

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF THOR RESOURCES USA, LLC TO DRILL A NATURAL GAS TEST WELL TO A FORMATION BELOW THE TOP OF THE MADISON GROUP AT A PROPOSED WELL LOCATION APPROXIMATELY 484' FNL AND 1,021' FWL IN SECTION 23, T33N-R4E, LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA, AS AN EXCEPTION TO A.R.M. 36.22.702(11). APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 156-2025

Docket No. 219-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and Henry Williams, vice president of geoscience, appeared on behalf of Thor Resources USA, LLC (Thor Resources).
3. No protest to the application of Thor Resources was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Thor Resources is authorized to drill a natural gas test well to a formation below the top of the Madison Group at the proposed location of approximately 484' FNL and 1,021' FWL in Section 23, T33N-R4E, Liberty County, Montana, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702(11).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

BOARD ORDER NO. 156-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 35, T27N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE TCB 11-2-35 #1H, TCB 11-2-35 #2H, TCB 11-2-35 #3H, AND TCB 11-2-35 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 157-2025

Docket No. 220-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 9-2023. Additional wells were authorized within the overlapping temporary spacing unit by Board Order 10-2023. Applicant has completed the TCB 11-2-35 #1H, TCB 11-2-35 #2H, TCB 11-2-35 #3H, and TCB 11-2-35 #4H wells as producing wells.

4. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.

5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 157-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Section 35, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the TCB 11-2-35 #1H, TCB 11-2-35 #2H, TCB 11-2-35 #3H, and TCB 11-2-35 #4H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 35, T27N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION AND TO AUTHORIZE THE RECOVERY OF NON-CONSENT PENALTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 82-11-202(2), M.C.A., WITH RESPECT TO THE TCB 11-2-35 #1H, TCB 11-2-35 #2H, TCB 11-2-35 #3H, AND TCB 11-2-35 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 158-2025

Docket No. 221-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 157-2025.
4. The applicant has made a good-faith attempt to voluntarily pool the interests within the permanent spacing unit but has been unsuccessful.
5. All refusing owners were given proper and sufficient notice as required under § 82-11-202, MCA.
6. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 158-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Section 35, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the TCB 11-2-35 #1H, TCB 11-2-35 #2H, TCB 11-2-35 #3H, and TCB 11-2-35 #4H wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15, 22, 27, AND 34, T28N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 164-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 107-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T28N-R56E AND BOARD ORDER 338-2011 THAT AMENDED THE SETBACKS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 177-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T28N-R56E AND BOARD ORDER 339-2011 THAT AMENDED THE SETBACKS.

Docket No. 222-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer for Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix) and protested the application of Kraken.
4. Dockets 186-2025 to 189-2025 and 222-2025 to 227-2025 were combined for hearing since the protest pertained to these dockets.

BOARD ORDER NO. 164-2025

5. Both applicants presented testimony and exhibits to support their respective requests. The development plans for the area, including spacing unit layouts, were discussed in detail to make certain the plans promote orderly development of the area and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells required under § 82-11-201, MCA.

6. Kraken's applications satisfy the applicable statutory requirements. The proposed plan promotes efficient and orderly development of the area, minimizes surface disturbance, does not alter existing spacing units, and appropriately accounts for topographical constraints.

7. Phoenix proposed an alternative plan of development that, if pursued, would require the vacation of numerous previously approved temporary spacing units at future hearings. However, the Board presently has no applications from Phoenix before it for consideration.

8. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 15, 22, 27, and 34, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 107-2010, 338-2011, 177-2010, and 339-2011 are hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 164-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO
AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS
ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15, 22, 27, AND 34, T28N-R56E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 165-2025

Docket No. 223-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant's development plans for the area, including spacing unit layout, were discussed in detail under Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken on the same basis and with the same evidence and testimony presented in Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
5. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 164-2025.
6. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 15, 22, 27, and 34, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 165-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15, 22, 27, and 34, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, 18, AND 19, T27N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT LOTS 3, 4, AND E½SW¼ OF SECTION 6, T27N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 166-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 469-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T27N-R57E AND THAT ORDER 421-2011 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T27N-R57E.

Docket No. 224-2025 / 38-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

3. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating office for Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix) and protested the application of Kraken.

4. Dockets 186-2025 to 189-2025 and 222-2025 to 227-2025 were combined for hearing since the protest pertained to these dockets.

BOARD ORDER NO. 166-2025

5. Both applicants presented testimony and exhibits to support their respective requests. The development plans for the area, including spacing unit layouts, were discussed in detail to make certain the plans promote orderly development of the area and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells required under § 82-11-201, MCA.

6. Kraken's applications satisfy the applicable statutory requirements. The proposed plan promotes efficient and orderly development of the area, minimizes surface disturbance, does not alter existing spacing units, and appropriately accounts for topographical constraints.

7. Phoenix proposed an alternative plan of development that, if pursued, would require the vacation of numerous previously approved temporary spacing units at future hearings. However, the Board presently has no applications from Phoenix before it for consideration.

8. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 469-2011 and 421-2011 are hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 166-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, 18, AND 19, T27N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT LOTS 3, 4, AND E½SW¼ OF SECTION 6, T27N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 167-2025

Docket No. 225-2025 / 39-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant's development plans for the area, including the proposed spacing unit layout, were discussed in detail under Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken on the same basis and with the same evidence and testimony presented in Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
5. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 166-2025.
6. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana.
7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 167-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, T27N-R57E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 172-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 58-2014 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T28N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE SCOTTSMAN 1-30H WELL AND THAT ORDER 59-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 109-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T28N-R57E AND BOARD ORDER 341-2011 THAT AMENDED THE SETBACKS.

Docket No. 226-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer for Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix) and protested the application of Kraken.

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4. Dockets 186-2025 to 189-2025 and 222-2025 to 227-2025 were combined for hearing since the protest pertained to these dockets.

5. Both applicants presented testimony and exhibits to support their respective requests. The development plans for the area, including spacing unit layouts, were discussed in detail to make certain the plans promote orderly development of the area and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells required under § 82-11-201, MCA.

6. Kraken's applications satisfy the applicable statutory requirements. The proposed plan promotes efficient and orderly development of the area, minimizes surface disturbance, does not alter existing spacing units, and appropriately accounts for topographical constraints.

7. Phoenix proposed an alternative plan of development that, if pursued, would require the vacation of numerous previously approved temporary spacing units at future hearings. However, the Board presently has no applications from Phoenix before it for consideration.

8. Sections 30 and 31, T28N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 57-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 58-2014.

9. Kraken is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Scottsman 1-30H well.

10. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 58-2014 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Scottsman 1-30H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 59-2014, 109-2010, and 341-2011 are hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 172-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO
AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS
ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T28N-
R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO
THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 173-2025

Docket No. 227-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant's development plans for the area, including the proposed spacing unit layout, were discussed in detail under Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken on the same basis and with the same evidence and testimony presented in Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
5. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 172-2025.
6. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 173-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 462-2013 TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20 AND 29, T24N-R60E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 159-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 163-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20 AND 29, T24N-R60E.

Docket No. 229-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 462-2013 with three additional wells authorized by Order 163-2014.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 20 and 29, T24N-R60E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 462-2013 is amended to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20 and 29, T24N-R60E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 163-2014 is hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 160-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 126-2024 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 4, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T26N-R57E AND THAT ORDER 127-2024 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 230-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 160-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 4 and 9, T25N-R57E and all of Sections 28 and 33, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 126-2024 and 127-2024 are hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 161-2025

Docket No. 231-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 160-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 4 and 9, T25N-R57E and Sections 28 and 33, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 161-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4 and 9, T25N-R57E and all of Sections 28 and 33, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 5-2023 TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF THREE HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, AND 16, T24N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 162-2025

Docket No. 232-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 4-2023 with two additional wells authorized by Order 5-2023.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 4, 9, and 16, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 5-2023 is amended to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 162-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND
BOARD ORDER 7-2023 TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF THREE
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS
ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T24N-R59E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 163-2025

Docket No. 233-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 6-2023 with two additional wells authorized by Order 7-2023.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 5, 8, and 17, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 7-2023 is amended to authorize the drilling of up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T24N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 163-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T29N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE RONIN 35-26-23 1H, RONIN 35-26-23 2H, RONIN 35-26-23 3H, AND RONIN 35-26-23 4H WELLS.

ORDER 179-2025

Docket No. 234-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Matt Billingsley, geoscience manager, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).

3. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 82-2024. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 83-2024. Applicant has completed the Ronin 35-26-23 1H, Ronin 35-26-23 2H, Ronin 35-26-23 3H, and Ronin 35-26-23 4H wells as producing wells.

4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.

5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T29N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ronin 35-26-23 1H, Ronin 35-26-23 2H, Ronin 35-26-23 3H, and Ronin 35-26-23 4H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 179-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 85-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 14, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 18, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 15, 2026. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 180-2025

Docket No. 238-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. No protest to the application of White Rock was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 85-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 15, 2026.

BOARD ORDER NO. 180-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 87-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23 AND 24, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 19, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 15, 2026. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 181-2025

Docket No. 239-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. No protest to the application of White Rock was made.
4. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Board Order 87-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 15, 2026.

BOARD ORDER NO. 181-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T29N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 182-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 69-2015 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T29N-R59E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE DISCO 2959 13-30H WELL AND THAT ORDER 228-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 242-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).

3. Sections 30 and 31, T29N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 227-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 69-2015.

4. At the time of hearing, applicant agreed to the stipulation that operations for the drilling of said well must be commenced within one year of the date of this order, or the overlapping temporary spacing unit created herein will terminate.

5. Oasis is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Disco 2959 13-30H well.

6. No protest to the application of Oasis was made.

7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T29N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 69-2015 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Disco 2959 13-30H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 228-2013 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T29N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 183-2025

Docket No. 243-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 182-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T29N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Oasis was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Oasis is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T29N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 183-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, AND 5, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 184-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 48-2014 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T29N-R58E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE BRIANM #2958 43-10H WELL AND THAT ORDER 49-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 244-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).

3. Sections 3 and 10, T29N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 47-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 48-2014.

4. At the time of hearing, applicant agreed to the stipulation that operations for the drilling of said well must be commenced within one year of the date of this order, or the overlapping temporary spacing unit created herein will terminate.

5. Oasis is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the BrianM #2958 43-10H well.

6. No protest to the application of Oasis was made.

7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 48-2014 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of BrianM #2958 43-10H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 49-2014 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, AND 5, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 185-2025

Docket No. 245-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 184-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Oasis was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Oasis is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 185-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 8, 9, 10, AND 11, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 186-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 48-2014 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T29N-R58E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE BRIANM #2958 43-10H WELL AND THAT ORDER 49-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 246-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).

3. Sections 3 and 10, T29N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 47-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 48-2014.

4. At the time of hearing, applicant agreed to the stipulation that operations for the drilling of said well must be commenced within one year of the date of this order, or the overlapping temporary spacing unit created herein will terminate.

5. Oasis is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the BrianM #2958 43-10H well.

6. No protest to the application of Oasis was made.

7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 48-2014 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of BrianM #2958 43-10H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 49-2014 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 8, 9, 10, AND 11, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 187-2025

Docket No. 247-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 186-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Oasis was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Oasis is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 187-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27, 28, 29, AND 30, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 188-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 26-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T25N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE SORTEBERG #27-34-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 27-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 320-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T25N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE STATE #21-28H WELL AND THAT ORDER 321-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 23-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T25N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE SIMMERS #4-21-30-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 24-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 252-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

BOARD ORDER NO. 188-2025

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Tyler Smith, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).

3. Sections 27 and 34, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 25-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 26-2013. Sections 28 and 33, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 319-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 320-2012. Sections 30 and 31, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 22-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 23-2013.

4. At the time of hearing, applicant agreed to the stipulation that operations for the drilling of said well must be commenced within one year of the date of this order, or the overlapping temporary spacing unit created herein will terminate.

5. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Sorteberg #27-34-1H, State #21-28H, and Simmers #4-21-30-1H wells.

6. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.

7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 27, 28, 29, and 30, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 26-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sorteberg #27-34-1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 320-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of State #21-28H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 23-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Simmers #4-21-30-1H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 27-2013, 321-2012, and 24-2013 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 188-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27, 28, 29, AND 30, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 189-2025

Docket No. 253-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Tyler Smith, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 188-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 27, 28, 29, and 30, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Whiting is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 27, 28, 29, and 30, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 189-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 31, 32, 33, AND 34, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 190-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 26-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T25N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE SORTEBERG #27-34-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 27-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 320-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T25N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE STATE #21-28H WELL AND THAT ORDER 321-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 23-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T25N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE SIMMERS #4-21-30-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 24-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 254-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

BOARD ORDER NO. 190-2025

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Tyler Smith, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).

3. Sections 27 and 34, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 25-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 26-2013. Sections 28 and 33, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 319-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 320-2012. Sections 30 and 31, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 22-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 23-2013.

4. At the time of hearing, applicant agreed to the stipulation that operations for the drilling of said well must be commenced within one year of the date of this order, or the overlapping temporary spacing unit created herein will terminate.

5. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Sorteberg #27-34-1H, State #21-28H, and Simmers #4-21-30-1H wells.

6. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.

7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 31, 32, 33, and 34, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 26-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sorteberg #27-34-1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 320-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of State #21-28H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 23-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Simmers #4-21-30-1H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 27-2013, 321-2012, and 24-2013 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 190-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 31, 32, 33, AND 34, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 191-2025

Docket No. 255-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Tyler Smith, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 190-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 31, 32, 33, and 34, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Whiting is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 31, 32, 33, and 34, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 191-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 192-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 323-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T26N-R57E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE HACKLEY #21-30H WELL AND THAT ORDER 324-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 258-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Tyler Smith, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. Sections 30 and 31, T26N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 322-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 323-2012
4. At the time of hearing, applicant agreed to the stipulation that operations for the drilling of said well must be commenced within one year of the date of this order, or the overlapping temporary spacing unit created herein will terminate.
5. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Hackley #21-30H well.
6. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 323-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Hackley #21-30H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 324-2012 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 193-2025

Docket No. 259-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Tyler Smith, development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 192-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Whiting is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 193-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF SDOCO, LLC TO CONVERT THE KINCHELOE 1-R WELL (API #25-087-21501) IN THE NW¼NE¼ OF SECTION 27, T11N-R32E, ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA (SUMATRA) TO A CLASS II ENHANCED RECOVERY INJECTION WELL IN THE TYLER FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4,982 – 5,002 FT.

ORDER 174-2025

Docket No. 262-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No protest to the application of SDOCO, LLC was made.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1403 have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the application of SDOCO, LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 174-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO DRILL
THE RONIN 2 SWD WELL IN THE SW¼SE¼ OF SECTION 35, T29N-
R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A
SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION
AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,049 – 5,537 FT TVD.

ORDER 175-2025

Docket No. 263-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No protest to the application of Phoenix Operating LLC was made.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1403 have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the application of Phoenix Operating LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 175-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 183 WELLS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA. OF THE WELLS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER, BOARD RECORDS SHOW WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 177 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND AND ONE INJECTION WELL WHICH IS BONDED SEPARATELY. FIVE WELLS INCLUDED IN THE TRANSFER REQUEST HAVE BEEN PLUGGED AND RELEASED FROM BOND. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 194-2025

Docket No. 264-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, and Law Armstrong, vice president of land, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed MorningStar's change of operator request from White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC.
4. MorningStar proposed a separate \$200,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond and two UIC plugging and reclamation bonds in the amount of \$10,000 each.
5. The Board determined that MorningStar's proposed plugging and reclamation bonds are adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308 and ARM 36.22.1408.
6. No protest to the application of MorningStar was made.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 194-2025

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE PICARD 5-12 COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL, API # 25-085-21354, LOCATED IN THE NE¼SW¼NW¼ OF SECTION 12, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA FROM J&M SNAKE CREEK DISPOSAL, INC. TO SNAKE BUTTE DISPOSAL, INC. AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

ORDER 195-2025

Docket No. 265-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Katherine Antonson, attorney, and Chris Robinson, president, appeared on behalf of Snake Butte Disposal, Inc. (Snake Butte).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed Snake Butte's change of operator request from J&M Snake Creek Disposal, Inc.
4. The Board determined that the \$10,000 plugging and reclamation bond currently covering the Picard 5-12 commercial disposal well, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1408, is appropriate and should be maintained.
5. No protest to the application of Snake Butte was made.
6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator requests.

BOARD ORDER NO. 195-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE OF OPERATOR, AND AS REQUIRED BY BOARD POLICY, THE BOARD WILL HOLD A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TRANSFER OF PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 9 WELLS IN PONDERA COUNTY, MONTANA, FROM YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS, INC. TO R.C.S. OIL, INC. AND TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPOSED PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND COVERAGE IS ADEQUATE UNDER § 82-11-123(5), MCA. OF THE WELLS INVOLVED IN THE TRANSFER, BOARD RECORDS SHOW YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS, INC. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 8 PRODUCING WELLS COVERED BY A MULTIPLE WELL BOND AND ONE INJECTION WELL WHICH IS BONDED SEPARATELY. A LIST OF THE WELLS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE OR IN THE BILLINGS OFFICE FOR REVIEW.

ORDER 196-2025

Docket No. 266-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Scotti Gray, attorney, and Adam Mandel, president, appeared on behalf of R.C.S. Oil, Inc. (R.C.S.).
3. The Board and its staff reviewed R.C.S.'s change of operator request from Yellowstone Petroleum, Inc.
4. R.C.S. has a \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond. R.C.S. proposed a \$10,000 UIC plugging and reclamation bond to cover the one injection well.
5. The Board determined that R.C.S.'s existing \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond and proposed UIC plugging and reclamation bond is adequate and in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308 and ARM 36.22.1408.
6. No protest to the application of R.C.S. was made.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

BOARD ORDER NO. 196-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that staff may proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T23N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T24N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 177-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 241-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T23N-R58E.

Docket No. 181-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Matt Billingsley, geoscience manager, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).

3. At the time of hearing, the applicant requested Order 139-2011 that designated a temporary spacing unit comprised of 25 and 36, T24N-58E, Richland County be vacated. Notice of the request was provided to the interest owners in the proposed spacing unit, and no objections were received.

4. Phoenix is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit.

5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.

6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 1 and 12, T23N-R58E and all of Sections 25 and 36, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 139-2011 and 241-2012 are hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T23N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T24N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 178-2025

Docket No. 182-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, Matt Billingsley, geoscience manager, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).

3. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 177-2025.

4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 1 and 12, T23N-R58E and Sections 25 and 36, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana.

5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.

6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 178-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Phoenix is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1 and 12, T23N-R58E and all of Sections 25 and 36, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, 13, AND 24, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 12, T27N-R56E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 168-2025

Docket No. 186-2025 /30-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer for Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix) and protested the application of Kraken.
4. Dockets 186-2025 to 189-2025 and 222-2025 to 227-2025 were combined for hearing since the protest pertained to these dockets.
5. Both applicants presented testimony and exhibits to support their respective requests. The development plans for the area, including spacing unit layouts, were discussed in detail to make certain the plans promote orderly development of the area and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells required under § 82-11-201, MCA.
6. Kraken's applications satisfy the applicable statutory requirements. The proposed plan promotes efficient and orderly development of the area, minimizes surface disturbance, does not alter existing spacing units, and appropriately accounts for topographical constraints.

BOARD ORDER NO. 168-2025

7. Phoenix proposed an alternative plan of development that, if pursued, would require the vacation of numerous previously approved temporary spacing units at future hearings. However, the Board presently has no applications from Phoenix before it for consideration.

8. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

BOARD ORDER NO. 168-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, 13, AND 24, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 12, T27N-R56E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 169-2025

Docket No. 187-2025 / 31-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant's development plans for the area, including the proposed spacing unit layout, were discussed in detail under Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken on the same basis and with the same evidence and testimony presented in Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
5. The lands described in the caption was designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 168-2025.
6. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 1, 12, 23, and 24, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana.
7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 169-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T27N-R56E, Richland and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units which contain both federal and non-federal land shall be submitted to the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management prior to or upon completion of a producible well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, 25 AND 36, T28N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL, AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 170-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 326-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T28N-R56E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE CHRISTOPHER 25-36 #1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 327-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 218-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T28N-R56E.

Docket No. 188-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Don Lee, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer for Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix) and protested the application of Kraken.

BOARD ORDER NO. 170-2025

4. Dockets 186-2025 to 189-2025 and 222-2025 to 227-2025 were combined for hearing since the protest pertained to these dockets.

5. Both applicants presented testimony and exhibits to support their respective requests. The development plans for the area, including spacing unit layouts, were discussed in detail to make certain the plans promote orderly development of the area and prevent the drilling of unnecessary wells required under § 82-11-201, MCA.

6. Kraken's applications satisfy the applicable statutory requirements. The proposed plan promotes efficient and orderly development of the area, minimizes surface disturbance, does not alter existing spacing units, and appropriately accounts for topographical constraints.

7. Phoenix proposed an alternative plan of development that, if pursued, would require the vacation of numerous previously approved temporary spacing units at future hearings. However, the Board presently has no applications from Phoenix before it for consideration.

8. Sections 25 and 36, T28N-R56E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 325-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 326-2013.

9. Kraken is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Christopher 25-36 #1-H well.

10. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 13, 24, 25 and 36, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within one year of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 326-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Christopher 25-36 #1-H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 327-2013 and 218-2010 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 170-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO
AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS
ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, 25 AND 36, T28N-
R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO
THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 171-2025

Docket No. 189-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. John Lee, attorney, Bruce Larson, president, Justin Payne, landman, and Matt Luna, vice president of development, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant's development plans for the area, including the proposed spacing unit layout, were discussed in detail under Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken on the same basis and with the same evidence and testimony presented in Dockets 186, 188, 222, 224, and 226-2025.
5. The lands described in the caption was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 170-2025.
6. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
7. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 171-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13, 24, 25 and 36, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE APPLICATION OF COYOTE RESOURCES LLC TO
CONVERT THE BIG ROSE COLONY 1-34 WELL (API #25-101-24287)
IN THE NW¼NW¼ OF SECTION 34, T34N-R1W, TOOLE COUNTY,
MONTANA (WILDCAT) TO AN ACID GAS INJECTION WELL (AGI)
IN THE DUPEROW FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF
APPROXIMATELY 3,007 – 3,109 FT.

ORDER 176-2025

Docket No. 206-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No protest to the application of Coyote Resources LLC was made.
3. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1403 have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the application of Coyote Resources LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 176-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE BAD WATER DISPOSAL, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO REMEDY THE FIELD VIOLATIONS, FAILURE TO FILE DELINQUENT INJECTION REPORTS, AND FAILURE TO PAY THE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT REPORTING.

ORDER 197-2025

Docket No. 267-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, appeared on behalf of Bad Water Disposal, LLC (Bad Water).
3. At the time of hearing, the outstanding field compliance issues at the FLB Spokane 3 well were resolved.
4. Bad Water filed the delinquent injection reports and paid the outstanding fine of \$260.
5. Staff recommended the docket be dismissed.
6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Docket 267-2025 is dismissed.

BOARD ORDER NO. 197-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE BIG SKY ENERGY, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL PENALTIES OR HAVE ITS PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BONDS FORFEITED AS PERMITTED BY § 82-11-123(5), MCA FOR FAILURE TO BEGIN TO PLUG AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS WELLS LOCATED IN CARBON, GOLDEN VALLEY AND STILLWATER COUNTIES, MONTANA AND WHY ITS INJECTION PERMIT FOR THE CHAPMAN 13-2 SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL, API # 25-009-21165, LOCATED IN THE NE¼SW¼SW¼ OF SECTION 2, T7S-R21E, CARBON COUNTY, MONTANA SHOULD NOT BE REVOKED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ANNUAL INJECTION WELL OPERATING FEE AND PENALTY.

ORDER 198-2025

Docket No. 268-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of Big Sky Energy, LLC (Big Sky).
3. The total outstanding fine assessed against Big Sky is \$6,280.
4. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met, and has not shown cause why its bonds should not be forfeited.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the plugging and reclamation bonds for Big Sky are hereby forfeited.

BOARD ORDER NO. 198-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE D90 ENERGY LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL PENALTIES OR HAVE ITS PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BONDS FORFEITED AS PERMITTED BY § 82-11-123(5), MCA FOR FAILURE TO BEGIN TO PLUG AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS WELLS LOCATED IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 199-2025

Docket No. 269-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of D90 Energy, LLC (D90).
3. D90 has filed for bankruptcy.
4. D90 has an outstanding fine in the amount of \$7,580. This fine amount includes a \$1,680 penalty for delinquent reporting, \$3,900 annual well injection operating fee and penalty, and \$2,000 for failure to appear at the February 20, 2025 and April 10, 2025, public hearings.
5. Staff recommended the docket be continued until October 9, 2025, public hearing to allow staff additional time to gather information.
6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Docket 269-2025 is continued until the October 9, 2025, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 199-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE HESLA OIL, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT PRODUCTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$140. THIS DOCKET WILL BE DISMISSED IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING OR TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO SAID HEARING SUBJECTS HESLA OIL, LLC TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 200-2025

Docket No. 270-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. No one appeared on behalf of Hesla Oil, LLC (Hesla).

3. Hesla filed the delinquent production reports but has not paid the outstanding fine of \$140 assessed for delinquent reporting.

4. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Hesla is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 14, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Hesla is to appear at the October 9, 2025, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to pay the penalty assessed for delinquent reporting and failure to appear at the August 14, 2025, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 200-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE MCOIL MONTANA ONE LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE DELINQUENT REPORTS, FAILURE TO PAY THE PENALTIES ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT REPORTS, AND FAILURE TO PAY THE \$1,000 FINE ASSESSED FOR NOT APPEARING AT THE JUNE 12, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING.

ORDER 201-2025

Docket No. 271-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of McOil Montana One LLC (McOil).
3. McOil filed the delinquent production reports prior to this hearing but has not paid the outstanding fine of \$340.
4. McOil emailed staff prior to the hearing and stated that the Board's address of record for McOil is incorrect. A new address was not provided. It is the operator's responsibility to notify the Board of any address changes per ARM 36.22.306(2).
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that McOil is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 14, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that McOil is to appear at the October 9, 2025, public hearing, if any it has, for why it should not immediately plug and abandon or transfer its wells in Toole County, Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 201-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE MONTANA ENERGY COMPANY, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES, WHICH COULD INCLUDE A BOND INCREASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARM 36.22.1308(3), SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FAILURE TO REMEDY THE COMPLIANCE ISSUES.

ORDER 202-2025

Docket No. 272-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and Carlos De La Torre, petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Montana Energy Company, LLC (MEC).
3. Board Order 73-2025 established a \$100 per day fine beginning on May 9, 2025, for each day that MEC failed to remedy the field compliance issues. At the time of hearing, the outstanding field compliance issues remain unresolved, and the daily fine totaled \$9,600.
4. At the February 20, 2025, public hearing, MEC was fined \$1,000 for failure to comply with Administrative Order 15-A-2024. Board Order 154-2025 required payment of the fine prior to the July 10, 2025, hearing deadline. The fine has not been paid. Staff recommended this fine be doubled.
5. Due to the operator's history of current and past compliance issues, the Board discussed increasing the \$50,000 multiple well bond, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3).
6. The Board requested a company officer appear at the next hearing to address MEC's issues and the Board's concerns.
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 202-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that MEC must immediately increase its \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond to \$100,000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that MEC must remedy the field violations by September 14, 2025, or the \$100 daily fine will increase to a \$250 daily fine. The fine will remain in effect until compliance is confirmed by inspection.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that an officer of MEC is to appear at the October 9, 2025, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties, which could include its production being declared illegal in accordance with ARM 36.22.1245, should not be considered for failure to remedy the compliance issues.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that the \$1,000 fine for failure to comply with Administrative Order 15-A-2024 is increased to \$2,000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Board that MEC must submit an updated organization report (Form 1).

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARDS OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE XOIL, INC TO
APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT
BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL PENALTIES OR HAVE ITS PLUGGING
AND RECLAMATION BOND FORFEITED AS PERMITTED BY § 82-
11-123(5), MCA FOR FAILURE TO BEGIN TO RECLAIM THE
RICHARDSON-HOVEN 1-11 (API 25-091-21511) AND THE SIMARD
26-16 (API 25-085-21430) WELL LOCATIONS PRIOR TO THE
AUGUST 14, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING.

ORDER 203-2025

Docket No. 273-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Don Lee, attorney, appeared on behalf of XOIL, Inc. (XOIL).

3. XOIL testified that it has discontinued all operations and no longer has the personnel or assets necessary to perform reclamation efforts on the two wells.

4. Administrative Order 1-A-2025 established a \$250 per day fine beginning on May 9, 2025, for each day that XOIL failed to begin to reclaim its Simard 26-16 and Richardson-Hoven 1-11 wells. At the time of hearing, XOIL has not reclaimed the wells and the daily fine totaled \$24,000.

5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met, and has not shown cause why its bond should not be forfeited.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the plugging and reclamation bond for XOIL is hereby forfeited.

BOARD ORDER NO. 203-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS, INC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT PRODUCTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$560. THIS DOCKET WILL BE DISMISSED IF PAYMENT IS RECEIVED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING OR TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO SAID HEARING SUBJECTS YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS, INC TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 204-2025

Docket No. 274-2025

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE YELLOWSTONE PETROLEUMS, INC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS WELLS IN CARBON, GLACIER, PONDERA, AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA.

Docket No. 275-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Don Lee, attorney, appeared on behalf of Yellowstone Petroleum, Inc. (Yellowstone).

3. Board Order 75-2025 established a \$250 per day fine beginning on June 1, 2025, for each day that Yellowstone failed to submit an approved plan to plug and abandon its Essex-Thompson 1 and Myhre 3-25 wells. At the time of hearing, Yellowstone has not submitted abandonment plans and the daily fine continues to accrue.

4. Yellowstone filed the delinquent production reports prior to this hearing and paid the outstanding fine in the amount of \$20,080.

5. A change of operator request was submitted for 9 wells to R.C.S. Oil, Inc.

6. Yellowstone requested additional time to plug or transfer the remaining wells.

7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 204-2025

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the daily fine of \$250 is suspended until the September 4, 2025, hearing application deadline.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Yellowstone must submit an approved plan to plug and abandon its Essex-Thompson 1 and Myhre 3-25 wells by the September 4, 2025, hearing application deadline or the daily fine of \$250 will increase to a \$500 daily fine. The fine will remain in effect until the abandonment plans have been received and approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 275-2025 is continued until the October 9, 2025, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE POWDER
BATTALION HOLDINGS LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF
ANY IT HAS, FOR WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG
AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS WELLS IN BIG HORN COUNTY,
MONTANA.

ORDER 205-2025

Docket No. 215-2024

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 14, 2025, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.

2. Scotti Gray, attorney, appeared on behalf of Powder Battalion Holdings LLC (Powder Battalion).

3. Powder Battalion has not plugged its two well but is in the process of reviewing two well plugging bids.

4. Board Order 76-2025 established a \$250 per day fine beginning on July 10, 2025, for each day that Powder Battalion failed plug and abandon its MT State 9-42 36-06CK well and either plug and abandon or convert its Remington 10-43 05-07CK well to a water well.

5. Due to both wells being located in core sage grouse habitat, and to follow sage grouse timing restrictions that limit activities in core habitat from March 15th to July 15th, Board Order 76-2025 was amended to delay the work until August 1, 2025 and following the August 1, 2025, deadline a penalty of \$250 per day be assessed until the above-mentioned work has commenced.

6. At the time of hearing, the daily fine totaled \$3,250.

7. Powder Battalion was previously assessed fines of \$140 penalty for delinquent reporting and \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 15, 2024, public hearing.

8. . Powder Battalion's total outstanding fines amounts to \$4,390.

9. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the respondent has not demonstrated that the requirements of Title 82, Chapter 11, MCA and ARM 36.22.101, et seq. have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 205-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Powder Battalion must begin to plug and abandon its wells in Big Horn County, Montana, prior to October 9, 2025, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon the wells may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 14th day of August, 2025.

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