

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF COYOTE RESOURCES LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE W½ OF SECTION 28 AND THE E½ OF SECTION 29, T34N-R1W, TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS FROM FORMATIONS BELOW THE BASE OF THE MADISON GROUP OF FORMATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE GLACIER RIDGE 1-28 WELL.

ORDER 206-2025

Docket No. 281-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Kip Ferguson, geologist, and Don Jacks, petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Coyote Resources LLC (Coyote).
3. Applicant drilled the Glacier Ridge 1-28 well in a statewide spacing unit comprised of all of Section 28, T34N-R1W to test for helium. The well was spudded in May 2025. Coyote has not submitted any completion data to date and the well is not yet producing.
4. Coyote presented geological and engineering evidence that indicated the appropriate spacing unit for the well was the W½ of Section 28 and the E½ of Section 29, T34N-R1W, rather than the statewide spacing unit comprised of all of Section 28.
5. Due to lack of established production, the Board discussed whether designating a permanent spacing unit was appropriate or necessary at this time versus establishing a temporary spacing unit.
6. At the time of hearing, the applicant amended the application to only include production from the Duperow Formation.
7. No protest to the application of Coyote was made.
8. 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 applicant demonstrated the requirements of § 82-11-201, MCA have been met.

BOARD ORDER NO. 206-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that the W½ of Section 28 and the E½ of Section 29, T34N-R1W, Toole County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Duperow Formation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 116-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR
THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T24N-R59E AND
ALL OF SECTION 6, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA
MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 213-2025

Docket No. 283-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

3. Wendy Johnson, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer of Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix). Phoenix protested Kraken's request to extend the commencement-of-operations deadline within the temporary spacing unit by two years, rather than the one-year extension customarily granted by the Board in prior orders.

4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.

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 Board Order 116-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 213-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 118-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR
THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T24N-R59E AND
ALL OF SECTION 5, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA
MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 214-2025

Docket No. 284-2025

Report of the Board

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3. Wendy Johnson, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer of Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix). Phoenix protested Kraken's request to extend the commencement-of-operations deadline within the temporary spacing unit by two years, rather than the one-year extension customarily granted by the Board in prior orders.
4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.
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 Board Order 118-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 214-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 114-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR
THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T24N-R59E AND
ALL OF SECTION 4, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA
MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 215-2025

Docket No. 285-2025

Report of the Board

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4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.

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 Board Order 114-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

BOARD ORDER NO. 215-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 122-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR
THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 34, T24N-R59E AND ALL OF
SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA
MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 216-2025

Docket No. 286-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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

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4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.

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 Board Order 122-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 216-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 112-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR
THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 26 AND 35, T24N-R59E AND
ALL OF SECTION 2, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA
MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 217-2025

Docket No. 287-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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:

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4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.

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 Board Order 112-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 217-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 124-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR
THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 36, T24N-R59E AND ALL OF
SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T23N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA
MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 218-2025

Docket No. 288-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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:

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4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.
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 Board Order 124-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

BOARD ORDER NO. 218-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 120-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 31 AND 32, T24N-R60E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, AND 8, T23N-R60E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 219-2025

Docket No. 289-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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:

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4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.

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 Board Order 120-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 219-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 108-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR
THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 8, 17, AND 20, T27N-R57E,
RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA MUST BE
COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 220-2025

Docket No. 290-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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:

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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 Board Order 108-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 220-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

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W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 110-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T28N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 5, T27N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO OCTOBER 9, 2027.

ORDER 221-2025

Docket No. 291-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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:

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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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

3. Wendy Johnson, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer of Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix). Phoenix protested Kraken's request to extend the commencement-of-operations deadline within the temporary spacing unit by two years, rather than the one-year extension customarily granted by the Board in prior orders.

4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request an extension of only one additional year for the deadline by which operations must commence.

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 Board Order 110-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than October 9, 2026.

BOARD ORDER NO. 221-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SECTIONS 22, 27, AND 34, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE REAGAN 34-27-22 #1H, REAGAN 34-27-22 #2H, REAGAN 34-27-22 #3H, AND REAGAN 34-27-22 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 207-2025

Docket No. 292-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 95-2022. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 96-2022. Applicant has completed the Reagan 34-27-22 #1H, Reagan 34-27-22 #2H, Reagan 34-27-22 #3H, and Reagan 34-27-22 #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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 22, 27, and 34, T26N-R57E, Richland 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 Reagan 34-27-22 #1H, Reagan 34-27-22 #2H, Reagan 34-27-22 #3H, and Reagan 34-27-22 #4H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 207-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SECTIONS 22, 27, AND 34, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, 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 REAGAN 34-27-22 #1H, REAGAN 34-27-22 #2H, REAGAN 34-27-22 #3H, AND REAGAN 34-27-22 #4H WELLS.

ORDER 208-2025

Docket No. 293-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 207-2025.

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. 208-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 22, 27, and 34, T26N-R57E, Richland County, 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 Reagan 34-27-22 #1H, Reagan 34-27-22 #2H, Reagan 34-27-22 #3H, and Reagan 34-27-22 #4H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE HOLLY 17-8-5 #2H AND HOLLY 17-8-5 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 209-2025

Docket No. 294-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 24-2024. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 25-2024. Applicant has completed the Holly 17-8-5 #2H and Holly 17-8-5 #3H 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. 209-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T28N-R59E 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 Holly 17-8-5 #2H and Holly 17-8-5 #3H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, 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 HOLLY 17-8-5 #2H AND HOLLY 17-8-5 #3H WELLS.

ORDER 210-2025

Docket No. 295-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 209-2025.

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. 210-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T28N-R59E Roosevelt County, 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 Holly 17-8-5 #2H and Holly 17-8-5 #3H wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE POWERS 20-29-32 #4H AND POWERS 20-29-32 #5H WELLS.

ORDER 211-2025

Docket No. 296-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 26-2024. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 27-2024. Applicant has completed the Powers 20-29-32 #4H and Powers 20-29-32 #5H 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.

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T28N-R59E, 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 Powers 20-29-32 #4H and Powers 20-29-32 #5H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 211-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T28N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, 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 POWERS 20-29-32 #4H AND POWERS 20-29-32 #5H WELLS.

ORDER 212-2025

Docket No. 297-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 211-2025.
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. 212-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20, 29, and 32, T28N-R59E, Roosevelt County, 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 Powers 20-29-32 #4H and Powers 20-29-32 #5H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 AND 12, T24N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, AND 8, 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 TWO YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 224-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 151-2003 AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T24N-R57E, ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8 AND ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T24N-R58E AND BOARD ORDER 162-2012 THAT ADJUSTED THE SETBACKS IN THAT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T24N-R58E.

Docket No. 298-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Wendy Johnson, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer of Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix). Phoenix protested Kraken's request for a two-year commencement-of-operations period within the temporary spacing unit, deviating from the Board's standard one-year requirement.
4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request a one-year requirement for the commencement-of-operations within the temporary spacing unit.
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 1 and 12, T24N-R57E and all of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 Order 151-2003 as it relates to all of Sections 1 and 12, T24N-R57E, all of Sections 5 and 8, and all of Sections 6 and 7, T24N-R58E and Board Order 162-2012 are hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 FOUR ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1 AND 12, T24N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, AND 8, T24N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 225-2025

Docket No. 299-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 224-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of four additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 1 and 12, T24N-R57E and Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T24N-R58E, 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. 225-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Kraken is authorized to drill up to four additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1 and 12, T24N-R57E and all of Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 16, 21, 28, AND 33, T26N-R56E, 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 TWO YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 222-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 201-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16 AND 21, T26N-R56E.

Docket No. 300-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request a one-year requirement for the commencement-of-operations within the temporary spacing unit.
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. 222-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 16, 21, 28, and 33, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well 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 Order 201-2010 is hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 16, 21, 28, AND 33, T26N-R56E,
RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200'
(HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE
EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 223-2025

Docket No. 301-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 222-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 16, 21, 28, and 33, T26N-R56E, 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. 223-2025

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 16, 21, 28, and 33, T26N-R56E, 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 that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

ORDER 228-2025

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17, 20, 29, AND 32, 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 TWO YEARS 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.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 143-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, 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 BREAKS 20-17 #1-H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 561-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 29 AND 32, 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 MAHLEN 24-32H WELL AND THAT ORDER 562-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 39-2025 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T26N-R57E AND THAT ORDER 40-2025 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 41-2025 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T26N-R57E AND THAT ORDER 42-2025 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 302-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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. Dockets 302-2025 to 305-2025 were combined for hearing since a protest pertained to these dockets.

3. John Lee, attorney, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

4. Wendy Johnson, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer of Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix) in opposition to the application.

5. On February 20, 2025, the Board heard competing applications from Phoenix and Kraken, both involving Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana. At that hearing, after considering the testimony, statements, and exhibits from both applicants regarding their respective development plans, the Board denied Phoenix's request for the authorization to drill three additional wells in the existing special statewide temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, in favor of Kraken's request for the designation of an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-R57E. Both applications satisfied the statutory requirements; however, the Board found that Kraken's proposal would provide more efficient and orderly development of the area, minimize surface disturbance, and allow for an established central delivery point to handle future gas volumes and prevent waste of a resource. The Board accordingly issued Order 39-2025 establishing the overlapping temporary spacing unit and Order 40-2025 approving increased well density within that unit.

6. In collaboration with a working interest owner, Kraken subsequently worked out an acreage trade to revise the spacing unit to further facilitate more efficient and orderly field development, consolidate surface pad locations to reduce environmental footprint, and address topographical constraints to improve project economics.

7. Kraken also provided a letter of support from an interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit.

8. Phoenix opposed the application, asserting that granting Kraken's revised overlapping temporary spacing unit and extending the commencement-of-operations period beyond the one-year term granted in Board Order 39-2025 would be inconsistent with the Board's past practice and would prejudice other operators. Phoenix contended that multi-year extensions effectively lock up undeveloped acreage, limit the opportunity for other qualified operators to present alternative development plans, and risk speculative control of acreage without active drilling. Phoenix further raised procedural due-process concerns, arguing that under the current filing and notice process, competing operators are not aware of new spacing applications until after filing deadlines have passed, preventing them from submitting timely competing proposals. Phoenix testified that it owns a significant working interest in Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, and that modifying Orders 39-2025 and 40-2025 prior to their expiration would delay its ability to develop its leasehold interest and unfairly extend Kraken's control without demonstrated need. Phoenix requested that the Board deny Kraken's application or, alternatively, continue the dockets to allow Phoenix to submit its own applications for the same lands, and urged the Board to reaffirm its one-year commencement-of-operations policy to promote timely and competitive development.

9. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request a one-year requirement for the commencement-of-operations within the temporary spacing unit rather than two years.

BOARD ORDER NO. 228-2025

10. The Board considered Phoenix's protest and found that Kraken's application complied with the statutory requirements of § 82-11-201 MCA. The Board noted that Phoenix had no pending application before it, that Kraken agreed to amend its request to conform to the Board's standard one-year commencement requirement, and that Phoenix's due-process concerns relate to agency procedural matters outside the scope of this docket. The Board determined that Kraken's proposed revision, as amended, would promote efficient development, minimize surface disturbance, and protect correlative rights consistent with prior Board decisions.

11. Sections 17 and 20, T26N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 142-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 143-2013. Sections 29 and 32, T26N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 560-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 561-2012.

12. Kraken is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Breaks 20-17 #1-H well. Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation is the operator of the Mahlen 24-32H.

13. 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 17, 20, 29, and 32, 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 143-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Breaks 20-17 #1-H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 561-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Mahlen 24-32H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 562-2012, 39-2025, 40-2025, 41-2025, and 42-2025 are hereby vacated.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 228-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 17, 20, 29, AND 32, T26N-
R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO
THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 229-2025

Docket No. 303-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 302-2025 and 304-2025.

4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken on the same basis and with the same evidence and testimony presented in Dockets 302-2025 and 304-2025.

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 228-2025.

6. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32, T26N-R57E, Richland 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. 229-2025

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 17, 20, 29, and 32, 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 that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 29 AND 32, T27N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, 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. 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 230-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 546-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T27N-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 DOUBLE BAR M #24-32H WELL AND THAT ORDER 547-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 39-2025 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T26N-R57E AND THAT ORDER 40-2025 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 304-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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. Dockets 302-2025 to 305-2025 were combined for hearing since a protest pertained to these dockets.

BOARD ORDER NO. 230-2025

3. John Lee, attorney, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

4. Wendy Johnson, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer of Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix) in opposition to the application.

5. On February 20, 2025, the Board heard competing applications from Phoenix and Kraken, both involving Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana. At that hearing, after considering the testimony, statements, and exhibits from both applicants regarding their respective development plans, the Board denied Phoenix's request for the authorization to drill three additional wells in the existing special statewide temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, in favor of Kraken's request for the designation of an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T26N-R57E. Both applications satisfied the statutory requirements; however, the Board found that Kraken's proposal would provide more efficient and orderly development of the area, minimize surface disturbance, and allow for an established central delivery point to handle future gas volumes and prevent waste of a resource. The Board accordingly issued Order 39-2025 establishing the overlapping temporary spacing unit and Order 40-2025 approving increased well density within that unit.

6. In collaboration with a working interest owner, Kraken subsequently worked out an acreage trade to revise the spacing unit to further facilitate more efficient and orderly field development, consolidate surface pad locations to reduce environmental footprint, and address topographical constraints to improve project economics.

7. Kraken also provided a letter of support from an interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit.

8. Phoenix opposed the application, asserting that granting Kraken's revised overlapping temporary spacing unit and extending the commencement-of-operations period beyond the one-year term granted in Board Order 39-2025 would be inconsistent with the Board's past practice and would prejudice other operators. Phoenix contended that multi-year extensions effectively lock up undeveloped acreage, limit the opportunity for other qualified operators to present alternative development plans, and risk speculative control of acreage without active drilling. Phoenix further raised procedural due-process concerns, arguing that under the current filing and notice process, competing operators are not aware of new spacing applications until after filing deadlines have passed, preventing them from submitting timely competing proposals. Phoenix testified that it owns a significant working interest in Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, and that modifying Orders 39-2025 and 40-2025 prior to their expiration would delay its ability to develop its leasehold interest and unfairly extend Kraken's control without demonstrated need. Phoenix requested that the Board deny Kraken's application or, alternatively, continue the dockets to allow Phoenix to submit its own applications for the same lands, and urged the Board to reaffirm its one-year commencement-of-operations policy to promote timely and competitive development.

9. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request a one-year requirement for the commencement-of-operations within the temporary spacing unit rather than two years.

10. The Board considered Phoenix's protest and found that Kraken's application complied with the statutory requirements of § 82-11-201 MCA. The Board noted that Phoenix had no pending application before it, that Kraken agreed to amend its request to conform to the Board's standard one-year commencement requirement, and that Phoenix's due-process concerns relate to agency procedural matters outside the scope of this docket. The Board determined that Kraken's proposed revision, as amended, would promote efficient development, minimize surface disturbance, and protect correlative rights consistent with prior Board decisions.

11. Sections 29 and 32, T27N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 545-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 546-2012.

BOARD ORDER NO. 230-2025

12. Kraken is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit. Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation is the operator of the Double Bar M #24-32H.

13. 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 29 and 32, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 5 and 8, 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 546-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Double Bar M #24-32H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 547-2012, 39-2025, and 40-2025 are hereby vacated.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 230-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 29 AND 32, T27N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 231-2025

Docket No. 305-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 302-2025 and 304-2025.

4. Phoenix Operating LLC protested the application of Kraken on the same basis and with the same evidence and testimony presented in Dockets 302-2025 and 304-2025.

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 230-2025.

6. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 29 and 32, T27N-R57E and Sections 5 and 8, T26N-R57E, Richland 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. 231-2025

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 29 and 32, T27N-R57E and all of Sections 5 and 8, 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 that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, AND 20, 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 TWO YEARS 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 226-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 185-2010 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 8 AND 17, 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 ROGNEY 17-8 #1-H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 4-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20 AND 21, T28N-R56E.

Docket No. 314-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

3. Wendy Johnson, attorney, Mark Johnson, executive vice president of land, regulatory, and HSE, and Brandon Allen, chief operating officer of Phoenix Energy, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix). Phoenix protested Kraken's request for a two-year commencement-of-operations period within the temporary spacing unit, deviating from the Board's standard one-year requirement.

BOARD ORDER NO. 226-2025

4. At the time of the hearing, Kraken agreed to amend its application to request a one-year requirement for the commencement-of-operations within the temporary spacing unit.

5. Sections 8 and 17, T28N-R56E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 185-2010.

6. Kraken is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Rogney 17-8 #1-H well.

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 5, 8, 17, and 20, 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 spacing order established by Board Order 185-2010 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Rogney 17-8 #1-H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 4-2011 is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 226-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 5, 8, 17, AND 20, T28N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 227-2025

Docket No. 315-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Alan White, vice president of land, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, 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 226-2025.
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, 17, and 20, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt 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 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 5, 8, 17, and 20, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 227-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, 16, AND 21, T25N-R56E, 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. 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 232-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 198-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16 AND 21, T25N-R56E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 99-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T25N-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 BUCKLEY 1-9H WELL AND THAT ORDER 100-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 321-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
3. Sections 4 and 9, T25N-R56E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 98-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 99-2013.
4. Continental Resources is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Buckley 1-9H well.
5. No protest to the application of Continental Resources was made.

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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 4, 9, 16, and 21, T25N-R56E, 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 99-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Buckley 1-9H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 198-2010 and 100-2013 are hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO
AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO TWO ADDITIONAL
HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS
ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, 16, AND 21, T25N-
R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN
200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO
THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 233-2025

Docket No. 322-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).

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 232-2025.

4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana.

5. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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 Continental Resources is authorized to drill up to two additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T25N-R56E, 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. 233-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T23N-R55E, 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 240-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 203-2004 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T23N-R55E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE NEVINS 41X-8, ROBERTS 34X-8, AND EUGENE 14X-8 WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 262-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE N½ OF SECTION 17, T23N-R55E.

Docket No. 343-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Dave Pearson, vice president of land, Erin Donovan, manager of geology, and Brandon Neely, vice president of asset development, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).
3. Sections 5 and 8, T23N-R55E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 202-2004, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 203-2004.
4. At the time of the hearing, the applicant agreed to maintain a 660' lateral setback in order to protect correlative rights and ensure consistency with previously established development patterns.
5. MorningStar is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Nevins 41X-8, Roberts 34X-8, and Eugene 14X-8 well.
6. No protest to the application of MorningStar was made.

BOARD ORDER NO. 240-2025

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 5, 8, and 17, T23N-R55E, 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 660' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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 203-2004 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Nevins 41X-8, Roberts 34X-8, and Eugene 14X-8 wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 262-2010 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T23N-R59E AND THE N½ OF SECTION 5, T22N-R59E, 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 241-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDERS 343-2013 AND 1-2017 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 28, 29, 32, AND 33, T23N-R59E, BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDERS ARE LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE DIGE #41X-29DXA WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 331-2006 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T22N-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 SIMONSEN 44X-5 WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 387-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T23N-R59E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 51-2024 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T22N-R59E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDERS 60-2008 AND 60-2023 THAT AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL WELL AND ADJUSTED THE SETBACKS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T22N-R59E.

Docket No. 346-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, Erin Donovan, manager of geology, and Brandon Neely, vice president of asset development, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).

3. Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, T23N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 342-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Orders 343-2013 and 1-2017. Sections 5 and 8, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 93-2006, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 331-2006.

4 MorningStar is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Dige #41X-29DXA and Simonsen 44X-5 wells.

5 No protest to the application of MorningStar 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 29 and 32, T23N-R59E and the N½ of Section 5, T22N-R59E, 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.

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 orders established by Board Order 343-2013 and 1-2017 are limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Dige #41X-29DXA well; the pooling order established by Board Order 331-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Simonsen 44X-5 well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 387-2013, 51-2024, 60-2008 and 60-2023 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 241-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO ONE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T23N-R59E AND THE N½ OF SECTION 5, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 242-2025

Docket No. 347-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, Erin Donovan, manager of geology, and Brandon Neely, vice president of asset development, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).
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 241-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval well in Sections 29 and 32, T23N-R59E and the N½ of Section 5, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of MorningStar 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. 242-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that MorningStar is authorized to drill an additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 29 and 32, T23N-R59E and the N½ of Section 5, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, said well 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE S½ OF SECTION 5 AND ALL OF SECTIONS 8 AND 17, T22N-R59E, 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 243-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 238-2007 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T22N-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 DARLENE 41X-20 AND MARKER 34X-20 WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 331-2006 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T22N-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 SIMONSEN 44X-5 WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 51-2024 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T22N-R59E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDERS 60-2008 AND 60-2023 THAT AUTHORIZED AN ADDITIONAL WELL AND ADJUSTED THE SETBACKS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T22N-R59E.

Docket No. 348-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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. 243-2025

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, Erin Donovan, manager of geology, and Brandon Neely, vice president of asset development, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).

3. Sections 17 and 20, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 113-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 238-2007. Sections 5 and 8, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 93-2006, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 331-2006.

4. MorningStar is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Darlene 41X-20, Marker 34X-20, and Simonsen 44X-5 wells.

5. No protest to the application of MorningStar 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 the S½ of Section 5 and all of Sections 8 and 17, T22N-R59E, 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.

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 238-2007 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Darlene 41X-20 and Marker 34X-20 wells; the pooling order established by Board Order 331-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Simonsen 44X-5 well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 51-2024, 60-2008, and 60-2023 are hereby vacated.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 243-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T23N-R59E AND THE N½ OF SECTION 4, T22N-R59E, 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 244-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDERS 343-2013 AND 1-2017 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 28, 29, 32 AND 33, T23N-R59E, BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDERS ARE LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE DIGE #41X-29DXA WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDERS 48-2016 AND 49-2016 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T23N-R59E, BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDERS ARE LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE P & Q FARMS 21X-28D AND P & Q FARMS 21X-28BXC WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 193-2008 PERTAINING TO SECTION 4, T22N-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 ANDERSON 1-4H WELL.

Docket No. 349-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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. 244-2025

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, Erin Donovan, manager of geology, and Brandon Neely, vice president of asset development, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).

3. Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33, T23N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 342-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Orders 343-2013 and 1-2017. Sections 28 and 33, T23N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 186-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Orders 48-2016 and 49-2016. Section 4, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 192-2008, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 193-2008.

4. MorningStar is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Dige #41X-29DXA, P & Q Farms 21X-28D, P & Q Farms 21X-28BXC, and Anderson 1-4H wells.

5. No protest to the application of MorningStar 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 28 and 33, T23N-R59E and the N½ of Section 4, T22N-R59E, 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.

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 orders established by Board Order 343-2013 and 1-2017 are limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Dige #41X-29DXA well; the pooling orders established by Board Order 48-2016 and 49-2016 are limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of P & Q Farms 21X-28D and P & Q Farms 21X-28BXC wells; and the pooling order established by Board Order 193-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Anderson 1-4H well.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 244-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE S½ OF SECTION 4 AND ALL OF SECTIONS 9 AND 16, T22N-R59E, 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 245-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDERS 263-2006 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 9 AND 16, T22N-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 LORENZ 14X-16 AND SONNY 24X-16BXC WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 193-2008 PERTAINING TO SECTION 4, T22N-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 ANDERSON 1-4H WELL.

Docket No. 350-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, Erin Donovan, manager of geology, and Brandon Neely, vice president of asset development, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).

3. Sections 9 and 16, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 262-2006, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 263-2006. Section 4, T22N-R59E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 192-2008, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 193-2008.

BOARD ORDER NO. 245-2025

4. MorningStar is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Lorenz 14X-16, Sonny 24X-16BXC, and Anderson 1-4H wells.

5. No protest to the application of MorningStar 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 the S½ of Section 4 and all of Sections 9 and 16, T22N-R59E, 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.

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 263-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Lorenz 14X-16 and Sonny 24X-16BXC wells; the pooling order established by Board Order 193-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Anderson 1-4H well.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 245-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE S½ OF SECTION 4, THE S½ OF SECTION 5, AND ALL OF SECTIONS 8, 9, 16, AND 17, T22N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN THE S½ OF SECTION 5, ALL OF SECTIONS 8 AND 17 AND THE S½ OF SECTION 4, ALL OF SECTIONS 9 AND 16, T22N-R59E, WITH A 200' HEEL/TOE SETBACK TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL WITH NO ALLOCATION TO PORTIONS OF ANY EXISTING PERMANENT SPACING UNIT LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE PROPOSED OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT BOUNDARIES. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 246-2025

Docket No. 351-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Law Armstrong, vice president of land, Erin Donovan, manager of geology, and Brandon Neely, vice president of asset development, appeared on behalf of MorningStar Operating LLC (MorningStar).

3. The S½ of Section 5 and all of Sections 8 and 17, T22N-R59E was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit by Order 243-2025. The S½ of Section 4 and all of Sections 9 and 16, T22N-R59E was designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit by Order 245-2025.

4. No protest to the application of MorningStar 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 the S½ of Section 4, the S½ of Section 5, and all of Sections 8, 9, 16, and 17, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well at a location proximate to the common boundary between the overlapping spacing unit comprised of the S½ of Section 5 and all of Sections 8 and 17, T22N-R59E and the overlapping spacing unit comprised of the S½ of Section 4 and all of Sections 9 and 16, T22N-R59E but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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 that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SLAWSON EXPLORATION COMPANY INC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27, 28, 33, AND 34, T27N-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 247-2025

Docket No. 190-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. Member Corey Welter recused himself and took no part in this matter. 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, William Miller, senior reservoir engineer, and Dillion Dolezal, geologist, appeared on behalf of Slawson Exploration Company Inc (Slawson).

3. 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 temporary spacing unit created herein will terminate.

4 No protest to the application of Slawson 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. 247-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, T27N-R59E, 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 a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman (recused)

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 SLAWSON EXPLORATION COMPANY INC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO SIX ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27, 28, 33, AND 34, T27N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 248-2025

Docket No. 191-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. Member Corey Welter recused himself and took no part in this matter. 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, William Miller, senior reservoir engineer, and Dillion Dolezal, geologist, appeared on behalf of Slawson Exploration Company Inc (Slawson).
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 247-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of six additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, T27N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Slawson 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. 248-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that Slawson is authorized to drill up to six additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, T27N-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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman (recused)

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, AND 25, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE GRINDLAND FEDERAL 2-25H AND GRINDLAND FEDERAL 3-25HX WELLS. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 13, T28N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 234-2025

Docket No. 196-2025 / 32-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).

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 18-2024. An additional well was authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Order 129-2024. Applicant has completed the Grindland Federal 2-25H and Grindland Federal 3-25HX wells as producing wells.

4. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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. 234-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 13, 24, and 25, T28N-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 Grindland Federal 2-25H and Grindland Federal 3-25HX wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO
POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT
COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, AND 25, T28N-R57E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, 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 GRINDLAND FEDERAL
2-25H AND GRINDLAND FEDERAL 3-25HX WELLS. THE
APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 13, T28N-
R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 235-2025

Docket No. 197-2025 / 33-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
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 234-2025.
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 Continental Resources 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. 235-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13, 24, and 25, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, 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 Grindland Federal 2-25H and Grindland Federal 3-25HX wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23, AND 26, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE COURTNEY FIU 4-26H AND COURTNEY FEDERAL 3-26H WELLS. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ AND LOTS 3, 4, 7, AND 8 OF SECTION 14, AND LOTS 1, 5, 6, AND NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 23, T28N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 236-2025

Docket No. 198-2025 / 34-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).

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 17-2024. Additional wells were authorized within the temporary spacing unit by Board Orders 130-2024 and 161-2024. Applicant has completed the Courtney FIU 4-26H and Courtney Federal 3-26H wells as producing wells.

4. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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. 236-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T28N-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 Courtney FIU 4-26H and Courtney Federal 3-26H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23, AND 26, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, 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 COURTNEY FIU 4-26H AND COURTNEY FEDERAL 3-26H WELLS. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE W½E½ AND LOTS 3, 4, 7, AND 8 OF SECTION 14, AND LOTS 1, 5, 6, AND NW¼NE¼ OF SECTION 23, T28N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 237-2025

Docket No. 199-2025 / 35-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
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 236-2025.
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 Continental Resources 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. 237-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, and 26, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, 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 Courtney FIU 4-26H and Courtney Federal 3-26H wells.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, AND 26, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE COURTNEY FIU 5-26HSL WELL. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 13, W½E½ AND LOTS 3, 4, 7, AND 8 OF SECTION 14, AND NW¼NE¼ AND LOTS 1, 5, AND 6 OF SECTION 23, T28N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 238-2025

Docket No. 200-2025 / 36-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
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 131-2024. Applicant has completed the Courtney FIU 5-26HSL well as a producing well.
4. No protest to the application of Continental Resources 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. 238-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, and 26, T28N-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 Courtney FIU 5-26HSL well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, AND 26, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, 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 COURTNEY FIU 5-26HSL WELL. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 13, W½E½ AND LOTS 3, 4, 7, AND 8 OF SECTION 14, AND NW¼NE¼ AND LOTS 1, 5, AND 6 OF SECTION 23, T28N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 239-2025

Docket No. 201-2025 / 37-2025 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, Blaine Dutchik, landman, Carl Coe, geology operations supervisor, JJ Kim, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Continental Resources, Inc (Continental Resources).
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 238-2025.
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 Continental Resources 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. 239-2025

Order

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, and 26, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, 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 Courtney FIU 5-26HSL well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 DEVON ENERGY WILLISTON, L.L.C.
TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 37-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT
OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE
OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL
OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, AND 15, T28N-R59E,
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR
TO APRIL 11, 2026. ALL OTHER PROVISIONS IN SAID ORDER
REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

ORDER 249-2025

Docket No. 236-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, appeared on behalf of Devon Energy Williston, L.L.C. (Devon).
3. No protest to the application of Devon 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 37-2024 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than April 11, 2026.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 249-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 25 AND 26, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 30, T25N-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. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 250-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 142-2011 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 25 AND 36, 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 TVEIT 25-36 #1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 161-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 558-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 26 AND 35, 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 SALSURY #24-35-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 559-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 11-2014 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T25N-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 BERRY #24-32-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 12-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 248-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).

3. Sections 25 and 36, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 141-2011, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 142-2011. Sections 26 and 35, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 557-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 558-2012. Sections 29 and 32, T25N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 10-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 11-2014.

4. Whiting is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Tveit 25-36 #1H, Salsbury #24-35-1H, and Berry #24-32-1H wells.

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 all of Sections 25 and 26, T25N-R57E and all of Sections 29 and 30, T25N-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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the well authorized by this application must be drilled in coordination with development in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprising all of Sections 35 and 36, T25N-R57E, and all of Sections 31 and 32, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, such that one well in each overlapping temporary spacing unit is completed contemporaneously.

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 142-2011 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Tveit 25-36 #1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 558-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Salsbury #24-35-1H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 11-2014 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Berry #24-32-1H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 161-2012, 559-2012, and 12-2014 are hereby vacated.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 250-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 25 AND 26, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 30, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 251-2025

Docket No. 249-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, senior 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 250-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 25 and 26, T25N-R57E and Sections 29 and 30, T25N-R58E, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 251-2025

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 25 and 26, T25N-R57E and all of Sections 29 and 30, T25N-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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 35 AND 36, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 31 AND 32, T25N-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. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 252-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 142-2011 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 25 AND 36, 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 TVEIT 25-36 #1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 161-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 558-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 26 AND 35, 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 SALSURY #24-35-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 559-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 11-2014 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T25N-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 BERRY #24-32-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 12-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 250-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).

3. Sections 25 and 36, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 141-2011, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 142-2011. Sections 26 and 35, T25N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 557-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 558-2012. Sections 29 and 32, T25N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 10-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 11-2014.

4. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Tveit 25-36 #1H, Salisbury #24-35-1H, and Berry #24-32-1H wells.

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 all of Sections 35 and 36, T25N-R57E and all of Sections 31 and 32, T25N-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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the well authorized by this application must be drilled in coordination with development in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprising all of Sections 25 and 26, T25N-R57E and all of Sections 29 and 30, T25N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, such that one well in each overlapping temporary spacing unit is completed contemporaneously.

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 142-2011 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Tveit 25-36 #1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 558-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Salisbury #24-35-1H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 11-2014 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Berry #24-32-1H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 161-2012, 559-2012, and 12-2014 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 252-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 35 AND 36, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 31 AND 32, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 253-2025

Docket No. 251-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, senior 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 252-2025.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 35 and 36, T25N-R57E and Sections 31 and 32, T25N-R58E, 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 35 and 36, T25N-R57E and all of Sections 31 and 32, T25N-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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 13, 24, 25, AND 36, 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 254-2025

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 160-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 13 AND 24, 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 KITTLESON FEDERAL #24-24-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 161-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 256-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. Sections 13 and 24, T26N-R57E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 159-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 160-2013
4. Whiting is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and operator of the Kittleson Federal #24-24-1H well.
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 all of Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, 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.

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 160-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Kittleson Federal #24-24-1H well.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 161-2013 is hereby vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a federal communitization agreement for spacing units that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 13, 24, 25, AND 36, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 255-2025

Docket No. 257-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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, senior 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 254-2025.
4. 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, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 255-2025

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 13, 24, 25, and 36, 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 that contain both federal and non-federal land must 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 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS WELLS TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA AND 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.

ORDER 256-2025

Docket No. 355-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 has an outstanding fine in the amount of \$1,140. This fine amount includes a \$140 penalty for delinquent reporting and \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 14, 2025, public hearings.
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 October 9, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Hesla must begin to plug and abandon or transfer its three wells in Toole County, Montana prior to the December 11, 2025, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon or transfer the wells may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bonds in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

BOARD ORDER NO. 256-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON
OR TRANSFER ITS THREE WELLS IN TOOLE COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 257-2025

Docket No. 356-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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. In an email from Ricardo with McOil, he states he is no longer living in the United States. Due to his financial condition, he is unable to hire a legal representative and that McOil's three wells are not producing.
4. Production records indicate that the McCarter 35-2 (API # 25-101-21862) and McCarter 26-1 (API # 25-101-21849) wells have been producing over the last few years.
5. McOil has an outstanding fine in the amount of \$2,340. This fine amount includes a \$340 penalty for delinquent reporting and \$2,000 for failure to appear at the June 12, 2025 and August 14, 2025, public hearings.
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 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 October 9, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that McOil is to appear at the December 11, 2025, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why it should not be required to immediately plug and abandon its wells and why additional penalties, which could include its production being declared illegal in accordance with ARM 36.22.1245, should not be assessed for failure to pay existing penalties and failure to appear at prior show-cause hearings.

BOARD ORDER NO. 257-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 ITS PRODUCTION BEING DECLARED ILLEGAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARM 36.22.1245, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FAILURE TO REMEDY THE COMPLIANCE ISSUES.

ORDER 258-2025

Docket No. 357-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 company officers Jorge De La Torre and Arturo De La Torre 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 BWUTSU A119 (API # 25-065-05162), BWLTSU C519 (API # 25-065-05128), Moffett D618 (API # 25-065-05185, Keating 1A-26 (API # 25-095-21143), and Keating 4-25 (API # 25-095-21047), wells. Board Order 202-2025 increased the daily fine to \$250. At the time of hearing, Board records indicate the BWUTSU A119, Moffett D618, and Keating 4-25 wells are now in compliance, while the following violations remain outstanding:

BWLTSU C519 (API # 25-065-05128):
- Repair or replace pit netting
- Remove oil and water from pit
Keating 1A-26 (API # 25-095-21143)
- Stop gas leak

4. The daily fine for the unresolved violations has accrued to \$18,950.

5. MEC stated that it is actively working to resolve the remaining outstanding issues and that additional staff have traveled from Texas to assist. MEC represented that these issues are a top priority and will be addressed prior to the next hearing.

6. In addition to the above previous violations, MEC is overdue on the mechanical integrity tests for the following four wells: CSTSU C216 (API # 25-087-05283), CSTSU B315 (API # 25-087-05250), CSTSU A310 (API # 25-087-05347), and CSTSU C310 (API # 25-087-05353). MEC also has the following new compliance issues:

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CSTSU B411 (API # 25-087-05318)

- Repair flow line
- Remove oil from flow line rupture
- Complete soil disposal and remediation

CSTSU C214 (API # 25-087-05267)

- Failed mechanical integrity test (MIT)
- Has 180 days to plug or repair the well, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1416

7. 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 was not paid. At the August 14, 2025, public hearing, the fine doubled to \$2,000. To date, the fine has still not been paid.

8. Due to the operator's history of current and past compliance issues, at the August 14, 2025, public hearing the Board ordered MEC to immediately increase its \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond to \$100,000, in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3). To date, the additional bonding has not been received.

9. MEC requested an abatement of the fine and an abeyance of the bond increase. Staff recommended this be discussed at the December hearing once all the outstanding violations have been resolved.

10. MEC submitted an updated company organization report (Form 1), as required by Board Order 202-2025.

11. 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 Docket 357-2025 is continued until the December 11, 2025, public hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that MEC must pay the \$2,000 fine for failure to comply with Administrative Order 15-A-2024 prior to the November 6, 2025, hearing deadline.

BOARD ORDER NO. 258-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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, 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 PLUG AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS WELLS LOCATED IN BIG HORN COUNTY, MONTANA, PRIOR TO THE OCTOBER 9, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED BY BOARD ORDER 205-2025.

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Docket No. 358-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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. At the time of hearing, Powder Battalion began plugging operations on its two wells. The daily fine of \$250 per day, assessed by Board Order 76-2025 until plugging operations began, ceased on October 9, 2025, after accruing to a total of \$17,250.
4. 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.
5. Powder Battalion's total outstanding fines amount to \$18,390.
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 358-2025 is continued until the December 11, 2025, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 259-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

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Mac McDermott, Board Member

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W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 COALRIDGE DISPOSAL AND PETROLEUM, INC. APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS WELLS IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AND WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE REPORTS, FAILURE TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT PRODUCTION AND INJECTION REPORTING, AND FAILURE TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING FINES.

ORDER 260-2025

Docket No. 88-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 Coalridge Disposal & Petroleum (Coalridge).
3. Coalridge has an outstanding fee in the amount of \$4,760. This fee amount includes a \$160 penalty for delinquent reporting, the annual \$200 injection fee due for each of its two permitted injection wells, the \$100 per well late fee for failure to submit its injection fee payment prior to the deadline, and the \$4,000 fine for failure to appear at the June 13, 2024, August 15, 2024, October 10, 2024, and December 5, 2025, public hearings.
4. The legal dispute concerning the determination of responsibility for the company is still ongoing.
5. Staff recommended the docket be continued until the February 12, 2026, public hearing.
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 88-2025 is continued until the February 12, 2026, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 260-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

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Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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.

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Docket No. 269-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 December 11, 2025, public hearing to allow additional time to gather information regarding the bankruptcy proceedings.
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 December 11, 2025, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 261-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana,
this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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W. John Tietz, Board Member (absent)

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 IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS WELLS IN CARBON, GLACIER, PONDERA, AND TOOLE COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ORDER 262-2025

Docket No. 275-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on October 9, 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. Members Roy Brown and W. John Tietz were absent. 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 a complete plan to plug and abandon its Essex-Thompson 1 and Myhre 3-25 wells.
4. At the August 14, 2025, public hearing, the daily fine of \$250 was suspended until the September 4, 2025, hearing application deadline. Following that deadline, if no complete plugging plans were received, the daily fine of \$250 would increase to \$500.
5. Yellowstone submitted the abandonment plans to staff prior to the deadline and the plans were approved on September 25, 2025.
6. Yellowstone paid its outstanding fine.
7. Yellowstone requested additional time to plug or transfer the remaining wells.
8. 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 275-2025 is continued until the December 11, 2025, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 262-2025

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of October, 2025.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist