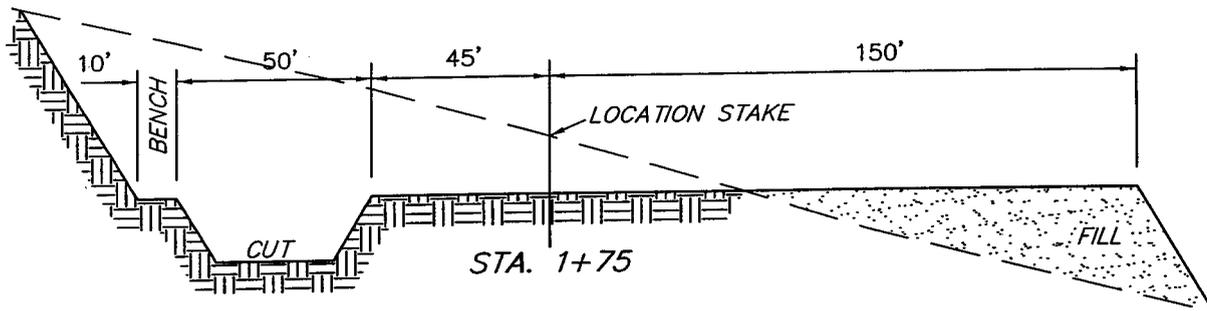
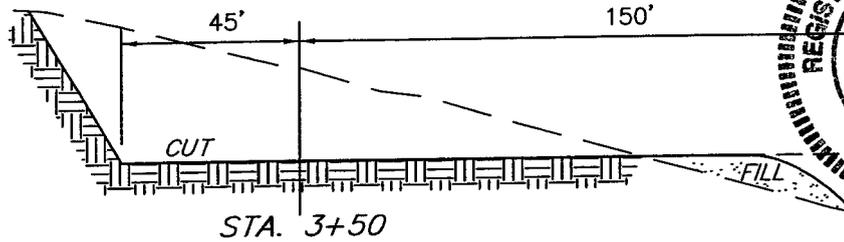
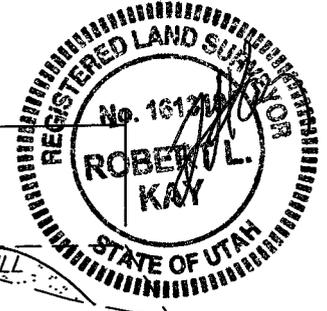
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TYPICAL CROSS SECTIONS FOR

GRAND CANYON ST #23-35-15.5-23  
SECTION 35, T15 1/2S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.  
2003' FSL 1950' FWL

1" = 20'  
X-Section Scale  
1" = 50'

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\* NOTE:  
FILL QUANTITY INCLUDES  
5% FOR COMPACTION

APPROXIMATE YARDAGES

|                        |          |                       |
|------------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| CUT                    |          |                       |
| (6") Topsoil Stripping | =        | 2,010 Cu. Yds.        |
| Remaining Location     | =        | 14,690 Cu. Yds.       |
| <b>TOTAL CUT</b>       | <b>=</b> | <b>16,700 CU.YDS.</b> |
| <b>FILL</b>            | <b>=</b> | <b>13,990 CU.YDS.</b> |

|  |   |                |
|--|---|----------------|
| EXCESS MATERIAL                                    | = | 2,710 Cu. Yds. |
| Topsoil & Pit Backfill<br>(1/2 Pit Vol.)           | = | 2,710 Cu. Yds. |
| EXCESS UNBALANCE<br>(After Interim Rehabilitation) | = | 0 Cu. Yds.     |

**WORKSHEET  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL**

APD RECEIVED: 10/16/2007

API NO. ASSIGNED: 43-019-31560

WELL NAME: GRAND CYN ST 23-35-15.5-23  
 OPERATOR: PIONEER NATURAL ( N5155 )  
 CONTACT: VENESSA LANGMACHER

PHONE NUMBER: 303-857-9999

PROPOSED LOCATION:

NESW 35 155S 230E  
 SURFACE: 2003 FSL 1950 FWL  
 BOTTOM: 2003 FSL 1950 FWL  
 COUNTY: GRAND  
 LATITUDE: 39.45738 LONGITUDE: -109.3495  
 UTM SURF EASTINGS: 642001 NORTHINGS: 4368626  
 FIELD NAME: UNDESIGNATED ( 2 )

| INSPECT LOCATN BY: / / |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Tech Review            | Initials | Date     |
| Engineering            | DKD      | 11/21/07 |
| Geology                |          |          |
| Surface                |          |          |

LEASE TYPE: 3 - State  
 LEASE NUMBER: ML-46108  
 SURFACE OWNER: 3 - State

PROPOSED FORMATION: WINGT  
 COALBED METHANE WELL? NO

RECEIVED AND/OR REVIEWED:

- Plat
- Bond: Fed[] Ind[] Sta[] Fee[]  
(No. 104319462 )
- Potash (Y/N)
- Oil Shale 190-5 (B) or 190-3 or 190-13
- Water Permit  
(No. 43-8496 )
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(Date: \_\_\_\_\_ )
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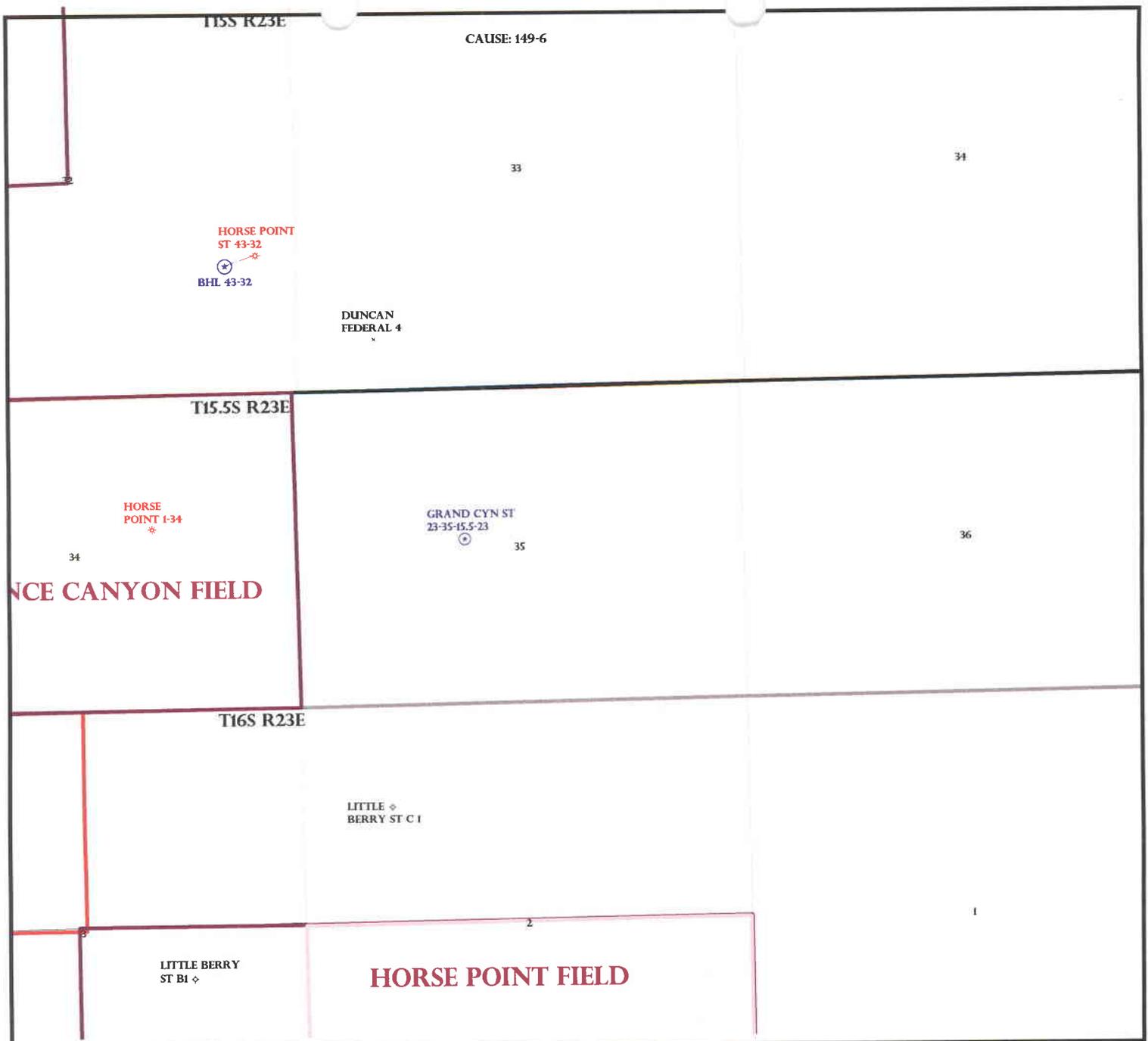
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- \_\_\_ Drilling Unit
- Board Cause No: \_\_\_\_\_
- Eff Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Siting: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ R649-3-11. Directional Drill

COMMENTS:

*Needs Presb (11-07-07)*

STIPULATIONS:

*1- Spacing Strip  
2- STATEMENT OF BASIS*



OPERATOR: STEWART PETRO CORP (N3145)

SEC: 33 T.15.5S R. 23E

FIELD: UNDESIGNATED (002)

COUNTY: GRAND

SPACING: R649-3-211 *General Siting*

- Field Status**
- ABANDONED
  - ACTIVE
  - COMBINED
  - INACTIVE
  - PROPOSED
  - STORAGE
  - TERMINATED

- Unit Status**
- EXPLORATORY
  - GAS STORAGE
  - NF PP OIL
  - NF SECONDARY
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  - PP GAS
  - PP GEOTHERML
  - PP OIL
  - SECONDARY
  - TERMINATED

**Wells Status**

- ✂ GAS INJECTION
- ✂ GAS STORAGE
- ✂ LOCATION ABANDONED
- ⊕ NEW LOCATION
- ✂ PLUGGED & ABANDONED
- ✂ PRODUCING GAS
- PRODUCING OIL
- ✂ SHUT-IN GAS
- ✂ SHUT-IN OIL
- ✂ TEMP. ABANDONED
- TEST WELL
- ⊕ WATER INJECTION
- ⊕ WATER SUPPLY
- ⊕ WATER DISPOSAL
- ⊕ DRILLING



OIL, GAS & MINING



PREPARED BY: DIANA MASON  
DATE: 18-OCTOBER-2007

# Application for Permit to Drill

## Statement of Basis

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| APD No           | API WellNo   | Status              | Well Type                | Surf Ownr | CBM |
|------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----|
| 577              | 43-019-31560-00-00   |                     | GW                       | S         | No  |
| <b>Operator</b>  | PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, IN                                      |                     | <b>Surface Owner-APD</b> |           |     |
| <b>Well Name</b> | GRAND CYN ST 23-35-15.5-23   | <b>Unit</b>         |                          |           |     |
| <b>Field</b>     | UNDESIGNATED   | <b>Type of Work</b> |                          |           |     |
| <b>Location</b>  | NESW 35 15.5S 23E S 2003 FSL 1950 FWL GPS Coord (UTM) 642001E 4368626N |                     |                          |           |     |

### Geologic Statement of Basis

Pioneer proposes to set 450' of surface casing and 5,100' of intermediate casing. The surface casing will be cemented to surface and the intermediate casing cement top is proposed at 250 feet. The base of the moderately saline water is at approximately 2,900 feet in this area. This location lies on the Green River Formation. The proposed location is in a recharge area for the aquifers of the upper Green River formation and fresh water can be expected to be found in the upper Green River. A search of Division of Water Rights records indicates no water wells within a 10,000 foot radius of the proposed location. The proposed casing and cement program should adequately protect any useable ground water.

Brad Hill  
APD Evaluator

11/7/2007  
Date / Time

### Surface Statement of Basis

General location is in the Book Cliff Mountains or Roan Plateau of northern Grand County, Utah. Vernal Utah is approximately 75 air miles to the north and Ouray, Utah 60 road miles to the north. Access to the area from Ouray, Utah is following the Seep Ridge Uintah County road and the Book Cliffs Divide Grand County and oil field development roads. Approximately 340 feet of new road will be constructed to reach the proposed location. Topography in the general area is broad flat or rounded ridges generally sloping in a north or westerly direction. Ridges are intersected with draws or deep canyons. Canyon walls may become excessively steep and rimmed with exposed sandstone bedrock out crops or ledges. Main Canyon is the major drainage in the area and runs in a westerly direction into Willow Creek. The Green River formation is the surface formation. Occasional seeps or springs occur in the numerous side drainages with the only flowing stream occurring below the springs where Horse Canyon and Main Canyon join. An occasional constructed pond to collect surface runoff for livestock and game watering exists.

The Grand Canyon State #23-35-15.5-23 well is proposed on the southwest side of Horse Ridge. It is located on a gentle to moderate west facing slope beginning near the edge of the ridge. The reserve pit side of the location will be cut with the fill being extended to the west side of the pad. No drainage diversions are needed. No stability problems are expected to occur with the location as proposed. The selected location appears to be a good site for constructing a pad and operating a well.

Both the minerals and surface are owned by SITLA.

Jim Davis of SITLA and Ben Williams representing the UDWR attended the pre-site.

Mr. Williams of the UDWR stated the area is classified as crucial value spring fawning habitat for deer and calving habitat for elk. He recommended to Mr. Smith representing Pioneer Natural Resources and Mr. Davis of SITLA that construction activity, drilling and the use of work-over rigs avoid the period of May 15 to July 15. Mr. Davis stated that SITLA would like to see Pioneer observe this restriction and if they have reasons why they can not they need to discuss the situation with SITLA. Mr. Williams also gave Mr. Smith and Mr. Davis a copy of this evaluation and also a seed mix recommendation to be used when the reserve pit and location are reclaimed.

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# Application for Permit to Drill

## Statement of Basis

11/13/2007

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Floyd Bartlett  
Onsite Evaluator

11/7/2007  
Date / Time

### Conditions of Approval / Application for Permit to Drill

| Category | Condition   |
|----------|---|
| Pits     | A synthetic liner with a minimum thickness of 16 mils with a felt subliner shall be properly installed and maintained in the reserve pit. |

# ON-SITE PREDRILL EVALUATION

## Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

**Operator** PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC  
**Well Name** GRAND CYN ST 23-35-15.5-23  
**API Number** 43-019-31560-0 **APD No** 577 **Field/Unit** UNDESIGNATED  
**Location:** 1/4,1/4 NESW **Sec** 35 **Tw** 15.5S **Rng** 23E 2003 FSL 1950 FWL  
**GPS Coord (UTM)** 641990 4368649 **Surface Owner**

### Participants

Floyd Bartlett (DOGM), Jim Davis (SITLA), Ben Williams and Daniel Emmett (UDWR), Randy Smith (Permitco-Permitting Agent for Pioneer Natural Resources) and Luke Kay (Uintah Engineering and Land Surveying).

### Regional/Local Setting & Topography

General location is in the Book Cliff Mountains or Roan Plateau of northern Grand County, Utah. Vernal Utah is approximately 75 air miles to the north and Ouray, Utah 60 road miles to the north. Access to the area from Ouray, Utah is following the Seep Ridge Uintah County road and the Book Cliffs Divide Grand County and oil field development roads. Approximately 340 feet of new road will be constructed to reach the proposed location. Topography in the general area is broad flat or rounded ridges generally sloping in a north or westerly direction. Ridges are intersected with draws or deep canyons. Canyon walls may become excessively steep and rimmed with exposed sandstone bedrock out crops or ledges. Main Canyon is the major drainage in the area and runs in a westerly direction into Willow Creek. The Green River formation is the surface formation. Occasional seeps or springs occur in the numerous side drainages with the only flowing stream occurring below the springs where Horse Canyon and Main Canyon join. An occasional constructed pond to collect surface runoff for livestock and game watering exists.

The Grand Canyon State #23-35-15.5-23 well is proposed on the southwest side of Horse Ridge. It is located on a gentle to moderate west facing slope beginning near the edge of the ridge. The reserve pit side of the location will be cut with the fill being extended to the west side of the pad. No drainage diversions are needed. No stability problems are expected to occur with the location as proposed. The selected location appears to be a good site for constructing a pad and operating a well.

Both the minerals and surface are owned by SITLA.

### Surface Use Plan

#### **Current Surface Use**

Grazing  
Recreational  
Wildlife Habitat

#### **New Road**

| <b>Miles</b> | <b>Well Pad</b>  | <b>Src Const Material</b> | <b>Surface Formation</b> |
|--------------|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 0.01         | <b>Width</b> 255 | <b>Length</b> 380         | Onsite                   |
|              |                  |                           | GRRV                     |

**Ancillary Facilities** N

### Waste Management Plan Adequate? Y

### Environmental Parameters

**Affected Floodplains and/or Wetland** N

#### **Flora / Fauna**

Vegetation is a scattered pinion-juniper type. Overall cover is good. Principal species include curl-leaf Mt. Mahogany, sagebrush, snowberry, poa sp., blue gramma, slender wheatgrass, festuca sp., bitter brush and oak brush.

Deer , elk , coyotes, rabbits, bear, lion, small mammals and birds. Cattle graze the area during the summer.

**Soil Type and Characteristics**

Shallow to moderately deep sandy loam.

**Erosion Issues** N

**Sedimentation Issues** N

**Site Stability Issues** N

**Drainage Diversion Required** N

**Berm Required?** N

**Erosion Sedimentation Control Required?** N

**Paleo Survey Run?** N    **Paleo Potential Observed?** N    **Cultural Survey Run?** Y    **Cultural Resources?**

**Reserve Pit**

**Site-Specific Factors**

|  |                  | <b>Site Ranking</b> |
|--|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Distance to Groundwater (feet)</b>    | >200             | 0                   |
| <b>Distance to Surface Water (feet)</b>  | >1000            | 0                   |
| <b>Dist. Nearest Municipal Well (ft)</b> | >5280            | 0                   |
| <b>Distance to Other Wells (feet)</b>    | >1320            | 0                   |
| <b>Native Soil Type</b>                  | Mod permeability | 10                  |
| <b>Fluid Type</b>                        | Fresh Water      | 5                   |
| <b>Drill Cuttings</b>                    | Normal Rock      | 0                   |
| <b>Annual Precipitation (inches)</b>     | 10 to 20         | 5                   |
| <b>Affected Populations</b>              | <10              | 0                   |
| <b>Presence Nearby Utility Conduits</b>  | Not Present      | 0                   |

**Final Score** 20    1    **Sensitivity Level**

**Characteristics / Requirements**

A reserve pit 50' by 120' and 10' deep in an area of cut on the northeast corner of the location. No stabilization problems are expected. A 16 mil liner will be required.

**Closed Loop Mud Required?** N    **Liner Required?** Y    **Liner Thickness** 16    **Pit Underlayment Required?** Y

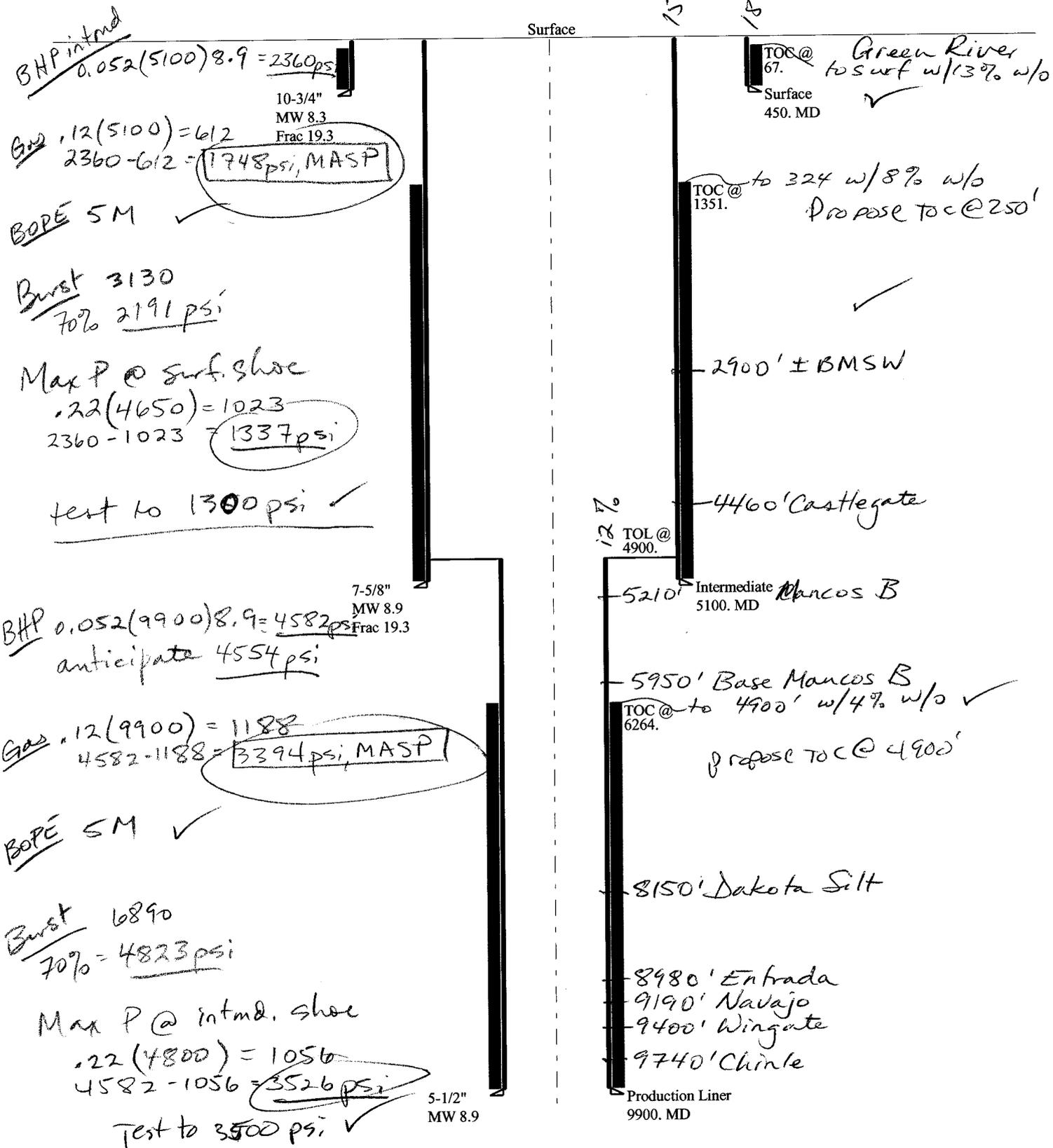
**Other Observations / Comments**

Floyd Bartlett  
**Evaluator**

11/7/2007  
**Date / Time**

2007-11 Pioneer Grand Canyon ST 23-35-15.5-23

Casing Schematic



✓ Adequate Design w/21/07

|              |  |              |
|--------------|--|--------------|
| Well name:   | <b>2007-11 Pioneer Grand Canyon ST 23-35-15.5-23</b> |              |
| Operator:    | <b>Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.</b>           | Project ID:  |
| String type: | Surface  | 43-019-31560 |
| Location:    | Grand County   |              |

**Design parameters:**

**Collapse**

Mud weight: 8.330 ppg  
 Design is based on evacuated pipe.

**Minimum design factors:**

**Collapse:**

Design factor 1.125

**Burst:**

Design factor 1.00

**Environment:**

H2S considered? No  
 Surface temperature: 65 °F  
 Bottom hole temperature: 71 °F  
 Temperature gradient: 1.40 °F/100ft  
 Minimum section length: 250 ft

Cement top: 67 ft

**Burst**

Max anticipated surface pressure: 396 psi  
 Internal gradient: 0.120 psi/ft  
 Calculated BHP 450 psi  
 Annular backup: 8.33 ppg

**Tension:**

8 Round STC: 1.80 (J)  
 8 Round LTC: 1.80 (J)  
 Buttress: 1.60 (J)  
 Premium: 1.50 (J)  
 Body yield: 1.50 (B)

Tension is based on buoyed weight.  
 Neutral point: 395 ft

**Non-directional string.**

**Re subsequent strings:**

Next setting depth: 5,100 ft  
 Next mud weight: 8.900 ppg  
 Next setting BHP: 2,358 psi  
 Fracture mud wt: 19.250 ppg  
 Fracture depth: 450 ft  
 Injection pressure: 450 psi

| Run Seq | Segment Length (ft) | Size (in)               | Nominal Weight (lbs/ft) | Grade            | End Finish           | True Vert Depth (ft) | Measured Depth (ft) | Drift Diameter (in)     | Internal Capacity (ft³) |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1       | 450                 | 10.75                   | 40.50                   | K-55             | ST&C                 | 450                  | 450                 | 9.925                   | 247.9                   |
| Run Seq | Collapse Load (psi) | Collapse Strength (psi) | Collapse Design Factor  | Burst Load (psi) | Burst Strength (psi) | Burst Design Factor  | Tension Load (Kips) | Tension Strength (Kips) | Tension Design Factor   |
| 1       | 195                 | 1580                    | 8.114                   | 396              | 3130                 | 7.90                 | 16                  | 450                     | 28.13 J                 |

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Date: November 20, 2007  
 Salt Lake City, Utah

**Remarks:**

Collapse is based on a vertical depth of 450 ft, a mud weight of 8.33 ppg. The casing is considered to be evacuated for collapse purposes. Collapse strength is based on the Westcott, Dunlop & Kemler method of biaxial correction for tension.

Burst strength is not adjusted for tension.

*Engineering responsibility for use of this design will be that of the purchaser.*

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|--------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Well name:   | <b>2007-11 Pioneer Grand Canyon ST 23-35-15.5-23</b> |                             |
| Operator:    | <b>Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.</b>           |                             |
| String type: | Intermediate   | Project ID:<br>43-019-31560 |
| Location:    | Grand County   |                             |

**Design parameters:**

**Collapse**

Mud weight: 8.900 ppg  
Design is based on evacuated pipe.

**Burst**

Max anticipated surface pressure: 2,363 psi  
Internal gradient: 0.220 psi/ft  
Calculated BHP: 3,485 psi

No backup mud specified.

**Minimum design factors:**

**Collapse:**

Design factor: 1.125

**Burst:**

Design factor: 1.00

**Tension:**

8 Round STC: 1.80 (J)  
8 Round LTC: 1.80 (J)  
Buttress: 1.60 (J)  
Premium: 1.50 (J)  
Body yield: 1.50 (B)

Tension is based on buoyed weight.  
Neutral point: 4,422 ft

**Environment:**

H2S considered? No  
Surface temperature: 65 °F  
Bottom hole temperature: 136 °F  
Temperature gradient: 1.40 °F/100ft  
Minimum section length: 1,500 ft

Cement top: 1,351 ft

**Non-directional string.**

**Re subsequent strings:**

Next setting depth: 9,750 ft  
Next mud weight: 8.900 ppg  
Next setting BHP: 4,508 psi  
Fracture mud wt: 19,250 ppg  
Fracture depth: 5,100 ft  
Injection pressure: 5,100 psi

| Run Seq | Segment Length (ft) | Size (in)               | Nominal Weight (lbs/ft) | Grade            | End Finish           | True Vert Depth (ft) | Measured Depth (ft) | Drift Diameter (in)     | Internal Capacity (ft <sup>3</sup> ) |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1       | 5100                | 7.625                   | 29.70                   | N-80             | LT&C                 | 5100                 | 5100                | 6.75                    | 1314.7                               |
| Run Seq | Collapse Load (psi) | Collapse Strength (psi) | Collapse Design Factor  | Burst Load (psi) | Burst Strength (psi) | Burst Design Factor  | Tension Load (Kips) | Tension Strength (Kips) | Tension Design Factor                |
| 1       | 2358                | 4790                    | 2.031                   | 3485             | 6890                 | 1.98                 | 131                 | 575                     | 4.38 J                               |

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**Remarks:**

Collapse is based on a vertical depth of 5100 ft, a mud weight of 8.9 ppg. The casing is considered to be evacuated for collapse purposes. Collapse strength is based on the Westcott, Dunlop & Kemler method of biaxial correction for tension.

Burst strength is not adjusted for tension.

Well name: **2007-11 Pioneer Grand Canyon ST 23-35-15.5-23**

Operator: **Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.**

String type: **Production Liner**

Project ID:  
43-019-31560

Location: **Grand County**

**Design parameters:**

**Collapse**

Mud weight: 8.900 ppg  
Design is based on evacuated pipe.

**Burst**

Max anticipated surface pressure: 2,399 psi  
Internal gradient: 0.220 psi/ft  
Calculated BHP: 4,577 psi

No backup mud specified.

**Minimum design factors:**

**Collapse:**

Design factor: 1.125

**Burst:**

Design factor: 1.00

**Tension:**

8 Round STC: 1.80 (J)  
8 Round LTC: 1.80 (J)  
Buttress: 1.60 (J)  
Premium: 1.50 (J)  
Body yield: 1.50 (B)

Tension is based on buoyed weight.  
Neutral point: 9,225 ft

**Environment:**

H2S considered? No  
Surface temperature: 65 °F  
Bottom hole temperature: 204 °F  
Temperature gradient: 1.40 °F/100ft  
Minimum section length: 1,500 ft

Cement top: 6,264 ft

Liner top: 4,900 ft

**Non-directional string.**

| Run Seq | Segment Length (ft) | Size (in)               | Nominal Weight (lbs/ft) | Grade            | End Finish           | True Vert Depth (ft) | Measured Depth (ft) | Drift Diameter (in)     | Internal Capacity (ft <sup>3</sup> ) |
|---------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1       | 5000                | 5.5                     | 17.00                   | N-80             | LT&C                 | 9900                 | 9900                | 4.767                   | 652.6                                |
| Run Seq | Collapse Load (psi) | Collapse Strength (psi) | Collapse Design Factor  | Burst Load (psi) | Burst Strength (psi) | Burst Design Factor  | Tension Load (Kips) | Tension Strength (Kips) | Tension Design Factor                |
| 1       | 4577                | 6290                    | 1.374                   | 4577             | 7740                 | 1.69                 | 74                  | 348                     | 4.73 J                               |

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**Remarks:**

For this liner string, the top is rounded to the nearest 100 ft. Collapse is based on a vertical depth of 9900 ft, a mud weight of 8.9 ppg. The Collapse strength is based on the Westcott, Dunlop & Kemler method of biaxial correction for tension.

Burst strength is not adjusted for tension.

*Engineering responsibility for use of this design will be that of the purchaser.*

**From:** Ed Bonner  
**To:** Mason, Diana  
**Date:** 1/8/2008 12:05 PM  
**Subject:** Well Clearance

**CC:** Davis, Jim; Garrison, LaVonne; Hill, Brad; Jarvis, Dan  
The following wells have been given cultural resources clearance by the Trust Lands Cultural Resources Group:

ConocoPhillips Company  
Utah 29-574D (API 43 015 30735)

EOG Resources, Inc  
CWU 956-32 (API 43 047 39515)

Kerr McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP  
NBU 1021-2N (API 43 047 38840)

Newfield Production Company  
Wells Draw Fed C-5-9-16 (API 43 013 33753)  
State 1A-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33845)  
State 2A-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33846)  
State 3-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33847)  
State 4-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33848)  
State 5-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33849)  
State 6-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33850)  
State 12-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33852)  
State 13-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33853)  
State 16-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33854)

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc  
Main Canyon State 12-16-15-23 (API 43 047 39695)  
Main Canyon State 34-21-15-23 (API 43 047 39696)  
Horse Point State 34-10-16-23 (API 43 019 31558)  
Horse Point State 41-1-16-23 (API 43 019 31599)  
Grand Canyon State 23-35-15.5-23 (API 43 019 31560)

If you have any questions regarding this matter please give me a call.



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**State of Utah**  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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**Division of Oil Gas and Mining**

JOHN R. BAZA  
Division Director

January 8, 2008

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.  
1401 17th St., Ste 1200  
Denver, CO 80202

Re: Grand Canyon St 23-35-15.5-23 Well, 2003' FSL, 1950' FWL, NE SW, Sec. 35,  
T. 15.5 South, R. 23 East, Grand County, Utah

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 40-6-1 *et seq.*, Utah Administrative Code R649-3-1 *et seq.*, and the attached Conditions of Approval, approval to drill the referenced well is granted.

This approval shall expire one year from the above date unless substantial and continuous operation is underway, or a request for extension is made prior to the expiration date. The API identification number assigned to this well is 43-019-31560.

Sincerely,

Gil Hunt  
Associate Director

pab  
Enclosures

cc: Grand County Assessor  
SITLA

Operator: Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.  
Well Name & Number Grand Canyon St 23-35-15.5-23  
API Number: 43-019-31560  
Lease: ML-46108

Location: NE SW      Sec. 35      T. 15.5 South      R. 23 East

### Conditions of Approval

#### 1. General

Compliance with the requirements of Utah Admin. R. 649-1 *et seq.*, the Oil and Gas Conservation General Rules, and the applicable terms and provisions of the approved Application for permit to drill.

#### 2. Notification Requirements

The operator is required to notify the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of the following action during drilling of this well:

- 24 hours prior to cementing or testing casing – contact Dan Jarvis
- 24 hours prior to testing blowout prevention equipment – contact Dan Jarvis
- 24 hours prior to spudding the well – contact Carol Daniels
- Within 24 hours of any emergency changes made to the approved drilling program – contact Dustin Doucet
- Prior to commencing operations to plug and abandon the well – contact Dan Jarvis

The operator is required to get approval from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining before performing any of the following actions during the drilling of this well:

- Plugging and abandonment or significant plug back of this well – contact Dustin Doucet
- Any changes to the approved drilling plan – contact Dustin Doucet

The following are Division of Oil, Gas and Mining contacts and their telephone numbers (please leave a voice mail message if the person is not available to take the call):

- Dan Jarvis at:      (801) 538-5338 office      (801) 942-0873 home
- Carol Daniels at:      (801) 538-5284 office
- Dustin Doucet at:      (801) 538-5281 office      (801) 733-0983 home

#### 3. Reporting Requirements

All required reports, forms and submittals will be promptly filed with the Division, including but not limited to the Entity Action Form (Form 6), Report of Water Encountered During Drilling (Form 7), Weekly Progress Reports for drilling and completion operations, and Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells requesting approval of change of plans or other operational actions.

4. Compliance with the State of Utah Antiquities Act forbids disturbance of archeological, historical, or paleontological remains. Should archeological, historical or paleontological remains be encountered during your operations, you are required to immediately suspend all operations and immediately inform the Trust Lands Administration and the Division of State History of the discovery of such remains.
5. Compliance with the Conditions of Approval/Application for Permit to Drill outlined in the Statement of Basis. (Copy Attached)
6. This proposed well is located in an area for which drilling units (well spacing patterns) have not been established through an order of the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Board"). In order to avoid the possibility of waste or injury to correlative rights, the operator is requested, once the well has been drilled, completed, and has produced, to analyze geological and engineering data generated therefrom, as well as any similar data from surrounding areas if available. As soon as is practicable after completion of its analysis, and if the analysis suggests an area larger than the quarter-quarter section upon which the well is located is being drained, the operator is requested to seek an appropriate order from the Board establishing drilling and spacing units in conformance with such analysis by filing a Request for Agency Action with the Board.



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# State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA  
Division Director

March 19, 2009

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.  
1401 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1200  
Denver, CO 80202

Re: APD Rescinded – Grand Canyon St. 23-35-15.5-23, Sec. 35, T. 15.5S, R. 23E, Grand County, Utah, API No. 43-019-31560

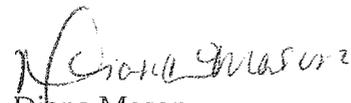
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for the subject well was approved by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) on January 8, 2008. No drilling activity at this location has been reported to the division. Therefore, approval to drill the well is hereby rescinded, effective March 19, 2009.

A new APD must be filed with this office for approval prior to the commencement of any future work on the subject location.

If any previously unreported operations have been performed on this well location, it is imperative that you notify the Division immediately.

Sincerely,

  
Diana Mason  
Environmental Scientist

cc: Well File  
SITLA, Ed Bonner

