

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC FOR A PERMIT TO DRILL THE CAPTAIN 11-10-9-8 1H, CAPTAIN 11-10-9-8 2H, CAPTAIN 11-10-9-8 3H, AND CAPTAIN 11-10-9-8 4H WELLS IN SECTIONS 8, 9, 10, AND 11, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA. OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC HAS FILED PROTEST OF THESE APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.M. 36.22.601 BASED ON PUBLISHED NOTICE IN THE HELENA INDEPENDENT RECORD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026.

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Docket No. 235-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Dockets 235-2026 and 236-2026 were consolidated for hearing at the agreement of the parties. The dockets concern applications for permits to drill filed by Phoenix Operating LLC's (Phoenix) within existing overlapping temporary spacing units (OTSU) located in Roosevelt County, Montana. Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis) filed protests of the applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601.

3. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis. Oasis presented testimony and exhibits in opposition to Phoenix's applications for permit to drill.

4. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix. Phoenix presented testimony and exhibits in support of its applications.

5. The lands at issue are within OTSUs established by Board order in August 2025. Those OTSUs overlap an existing permanent spacing unit established by Board order 47-2014 comprised of Sections 3 and 10, Township 29 North, Range 58 East, which contains an existing well operated by Oasis.

6. Oasis operates the existing well within the permanent spacing unit and has done so since approximately 2013. Oasis holds a majority working interest in the permanent spacing unit and testified that it holds substantial working interests within the OTSUs.

7. Oasis presented testimony and exhibits that it has undertaken development planning for the OTSUs, including execution of surface use agreements, completion of cultural and environmental reviews, and preparation of drilling and infrastructure plans, and intends to develop the units in phases.

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8. Phoenix filed applications for permits to drill within the OTSUs in February 2026. Oasis subsequently filed applications for permits to drill within the same units in March 2026.

9. Phoenix testified that it holds significant leasehold interests within the OTSUs, including leasehold that is not held by production, and that its applications were filed to protect those interests and facilitate timely development.

10. The evidence established that the proposed well paths associated with the applications would traverse the existing permanent spacing unit and would cross or come into proximity with the existing wellbore operated by Oasis.

11. Oasis testified that it did not consent to Phoenix conducting drilling operations across its existing wellbore and that such operations would require coordination, increase operational risk, could result in damage to existing infrastructure, and would create competing interests and potential conflicts among working interest owners.

12. Phoenix testified that its proposed wells are consistent with the development plan for the OTSUs and that modern drilling practices, including anti-collision procedures, are capable of mitigating risks associated with drilling near existing wellbores.

13. Phoenix further testified that allowing only a single operator to develop the OTSUs would adversely affect competitive leasing and limit the ability of other interest owners to develop their leasehold interests.

14. The Board considered prior decisions addressing overlapping development and the operation of multiple operators within the same spacing unit, including findings that such circumstances may create uncertainty regarding future development, increase the likelihood of conflict among interest owners, and negatively impact correlative rights.

15. The Board considered the timing of the applications for permits to drill and Phoenix's position that it filed the first approvable applications. The Board recognizes that, in circumstances where competing applications are otherwise equal, the timing of filing would be a relevant consideration. However, the Board finds that the circumstances presented here are not equal, including the presence of an existing permanent spacing unit and wellbore operated by Oasis, and that the Board's statutory mandates to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and ensure the orderly development of the resource are controlling.

16. The Board finds that authorizing a second operator to conduct drilling operations within the same spacing units, including drilling across an existing wellbore operated by another party, would create uncertainty regarding future development of the pool and increase the likelihood of operational conflicts.

17. The Board further finds that such conditions would not promote the orderly, efficient, and economic development of the resource and may adversely affect correlative rights.

18. 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 under the facts presented authorizing a second operator to conduct drilling operations within an existing spacing configuration, including across an existing wellbore operated by another party and without the consent of the operator of the existing permanent spacing unit, would create uncertainty regarding future development of the pool, create conflict among interest owners, negatively impact correlative rights, and would not promote the orderly, efficient, and economic development of the resource as required under § 82-11-201, MCA.

BOARD ORDER NO. 162-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the applications for permit to drill filed by Phoenix for four horizontal Bakken/Three Forks wells in Sections 8, 9, 10, and 11, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana are denied.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC FOR A PERMIT TO DRILL THE MAJOR 2-3-4-5 1H, MAJOR 2-3-4-5 2H, MAJOR 2-3-4-5 3H, AND MAJOR 2-3-4-5 4H WELLS IN SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, AND 5, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA. OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC HAS FILED PROTEST OF THESE APPLICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A.R.M. 36.22.601 BASED ON PUBLISHED NOTICE IN THE HELENA INDEPENDENT RECORD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026.

ORDER 163-2026

Docket No. 236-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Dockets 235-2026 and 236-2026 were consolidated for hearing at the agreement of the parties. The dockets concern applications for permits to drill filed by Phoenix Operating LLC's (Phoenix) within existing overlapping temporary spacing units (OTSU) located in Roosevelt County, Montana. Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis) filed protests of the applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601.

3. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis. Oasis presented testimony and exhibits in opposition to Phoenix's applications for permit to drill.

4. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix. Phoenix presented testimony and exhibits in support of its applications.

5. The lands at issue are within OTSUs established by Board order in August 2025. Those OTSUs overlap an existing permanent spacing unit established by Board order 47-2014 comprised of Sections 3 and 10, Township 29 North, Range 58 East, which contains an existing well operated by Oasis.

6. Oasis operates the existing well within the permanent spacing unit and has done so since approximately 2013. Oasis holds a majority working interest in the permanent spacing unit and testified that it holds substantial working interests within the OTSUs.

7. Oasis presented testimony and exhibits that it has undertaken development planning for the OTSUs, including execution of surface use agreements, completion of cultural and environmental reviews, and preparation of drilling and infrastructure plans, and intends to develop the units in phases.

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8. Phoenix filed applications for permits to drill within the OTSUs in February 2026. Oasis subsequently filed applications for permits to drill within the same units in March 2026.

9. Phoenix testified that it holds significant leasehold interests within the OTSUs, including leasehold that is not held by production, and that its applications were filed to protect those interests and facilitate timely development.

10. The evidence established that the proposed well paths associated with the applications would traverse the existing permanent spacing unit and would cross or come into proximity with the existing wellbore operated by Oasis.

11. Oasis testified that it did not consent to Phoenix conducting drilling operations across its existing wellbore and that such operations would require coordination, increase operational risk, could result in damage to existing infrastructure, and would create competing interests and potential conflicts among working interest owners.

12. Phoenix testified that its proposed wells are consistent with the development plan for the OTSUs and that modern drilling practices, including anti-collision procedures, are capable of mitigating risks associated with drilling near existing wellbores.

13. Phoenix further testified that allowing only a single operator to develop the OTSUs would adversely affect competitive leasing and limit the ability of other interest owners to develop their leasehold interests.

14. The Board considered prior decisions addressing overlapping development and the operation of multiple operators within the same spacing unit, including findings that such circumstances may create uncertainty regarding future development, increase the likelihood of conflict among interest owners, and negatively impact correlative rights.

15. The Board considered the timing of the applications for permits to drill and Phoenix's position that it filed the first approvable applications. The Board recognizes that, in circumstances where competing applications are otherwise equal, the timing of filing would be a relevant consideration. However, the Board finds that the circumstances presented here are not equal, including the presence of an existing permanent spacing unit and wellbore operated by Oasis, and that the Board's statutory mandates to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and ensure the orderly development of the resource are controlling.

16. The Board finds that authorizing a second operator to conduct drilling operations within the same spacing units, including drilling across an existing wellbore operated by another party, would create uncertainty regarding future development of the pool and increase the likelihood of operational conflicts.

17. The Board further finds that such conditions would not promote the orderly, efficient, and economic development of the resource and may adversely affect correlative rights.

18. 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 under the facts presented authorizing a second operator to conduct drilling operations within an existing spacing configuration, including across an existing wellbore operated by another party and without the consent of the operator of the existing permanent spacing unit, would create uncertainty regarding future development of the pool, create conflict among interest owners, negatively impact correlative rights, and would not promote the orderly, efficient, and economic development of the resource as required under § 82-11-201, MCA.

BOARD ORDER NO. 163-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the applications for permit to drill filed by Phoenix for four horizontal Bakken/Three Forks wells in Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana are denied.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO APPROVE AND CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING WELLS IN RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AS HORIZONTALLY RECOMPLETED WELLS (RECOMPLETED EXISTING HORIZONTAL DRAIN HOLES) ENTITLED TO APPLICABLE SEVERANCE TAX REDUCTIONS THROUGH THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TO CERTIFY PRODUCTION DECLINE RATES TO BE USED IN THE CALCULATION OF INCREMENTAL PRODUCTION. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 106-2026

API NUMBER	WELL NAME	LOCATION	RECOMPLETION DATE (REFRAC)
25-083-22262	FROSTBITE EDITH 6-15H	23N – 57E -6	SEPTEMBER 2025
25-083-22089	FROSTBITE DON 7-2H	23N – 57E -7	SEPTEMBER 2025
25-083-22363	HALVORSEN STATE 21X-36	23N – 57E -36	OCTOBER 2025
25-083-21980	BR 44X-1	24N – 54E -1	NOVEMBER 2025

Docket No. 239-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board’s hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1704 have been met.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the application of MorningStar Operating LLC is granted as applied for.

BOARD ORDER NO. 106-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF AVANTI HELIUM US, INC. FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM OR EXCEPTION TO BOARD RULES, A.R.M. 36.22.1219, 36.22.1220, AND 36.22.1221, ALL RELATING TO THE VENTING OR WASTE OF GAS FROM THE WESTERN NATURAL GAS 10-21 WELL, API 051-21846, LOCATED IN NW¼SE¼ OF SECTION 21, T37N-R4E, AND THE WESTERN NATURAL GAS 11-22 WELL, API # 051-21843, LOCATED IN NE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 22, T37N-R4E, LIBERTY COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 95-2026

Docket No. 240-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, 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. Member Mac McDermott 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. Don Lee, attorney, and Cam Buss, vice president of operations and petroleum engineer, appeared on behalf of Avanti Helium US, Inc (Avanti).
3. The applicant clarified its exemption request was specific to ARM 36.22.1219 and 36.22.1221 and for gas produced from the Flathead Formation.
4. Staff recommended establishing a timeframe to conduct an operations review, the findings of which will include a gas analysis presented at a public hearing.
5. No protest to the application of Avanti 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 ARM 36.22.1221 have been met and taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Avanti is granted an exemption from or exception to Board Rules, A.R.M. 36.22.1219 and 36.22.1221, all relating to the venting of waste of gas from the Flathead Formations from the Western Natural Gas 10-21 well, API 051-21846, located in NW¼SE¼ of Section 21, T37N-R4E, and the Western Natural Gas 11-22 well, API # 051-21843, located in NE¼SW¼ of Section 22, T37N-R4E, Liberty County, Montana.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the venting period authorized under this order is limited to 6 months from the date of initial production from the wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman (Recused)

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 AND 35, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ROCKY WEST 1H WELL.

ORDER 96-2026

Docket No. 241-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 139-2025. Applicant has completed the Rocky West 1H well as a producing well.
4. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 and 35, T23N-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 WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Rocky West 1H well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 96-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 AND 35, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ROCKY WEST 1H WELL.

ORDER 97-2026

Docket No. 242-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
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 96-2026.
4. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 22, 23, 26, 27, 34 and 35, T23N-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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 97-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ROCKY INFILL 2H WELL.

ORDER 98-2026

Docket No. 243-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 137-2025. Applicant has completed the Rocky Infill 2H well as a producing well.
4. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T23N-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 WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Rocky Infill 2H well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 98-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 26, AND 35, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ROCKY INFILL 2H WELL.

ORDER 99-2026

Docket No. 244-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
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 98-2026.
4. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 § 82-11-202, MCA have been met.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 23, 26, and 35, T23N-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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 99-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, AND 36, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ROCKY EAST 3H WELL.

ORDER 100-2026

Docket No. 245-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 63-2025. Applicant has completed the Rocky East 3H well as a producing well.
4. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, T23N-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 WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Rocky East 3H well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 100-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, AND 36, T23N-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 ROCKY EAST 3H WELL.

ORDER 101-2026

Docket No. 246-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
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 100-2026.
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 White Rock 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. 101-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, T23N-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 WAS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Rocky East 3H well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, AND 29, T24N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN SECTIONS 16, 21, AND 28 AND SECTIONS 17, 20, AND 29, T24N-R56E, 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 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 102-2026

Docket No. 247-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, 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. The proposed overlapping spacing unit encompasses all or portions of previously established spacing units. The Board finds that authorization of this overlapping unit is necessary to allow efficient development, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights because current setback requirements prevent the recovery of hydrocarbons along the common boundaries of the existing spacing units.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, and 29, T24N-R56E, 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 north-south common boundary between Sections 16, 21, and 28, T24N-R56E and Sections 17, 20, and 29, T24N-R56E but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T25N-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 660' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 103-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 15-2005 PERTAINING TO SECTION 30, T25N-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 DORIGHT-VAIRA 30-2H AND DORIGHT-BETTY 30-4H WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 187-2002 PERTAINING TO SECTION 31, T25N-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 BURNING TREE-JESSIE 31-3-HID3, BURNING TREE-LUREN 31-4H, AND BURNING TREE-JULSON 31-16-H WELLS.

Docket No. 248-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, 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. Section 30, T25N-R55E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 15-2005. Section 31, T25N-R55E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 187-2002.

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4. MorningStar is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Doright-Vaira 30-2H, Doright-Betty 30-4H, Burning Tree-Jessie 31-3-HID3, Burning Tree-Luren 31-4H, and Burning Tree-Julson 31-16-H wells.

5. MorningStar testified it did not plan to drill a third well within Section 30 as authorized by Order 314-2008 and would make a future application to vacate that order.

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 30 and 31, T25N-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 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the spacing order established by Board Order 15-2005 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Doright-Vaira 30-2H and Doright-Betty 30-4H wells; and the spacing order established by Board Order 187-2002 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Burning Tree-Jessie 31-3-HID3, Burning Tree-Luren 31-4H, and Burning Tree-Julson 31-16-H wells.

BOARD ORDER NO. 103-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 113-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 17-2014 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 1 AND 12, 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 IVERSEN BROS. #31-1-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 18-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 333-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 2 AND 11, 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 SUNDHEIM #31-2-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 334-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 159-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 3 AND 10, 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 BARTER #21-3H WELL AND THAT ORDER 160-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 250-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 113-2026

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

3. Sections 1 and 12, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 16-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 17-2014. Sections 2 and 11, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 332-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 333-2013. Sections 3 and 10, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 158-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 159-2012.

4. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Iversen Bros. #31-1-1H, Sundheim #31-2-1H, and Barter #21-3H 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 1, 2, and 3, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the well authorized by this application must be drilled in coordination with development of the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprising all of Sections 10, 11, and 12, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, such that one well within each overlapping temporary spacing unit is drilled and completed contemporaneously as part of a coordinated development plan.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 17-2014 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Iversen Bros. #31-1-1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 333-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sundheim #31-2-1H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 159-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Barter #21-3H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 18-2014, 334-2013, and 160-2012 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 113-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 3, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 114-2026

Docket No. 251-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 113-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 1, 2, and 3, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the overlapping temporary spacing unit spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1, 2, and 3, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 114-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 10, 11, AND 12, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 115-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 17-2014 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 1 AND 12, 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 IVERSEN BROS. #31-1-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 18-2014 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 333-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 2 AND 11, 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 SUNDHEIM #31-2-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 334-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 159-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 3 AND 10, 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 BARTER #21-3H WELL AND THAT ORDER 160-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 252-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 115-2026

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

3. Sections 1 and 12, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 16-2014, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 17-2014. Sections 2 and 11, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 332-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 333-2013. Sections 3 and 10, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 158-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 159-2012.

4. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Iversen Bros. #31-1-1H, Sundheim #31-2-1H, and Barter #21-3H 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 10, 11, and 12, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the well authorized by this application must be drilled in coordination with development of the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprising all of Sections 1, 2, and 3, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, such that one well within each overlapping temporary spacing unit is drilled and completed contemporaneously as part of a coordinated development plan.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 17-2014 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Iversen Bros. #31-1-1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 333-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sundheim #31-2-1H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 159-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Barter #21-3H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 18-2014, 334-2013, and 160-2012 are hereby vacated.

IT WAS 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. 115-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 10, 11, AND 12, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 116-2026

Docket No. 253-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 115-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 10, 11, and 12, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 10, 11, and 12, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

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W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15, 16, AND 17, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 117-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 570-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 15 AND 22, 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 KILEN #21-15-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 571-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 20-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 16 AND 21, 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 NORBY #21-16-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 21-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 163-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, 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 VITT #31-17-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 164-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 254-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 117-2026

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

3. Sections 15 and 22, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 569-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 570-2012. Sections 16 and 21, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 19-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 20-2013. Sections 17 and 20, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 162-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 163-2013.

4. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Kilen #21-15-1H, Norby #21-16-1H, Vitt #31-17-1H 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 15, 16, and 17, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the well authorized by this application must be drilled in coordination with development of the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprising all of Sections 20, 21, and 22, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, such that one well within each overlapping temporary spacing unit is drilled and completed contemporaneously as part of a coordinated development plan.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 570-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Kilen #21-15-1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 20-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Norby #21-16-1H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 163-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Vitt #31-17-1H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 571-2012, 21-2013, and 164-2013 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 117-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

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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 15, 16, AND 17, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 118-2026

Docket No. 255-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 117-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 15, 16, and 17, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 15, 16, and 17, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 118-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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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 20, 21, AND 22, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 119-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 570-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 15 AND 22, 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 KILEN #21-15-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 571-2012 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 20-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 16 AND 21, 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 NORBY #21-16-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 21-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 163-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, 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 VITT #31-17-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 164-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 256-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 119-2026

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

3. Sections 15 and 22, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 569-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 570-2012. Sections 16 and 21, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 19-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 20-2013. Sections 17 and 20, T25N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 162-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 163-2013.

4. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Kilen #21-15-1H, Norby #21-16-1H, Vitt #31-17-1H 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 20, 21, and 22, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the well authorized by this application must be drilled in coordination with development of the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprising all of Sections 15, 16, and 17, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, such that one well within each overlapping temporary spacing unit is drilled and completed contemporaneously as part of a coordinated development plan.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 570-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Kilen #21-15-1H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 20-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Norby #21-16-1H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 163-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Vitt #31-17-1H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 571-2012, 21-2013, and 164-2013 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 119-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

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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 20, 21, AND 22, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 120-2026

Docket No. 257-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 119-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 20, 21, and 22, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 20, 21, and 22, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 120-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

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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 5, 8, 17, AND 20, 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 121-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 326-2012 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 5 AND 8, 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 KITTLESON 24-8TFH WELL AND TO AMEND ORDER 327-2012 TO AUTHORIZE ONLY ONE ADDITIONAL WELL IN THAT SPACING UNIT INSTEAD OF THREE.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 420-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 5 AND 8, 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 SUNDHEIM #44-8-3H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 258-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 17 AND 20, 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 SUNDHEIM #31-17-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 259-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 258-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 121-2026

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

3. Sections 5 and 8, T25N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 325-2012, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Orders 326-2012 and 420-2013. Sections 17 and 20, T25N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 258-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 259-2013.

4. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Kittleson 24-8TFH, Sundheim #44-8-3H, and Sundheim #31-17-1H 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 5, 8, 17, and 20, 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 WAS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 326-2012 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Kittleson 24-8TFH well; the pooling order established by Board Order 420-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sundheim #44-8-3H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 258-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sundheim #31-17-1H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 327-2012 is amended to authorize only one additional well in the spacing unit instead of three.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 259-2013 is hereby vacated.

IT WAS 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. 121-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
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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 5, 8, 17, AND 20, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 122-2026

Docket No. 259-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 121-2026.
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, 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, 17, and 20, 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 WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23, 26, AND 35, 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 123-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 29-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 14 AND 23, 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 #34-23-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 30-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 166-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 26 AND 35, 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 SUNDHEIM FEDERAL #24-35-1H WELL AND THAT ORDER 167-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 260-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 123-2026

3. Sections 14 and 23, T26N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 28-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 29-2013. Sections 26 and 35, T26N-R57E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 165-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 166-2013.

4. Whiting is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Kittleson Federal #34-23-1H and Sundheim Federal #24-35-1H 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, 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 WAS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant must apply for permanent spacing within 90 days of successful well completion.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the pooling order established by Board Order 29-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Kittleson Federal #34-23-1H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 166-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sundheim Federal #24-35-1H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 30-2013 and 167-2013 are hereby vacated.

IT WAS 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. 123-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITING OIL AND GAS CORPORATION TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23, 26, AND 35, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 124-2026

Docket No. 261-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 123-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, T26N-R57E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Whiting was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, 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 WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, 25, AND 36, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 125-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 221-2013 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 13 AND 24, T29N-R58E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE B&RT2958 13-25H WELL AND THAT ORDER 222-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 91-2015 PERTAINING TO SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T29N-R58E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE DAVE T #2958 13-25H WELL AND THAT ORDER 226-2013 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 262-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. Sections 13 and 24, T29N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 221-2013. Sections 25 and 36, T29N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 225-2013, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 91-2015.

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4. Oasis is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the B&RT 2958 13-25H and Dave T #2958 13-25H wells.

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the spacing order established by Board Order 221-2013 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of B&RT2958 13-25H well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 91-2015 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Dave T #2958 13-25H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 222-2013 and 226-2013 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 125-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, 25, AND 36, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 126-2026

Docket No. 263-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 125-2026.
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, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Oasis was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T29N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

BOARD ORDER NO. 126-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF OASIS PETROLEUM NORTH AMERICA LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, 25, AND 36, T29N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T29N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY BETWEEN SECTIONS 13, 24, 25, AND 36, T29N-R58E AND SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T29N-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 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 127-2026

Docket No. 264-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Greg Sandberg, landman, Jon Primm, geologist, and Walker Gates, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. The proposed overlapping spacing unit encompasses all or portions of previously established spacing units. The Board finds that authorization of this overlapping unit is necessary to allow efficient development, prevent waste, and protect correlative rights because current setback requirements prevent the recovery of hydrocarbons along the common boundaries of the existing spacing units.
4. No protest to the application of Oasis 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 127-2026

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T29N-R58E and all of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T29N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well at a location proximate to the north-south common boundary between Section 13, 24, 25, and 36, T29N-R58E and Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T29N-R59E but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the well authorized under this application cannot be drilled to total depth until a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well capable of production is drilled to a total depth in the underlying overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T29N-R58E and the underlying overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T29N-R59E, Roosevelt County.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 127-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T24N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 3, 10, AND THE N½ OF SECTION 15, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 128-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 60-2007 THAT DESIGNATED A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 10, T23N-R58E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 93-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T24N-R58E AND BOARD ORDER 163-2012 THAT AMENDED THE SETBACKS.

Docket No. 281-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 27 and 34, T24N-R58E and all of Sections 3, 10, and the N½ of Section 15, T23N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 60-2007, 93-2010, and 163-2012 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T24N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 3, 10, AND THE N½ OF SECTION 15, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 129-2026

Docket No. 282-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 128-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 27 and 34, T24N-R58E and Sections 3, 10, and the N½ of Section 15, T23N-R58E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 129-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 27 and 34, T24N-R58E and all of Sections 3, 10, and the N½ of Section 15, T23N-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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 87-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, AND 4, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED APRIL 2027 HEARING.

ORDER 148-2026

Docket No. 289-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Order 87-2025 is hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the order commence within one year of the date of the order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 148-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 89-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 9, 10, 11, AND 12, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED APRIL 2027 HEARING. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE E½ OF SECTION 9 AND THE W½NW¼ AND N½SW¼ OF SECTION 10, T28N-R58E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 149-2026

Docket No. 290-2026 / 45 -2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Order 89-2025 is hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the order commence within one year of the date of the order.

IT WAS 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. 149-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 83-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, T28N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 6, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED APRIL 2027 HEARING.

ORDER 150-2026

Docket No. 291-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Order 83-2025 is hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the order commence within one year of the date of the order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 150-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 85-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 12, T28N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 7 AND 8, T28N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED APRIL 2027 HEARING. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE E½ AND THE NW¼ OF SECTION 12, T28N-R57E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 151-2026

Docket No. 292-2026 / 46-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Order 85-2025 is hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the order commence within one year of the date of the order.

IT WAS 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. 151-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 91-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17, 20, 29, AND 32, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED APRIL 2027 HEARING.

ORDER 152-2026

Docket No. 293-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Order 91-2025 is hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the order commence within one year of the date of the order.

BOARD ORDER NO. 152-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 93-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 18, 19, 30, AND 31, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED APRIL 2027 HEARING.

ORDER 153-2026

Docket No. 294-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Order 93-2025 is hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the order commence within one year of the date of the order.

IT WAS 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. 153-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDERS 42-2022 AND 146-2024 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTION 33, T27N-R57E AND SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 2027 HEARING.

ORDER 154-2026

Docket No. 295-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Orders 42-2022 and 146-2024 are hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the order commence within one year of the date of the order.

IT WAS 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. 154-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 11, 14, AND 23, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 130-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 222-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14 AND 23, T29N-R56E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 2 AND 11, T29N-R56E.

Docket No. 308-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 130-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 222-2010 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 11, 14, AND 23, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 131-2026

Docket No. 309-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 130-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 2, 11, 14, and 23, T29N-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. 131-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17, 20, 29, AND 32, T30N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 138-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 246-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T30N-R58E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T30N-R58E.

Docket No. 310-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32, T30N-R58E, 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 two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 246-2010 is hereby vacated.

IT WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 17, 20, 29, AND 32, T30N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 139-2026

Docket No. 311-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 138-2026.
4. 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, T30N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 139-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32, T30N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, 20, AND 29, 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. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 140-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 359-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T25N-R56E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 116-2006 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 19 AND 20, T25N-R56E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTION 29, T25N-R56E.

Docket No. 312-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 5, 8, 17, 20, and 29, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 359-2011 and 116-2006 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, 20, AND 29, T25N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 141-2026

Docket No. 313-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 140-2026.
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, 20, and 29, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, 17, 20, and 29, 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. 141-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

ORDER 142-2026

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 31, 32, AND 33, T30N-R59E AND ALL OF SECTION 36, T30N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 131-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T30N-R59E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 130-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T30N-R59E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 78-2024 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T30N-R59E AND THAT ORDER 79-2024 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTION 33, T30N-R59E AND ALL OF SECTION 36, T30N-R58E.

Docket No. 318-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).

BOARD ORDER NO. 142-2026

3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 31, 32, and 33, T30N-R59E and all of Section 36, T30N-R58E, 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 two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 131-2010, 130-2010, 78-2024, and 79-2024 are hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 142-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 31, 32, AND 33, T30N-R59E AND ALL OF SECTION 36, T30N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 143-2026

Docket No. 319-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 142-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 31, 32, and 33, T30N-R59E and all of Section 36, T30N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 31, 32, and 33, T30N-R59E and all of Section 36, T30N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF HYDRA SERVICES LLC TO DRILL THE PEARL 9-H SWD WELL IN THE SW¼NW¼ OF SECTION 9, T28N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 4,614 – 5,505 FT. TVD. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED SINCE THE INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS WATER WITH LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 107-2026

Docket No. 320-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1403 and ARM 36.22.1418 have been met.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the application of Hydra Services LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 107-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO DRILL THE BONSAI 1 SWD WELL IN LOT 1 OF SECTION 3, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,126 – 5,745 FT. TVD. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 108-2026

Docket No. 321-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the application of Phoenix Operating LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 108-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO DRILL THE ORIGAMI 1 SWD WELL IN LOT 1 OF SECTION 3, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,175 – 5,803 FT. TVD. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 109-2026

Docket No. 322-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the application of Phoenix Operating LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 109-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO DRILL THE KATANA 1 SWD WELL IN THE SE¼NE¼ OF SECTION 6, T28N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,098 – 5,717 FT. TVD. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 110-2026

Docket No. 323-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the application of Phoenix Operating LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 110-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO DRILL THE KIMONO 1 SWD WELL IN THE SW¼SE¼ OF SECTION 31, T29N-R57E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,196 – 5,824 FT. TVD. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 111-2026

Docket No. 324-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the application of Phoenix Operating LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 111-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO CONVERT THE BR 33X-5 WELL (API #25-083-22071) IN THE NW¼SE¼ OF SECTION 5, T24N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA AND LAKOTA FORMATIONS AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,214 – 5,641 FT. TVD AND 5,641 – 5,695 FT. TVD. AN AQUIFER EXEMPTION IS BEING REQUESTED SINCE THE INJECTION ZONE CONTAINS WATER WITH LESS THAN 10,000 MG/L TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 112-2026

Docket No. 325-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that the applicant demonstrated the requirements of ARM 36.22.1403 and ARM 36.22.1418 have been met.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the application of MorningStar Operating LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 112-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 33 AND 34, T25N-R54E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 11, AND 12, T24N-R54E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SHIV ROY 33-11-1H WELL.

ORDER 104-2026

Docket No. 53-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Larry O'Toole II, 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. The lands described in the caption were designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 148-2025. Applicant has completed the Shiv Roy 33-11-1H well as a producing well.

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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 33 and 34, T25N-R54E and all of Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, T24N-R54E, Richland County, Montana, is designated a permanent spacing unit for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the Shiv Roy 33-11-1H well is the authorized well for said permanent spacing unit.

BOARD ORDER NO. 104-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF MORNINGSTAR OPERATING LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 33 AND 34, T25N-R54E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 2, 11, AND 12, T24N-R54E, 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 SHIV ROY 33-11-1H WELL.

ORDER 105-2026

Docket No. 54-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Larry O'Toole II, 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. 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 104-2026.
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 MorningStar 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. 105-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 33 and 34, T25N-R54E and all of Sections 1, 2, 11, and 12, T24N-R54E, 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 WAS FURTHER ORDERED that applicant is authorized to recover non-consent penalties in accordance with § 82-11-202(2), MCA, with respect to the Shiv Roy 33-11-1H well.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDER 79-2025 AND BLM ORDER 9-2025 FED TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, AND 20, T27N-R56E, RICHLAND AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 2027 HEARING. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE E½NE¼ AND NE¼SE¼ OF SECTION 5, T27N-R56E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 155-2026

Docket No. 88-2026 / 16-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Joshua Lachner, reservoir engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
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. 155-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Board Order 79-2025 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence within two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

IT WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3, 10, 15, AND 22, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 132-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 223-2010 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15 AND 22, T29N-R56E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T29N-R56E.

Docket No. 112-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 132-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 223-2010 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 3, 10, 15, AND 22, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 133-2026

Docket No. 113-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 132-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 3, 10, 15, and 22, T29N-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. 133-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, AND 20, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 134-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 11-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 8, T29N-R56E AND THAT ORDER 206-2011 THAT INCLUDED THE THREE FORKS FORMATION IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 17 AND 20, T29N-R56E.

Docket No. 114-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 5, 8, 17, and 20, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 11-2011 and 206-2011 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, AND 20, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 135-2026

Docket No. 115-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 134-2026.
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, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, 17, and 20, T29N-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. 135-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

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Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, 18, AND 19, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 136-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 72-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T29N-R56E AND THAT ORDER 207-2011 THAT INCLUDED THE THREE FORKS FORMATION IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INSOFAR AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 18 AND 19, T29N-R56E.

Docket No. 116-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. At the time of hearing, the Board inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 72-2011 and 207-2011 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, 18, AND 19, T29N-R56E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 137-2026

Docket No. 117-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 136-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, T29N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, T29N-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. 137-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, AND 20, T30N-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, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 17 AND THE SW¼ OF SECTION 20, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 144-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 76-2024 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T30N-R59E AND THAT ORDER 77-2024 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 78-2024 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 20, 29, AND 32, T30N-R59E AND THAT ORDER 79-2024 THAT AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL WELLS IN THAT SPACING UNIT BE VACATED.

Docket No. 170-2026 / 31-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).

BOARD ORDER NO. 144-2026

3. At the time of hearing, the Board considered the Applicant's request to vacate certain prior Board orders, including orders that had previously vacated earlier orders. The Board discussed the potential for previously vacated orders to be inadvertently reinstated and determined that any order granting the requested relief should clearly specify that all underlying orders are also vacated to avoid such result.

4. The Board also inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 5, 8, 17, and 20, T30N-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 two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Orders 85-2010, 130-2010, 76-2024, 77-2024, 78-2024, and 79-2024 are hereby vacated.

IT WAS 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. 144-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, 17, AND 20, T30N-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 17 AND THE SW¼ OF SECTION 20, T30N-R59E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 145-2026

Docket No. 171-2026 / 32-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 144-2026.
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, T30N-R59E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 145-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, 17, and 20, T30N-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 WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, 13, AND 24, T30N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 24, T30N-R58E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 146-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, 13, AND 24, T30N-R58E.

Docket No. 176-2026 /37-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The Board also inquired as to an appropriate timeframe for commencement of operations prior to termination of the temporary spacing unit. In response, the applicant requested a two-year period.
4. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
5. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T30N-R58E, 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 two years of the date of this order.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that, if operations for the drilling of said well do not commence within two years of the date of this order, the order will expire by its own terms, and the lands subject to this order will revert to the applicable statewide or special statewide rules in effect at this time.

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

IT WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 1, 12, 13, AND 24, T30N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. THE APPLICATION INDICATES THAT THE NW¼ OF SECTION 24, T30N-R58E, CONTAIN INDIAN TRUST MINERALS.

ORDER 147-2026

Docket No. 177-2026 / 38-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Kelley Lewis, attorney, Justin Arn, chief land and title officer, Russell (Tofer) Lewis, geologist, and Eric Shivey, vice president of reservoir engineering and corporate reserves, appeared on behalf of Phoenix Operating LLC (Phoenix).
3. The lands described in the caption were designated a temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 146-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T30N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana.
5. No protest to the application of Phoenix was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 147-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that up to three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation wells are authorized to be drilled in the temporary spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 1, 12, 13, and 24, T30N-R58E, Roosevelt County, Montana, said wells to be located anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the boundaries thereof.

IT WAS 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 April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE GRASSY BUTTE, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT INJECTION REPORTS AND PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT INJECTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$120. THIS DOCKET WILL BE DISMISSED IF PAYMENT AND REPORTS ARE RECEIVED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE SHOW CAUSE HEARING OR TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS PRIOR TO SAID HEARING SUBJECTS GRASSY BUTTE LLC TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 156-2026

Docket No. 326-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of Grassy Butte LLC (Grassy Butte).
3. Grassy Butte filed the delinquent injection reports prior to this hearing and paid half of the \$120 fine. There remains an outstanding fine of \$60.
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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Grassy Butte is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the April 9, 2026, public hearing.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Grassy Butte is to appear at the June 11, 2026, public hearing and show-cause, if any it has, why additional penalties should not be assessed for failure to pay the penalty assessed for delinquent reporting and failure to appear at the April 9, 2026, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 156-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE MONTANA ENERGY COMPANY, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY 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 MUSSELSHELL, ROSEBUD, STILLWATER, AND SWEETGRASS COUNTIES, MONTANA.

ORDER 157-2026

Docket No. 327-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney and company officers Jorge De La Torre and Arturo De La Torre appeared on behalf of Montana Energy Company, LLC (MEC).
3. Gregory Petruska, working interest owner, appeared in support of MEC. Mr. Petruska requested the Board reduce MEC's fines to allow MEC to invest the money into the field.
4. At this time, none of MEC's wells in the Sumatra field are operational until power is restored. MEC testified that funds have been obtained and that power will be restored within the next two weeks.
5. The daily fine for the unresolved violations has accrued to \$64,450 and the \$50,000 bonding increase ordered by the Board remains unpaid.
6. The outstanding field violations include:
 - Soil cleanup and remediation still required for:
 - B411 Central Sumatra Tyler Sand Unit (line failure area)
 - B717 injection line rupture
 - Big Wall field flowline failure (oil-contaminated soil not fully remediated)
7. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that the \$250 daily fine remains in effect until compliance is achieved and confirmed by inspection.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the daily fine accruing from April 9, 2026, through June 11, 2026, will be waived if the Sumatra field is in production by the June 11, 2026, public hearing.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 327-2026 is continued until the June 11, 2026, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE POPLAR RESOURCES LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO FILE DELINQUENT PRODUCTION AND INJECTION REPORTS, FAILURE TO PAY THE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT REPORTING, AND FAILURE TO PAY THE \$1,000 FINE ASSESSED FOR NOT APPEARING AT THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING.

ORDER 158-2026

Docket No. 328-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of Poplar Resources, LLC (Poplar).
3. Poplar has filed for bankruptcy.
4. The Board requested confirmation that the wells are not subject to the bankruptcy proceedings.
5. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Poplar is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the April 9, 2026, public hearing.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 328-2026 is continued until the June 11 2026, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 158-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member

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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. TO 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 159-2026

Docket No. 88-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of 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, 2024, 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 WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Coalridge must begin to plug and abandon its wells in Sheridan County, Montana, prior to June 11, 2026, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon the wells may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

BOARD ORDER NO. 159-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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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 BRAINSTORM ENERGY, INC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUNDRY NOTICE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON THE GOEDDERTZ 12, API # 25-101-06080, GOEDDERTZ 18, API # 25-101-06087, AND GOEDDERTZ 21, API # 25-101-10187, WELLS, AS REQUIRED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11-A-2025.

ORDER 160-2026

Docket No. 470-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

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

3. Board Order 348-2025 established a \$100 per day fine beginning on March 5, 2026, for each day that Brainstorm failed to plug and abandon its three wells. The daily fine has accrued to \$2,600.

4. Brainstorm plugged the Goeddertz 12 well, but due to plugging complications it has not plugged the remaining two wells.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Brainstorm must plug and abandon its Goeddertz 18 and Goeddertz 21 wells in Toole County, Montana by May 7, 2026, hearing application deadline or the \$100 daily fine will increase to a \$250 daily fine. The fine will remain in effect until compliance is confirmed by inspection.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 470-2025 is continued until the June 11, 2026, public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 160-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

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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 LUSTRE SALT WATER DISP, VERNON R. JUSTICE DBA TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO REMEDY THE PIT VIOLATIONS, AND TO DISCUSS ITS FUTURE PLANS FOR ITS RAYMOND SONSTENG 1-19 SWD WELL, API # 25-105-21247, LOCATED IN THE NW¼SW¼ OF SECTION 19, T31N-R45E, VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 161-2026

Docket No. 472-2025

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on April 9, 2026, at the Board's hearing room at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana, pursuant to the order of the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana, hereinafter referred to as the Board. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Jacqui Hughes, attorney, appeared on behalf of Lustre Salt Water Disp, Vernon R. Justice DBA (Lustre).
3. Lustre has been working toward hiring a contractor to repair or replace the pit netting and remove the oil on the production pit associated with the Raymond Sonsteng 1-19 well and requested additional time to resolve its issues.
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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 161-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the April 9, 2026, hearing that Lustre must remedy the field violations by the May 7, 2026, hearing application deadline.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that following the May 7, 2026, deadline a penalty of \$100 per day be assessed until compliance is achieved and confirmed by inspection.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 472-2025 is continued until the June 11, 2026, public hearing.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if the violation is resolved and any fine assessed has been paid.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 9th day of April, 2026.

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