

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 160-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4 AND 9, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 28 AND 33, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED AUGUST 2028 HEARING.

ORDER 238-2026

Docket No. 434-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Shayan Azarpour, production 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 160-2025 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. 238-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 192-2025 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, T26N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN THE DATE OF THE BOARD'S REGULARLY-SCHEDULED AUGUST 2028 HEARING.

ORDER 239-2026

Docket No. 435-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 192-2025 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than the date of the Board's regularly-scheduled August 2028 hearing. If operations for the drilling of said well do not commence by that date, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 239-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, AND 16, T24N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE DELORES 4-9-16 #12H, DELORES 4-9-16 #13H, DELORES 4-9-16 #14H, AND DELORES 4-9-16 #15H WELLS.

ORDER 240-2026

Docket No. 436-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Shayan Azarpour, production engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

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 4-2023. Additional wells were authorized within the overlapping temporary spacing unit by Board Order 162-2025. Applicant has completed the Delores 4-9-16 #12H, Delores 4-9-16 #13H, Delores 4-9-16 #14H, and Delores 4-9-16 #15H wells as producing wells.

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 240-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T24N-R59E, 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 Delores 4-9-16 #12H, Delores 4-9-16 #13H, Delores 4-9-16 #14H, and Delores 4-9-16 #15H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 4, 9, AND 16, T24N-R59E, 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 DELORES 4-9-16 #12H, DELORES 4-9-16 #13H, DELORES 4-9-16 #14H, AND DELORES 4-9-16 #15H WELLS.

ORDER 241-2026

Docket No. 437-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Shayan Azarpour, production engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).
3. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 240-2026.
4. At the time of hearing, the request to authorize recovery of non-consent penalties was withdrawn.
5. No protest to the application of Kraken was made.
6. The evidence indicates that granting the application will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 241-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 4, 9, and 16, T24N-R59E, Richland, Montana, are hereby pooled on the basis of surface acreage for production of oil and associated natural gas from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO DESIGNATE A PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T24N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE SARAH 5-8-17 #2H, SARAH 5-8-17 #3H, SARAH 5-8-17 #4H, AND SARAH 5-8-17 #5H WELLS.

ORDER 242-2026

Docket No. 438-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Shayan Azarpour, production engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

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 6-2023. Additional wells were authorized within the overlapping temporary spacing unit by Board Order 163-2025. Applicant has completed the Sarah 5-8-17 #2H, Sarah 5-8-17 #3H, Sarah 5-8-17 #4H, and Sarah 5-8-17 #5H wells as producing wells.

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 242-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T24N-R59E, 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 Sarah 5-8-17 #2H, Sarah 5-8-17 #3H, Sarah 5-8-17 #4H, and Sarah 5-8-17 #5H wells are the authorized wells for said permanent spacing unit.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC TO POOL ALL INTERESTS IN THE PERMANENT SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T24N-R59E, 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 SARAH 5-8-17 #2H, SARAH 5-8-17 #3H, SARAH 5-8-17 #4H, AND SARAH 5-8-17 #5H WELLS.

ORDER 243-2026

Docket No. 439-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Justin Payne, landman, and Shayan Azarpour, production engineer, appeared on behalf of Kraken Oil & Gas LLC (Kraken).

3. Applicant is an interest owner and operator in the spacing unit identified in the caption as established by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation 242-2026.

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 Kraken was made.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 243-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all interests in the permanent spacing unit comprised of all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T24N-R59E, 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 Sarah 5-8-17 #2H, Sarah 5-8-17 #3H, Sarah 5-8-17 #4H, and Sarah 5-8-17 #5H wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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, T34N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T33N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 244-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T34N-R58E AND SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T33N-R58E.

Docket No. 460-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 27 and 34, T34N-R58E and all of Sections 3 and 10, T33N-R58E, Sheridan 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. 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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, T34N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 3 AND 10, T33N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 245-2026

Docket No. 461-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. 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 244-2026.

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, T34N-R58E and Sections 3 and 10, T33N-R58E, Sheridan, 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. 245-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 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, T34N-R58E and all of Sections 3 and 10, T33N-R58E, Sheridan 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 15, 22, 27, AND 34, T33N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 246-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 478-2011 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27 AND 34, T33N-R58E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 380-2011 INsofar AS IT RELATES TO ALL OF SECTIONS 15, 22, 27, AND 34, T33N-R58E.

Docket No. 464-2026 / 63-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Section 15, 22, 27, and 34, T33N-R58E, Sheridan 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. 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 478-2011 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 15, 22, 27, AND 34, T33N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 247-2026

Docket No. 465-2026 / 64-2026 FED

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. 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 246-2026.
4. Evidence presented at the time of the hearing supports the drilling of three additional horizontal Bakken/Three Forks interval wells in Section 15, 22, 27, and 34, T33N-R58E, Sheridan, 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. 247-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 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 Section 15, 22, 27, and 34, T33N-R58E, Sheridan 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 RIM LLLP TO CREATE A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF THE SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 19, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 20, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 29, AND NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 30, T34N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, TO REDRILL/RECOMPLETE THE HARSHBARGER 13-20-29 WELL IN THE MADISON GROUP AT A LOCATION NOT LESS THAN 660' FROM THE BOUNDARY OF THE SPACING UNIT, AS AN EXCEPTION TO ARM 36.22.702.

ORDER 252-2026

Docket No. 466-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Nathan Koeniger, land manager, and Jason Rouse, vice president of operations, appeared on behalf of RIM LLLP (RIM).

3. No protest to the application of RIM was made.

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T34N-R58E, Sheridan County, Montana, is designated a temporary spacing unit to redrill/recomplete the Harshbarger 13-20-29 well in the Madison group at a location not less than 660' from the boundary of the spacing unit, as an exception to ARM 36.22.702.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 252-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDERS 85-2024 AND 180-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13 AND 14, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 18, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 15, 2028.

ORDER 253-2026

Docket No. 467-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Orders 85-2024 and 180-2025 are hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the orders be commenced within a certain timeframe.

BOARD ORDER NO. 253-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO AMEND BOARD ORDERS 87-2024 AND 181-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 23 AND 24, T25N-R57E AND ALL OF SECTION 19, T25N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED PRIOR TO AUGUST 15, 2028.

ORDER 254-2026

Docket No. 468-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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 August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 87-2024 and 181-2025 are hereby amended to eliminate the requirement that operations for the drilling of the well authorized by the orders be commenced within a certain timeframe.

BOARD ORDER NO. 254-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, AND 35, T25N-R52E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 14, 23, 26, AND 35 FROM SECTIONS 15, 22, 27, AND 34, T25N-R52E, 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 255-2026

Docket No. 469-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

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 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 34, and 35, T25N-R52E, 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 separating Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35 from Sections 15, 22, 27, and 34, T25N-R52E, 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.

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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, AND 36, T25N-R52E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 14, 23, 26, AND 35 FROM SECTIONS 13, 24, 25, AND 36, T25N-R52E, 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 256-2026

Docket No. 470-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

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 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36, T25N-R52E, 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 separating Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35 from Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T25N-R52E, 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.

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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, AND 33, T24N-R53E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 16, 21, 28, AND 33 FROM SECTIONS 17, 20, 29, AND 32, T24N-R53E, 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 257-2026

Docket No. 473-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

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 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 257-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, 32, and 33, T24N-R53E, 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 separating Sections 16, 21, 28, and 33 from Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32, T24N-R53E, 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, AND 34, T24N-R53E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 16, 21, 28, AND 33 FROM SECTIONS 15, 22, 27, AND 34, T24N-R53E, 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 258-2026

Docket No. 474-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Stuart Rowlan, senior landman, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

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 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 258-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 15, 16, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, and 34, T24N-R53E, 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 separating Sections 16, 21, 28, and 33 from Sections 15, 22, 27, and 34, T24N-R53E, 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

ORDER 260-2026

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T24N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTION 6, 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. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 190-2008 PERTAINING TO SECTION 30, T24N-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 ANDERSON DYNNESON 1-30H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 25-2008 PERTAINING TO THE W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 31, T24N-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 JOHNSON 14-31H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 247-2007 PERTAINING TO THE E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 31 AND THE W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 32, T24N-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 DYNNESON 2-31H AND DYNNESON 4-32H WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 2-2002 PERTAINING TO THE W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 5 AND THE E $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 6, T23N-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 DYNNESON 11X-5H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 254-2005 PERTAINING TO THE SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 6 AND THE W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF SECTION 7, T23N-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 NORGAARD 12-6H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 63-2023 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T23N-R58E.

Docket No. 475-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. Section 30, T24N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 52-2008, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 190-2008. The W½ of Section 31, T24N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 25-2008. The E½ of Section 31 and the W½ of Section 32, T24N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 245-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 247-2007. The W½ of Section 5 and the E½ of Section 6, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 2-2002. The SW¼ of Section 6 and the W½ of Section 7, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 254-2005.

4. White Rock is a working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Johnson 14-31H, Dynneson 2-31H, Dynneson 4-32H, and Norgaard 12-6H wells. MorningStar Operating LLC is the operator of the Anderson Dynneson 1-30H and Dynneson 11X-5H wells and provided a letter of support for the application.

5. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 30 and 31, T24N-R58E and all of Section 6, T23N-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 190-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Anderson Dynneson 1-30H well; the spacing order established by Board Order 25-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Johnson 14-31H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 247-2007 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Dynneson 2-31H and Dynneson 4-32H wells; the spacing order established by Board Order 2-2002 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Dynneson 11X-5H well; and the spacing order established by Board Order 254-2005 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Norgaard 12-6H well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 63-2023 is hereby vacated.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T24N-R57E, SECTION 1, T23N-R57E, SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T24N-R58E, AND SECTION 6, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T24N-R58E AND SECTION 6, T23N-R58E FROM SECTIONS 25 AND 36, T24N-R57E AND SECTION 1, T23N-R57E, 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.

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Docket No. 476-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

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 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 25 and 36, T24N-R57E, Section 1, T23N-R57E, Sections 30 and 31, T24N-R58E, and Section 6, T23N-R58E, 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 separating Sections 30 and 31, T24N-R58E and Section 6, T23N-R58E from Sections 25 and 36, T24N-R57E and Section 1, T23N-R57E, 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 29, 30, 31, AND 32, T24N-R58E AND ALL OF SECTIONS 5 AND 6, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 30 AND 31, T24N-R58E AND SECTION 6, T23N-R58E FROM SECTIONS 29 AND 32, T24N-R58E AND SECTION 5, T23N-R58E, 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.

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Docket No. 477-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, senior landman, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).
3. 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) in protest of the application.
4. White Rock applied for an overlapping temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, T24N-R58E, and Sections 5 and 6, T23N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, for the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks boundary well location proximate to the common boundary separating Sections 30 and 31, T24N-R58E and Section 6, T23N-R58E from Sections 29 and 32, T24N-R58E and Section 5, T23N-R58E.
5. Phoenix has an existing temporary spacing unit comprised of Sections 17, 20, and 29, T24N-R58E, and has submitted applications for permits to drill wells within that temporary spacing unit.

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6. White Rock's proposed boundary well would include Section 29, which is presently undeveloped. The parties presented competing development plans for Section 29 and testimony regarding the location, timing, and potential interaction of the proposed wells.

7. The evidence established that White Rock and Phoenix had not coordinated their respective development plans prior to the hearing.

8. The Board finds that additional coordination between White Rock and Phoenix regarding their respective well locations and development plans is appropriate before the Board considers White Rock's application.

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

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Docket 477-2026 is continued until the October 15, 2026, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

ORDER 262-2026

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 7, 18, AND 19, 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. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 254-2005 PERTAINING TO THE SW¼ OF SECTION 6 AND THE W½ OF SECTION 7, T23N-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 NORGAARD 12-6H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 45-2006 PERTAINING TO LOTS 1, 2, 3, AND 4 AND THE E½W½ OF SECTION 18, T23N-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 GABE 1-18H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 304-2008 PERTAINING TO THE W½ OF SECTION 17 AND THE E½ OF SECTION 18, T23N-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 SORENSEN 24X-17 AND LARSON 44X-18 WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDERS 41-2006 AND 92-2007 PERTAINING TO SECTION 19, T23N-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 LARSON 3-19H AND LARSON 1-19H WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 63-2023 THAT DESIGNATED AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T23N-R58E.

Docket No. 478-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. The SW¼ of Section 6 and the W½ of Section 7, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 254-2005. Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and the E½W½ of Section 18, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 45-2006. The W½ of section 17 and the E½ of Section 18, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 46-2004, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 304-2008. Section 19, T23N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 40-2006, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Orders 41-2006 and 92-2007.

4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Norgaard 12-6H, Larson 3-19H, and Larson 1-19H wells. MorningStar Operating LLC is the operator of the Gabe 1-18H, Sorensen 24X-17, and Larson 44X-18 wells and provided a letter of support for the application.

5. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 7, 18, and 19, T23N-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 spacing order established by Board Order 254-2005 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Norgaard 12-6H well; the spacing order established by Board Order 45-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Gabe 1-18H well; the pooling order established by Board Order 304-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sorensen 24X-17 and Larson 44X-18 wells; and the pooling order established by Board Orders 41-2006 and 92-2007 are limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Larson 3-19H and Larson 1-19H wells.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 63-2023 is hereby vacated.

BOARD ORDER NO. 262-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 7, 18, AND 19, T23N-R58E, AND ALL OF SECTIONS 12, 13, AND 24, T23N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 7, 18, AND 19, T23N-R58E FROM SECTIONS 12, 13, AND 24, T23N-R57E, 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 263-2026

Docket No. 479-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

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 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 7, 18, and 19, T23N-R58E, and all of Sections 12, 13, and 24, T23N-R57E, 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 separating Sections 7, 18, and 19, T23N-R58E From Sections 12, 13, and 24, T23N-R57E, 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, AND 20, T23N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL AT A LOCATION PROXIMATE TO THE COMMON BOUNDARY SEPARATING SECTIONS 7, 18, AND 19, T23N-R58E FROM SECTIONS 8, 17, AND 20, T23N-R58E, 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 264-2026

Docket No. 480-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

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 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 264-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that all of 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, and 20, T23N-R58E, 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 separating Sections 7, 18, and 19, T23N-R58E from Sections 8, 17, and 20, T23N-R58E, 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

ORDER 265-2026

UPON THE APPLICATION OF WHITE ROCK OIL & GAS, LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 5, 8, AND 17, T23N-R58E, AND ALL OF SECTION 32, T24N-R58E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, TO DRILL A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL ANYWHERE WITHIN SAID SPACING UNIT BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 247-2007 PERTAINING TO THE E½ OF SECTION 31 AND THE W½ OF SECTION 32, T24N-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 DYNNESON 2-31H AND DYNNESON 4-32H WELLS.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 2-2002 PERTAINING TO THE W½ OF SECTION 5 AND THE E½ OF SECTION 6, T23N-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 DYNNESON 11X-5H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 279-2005 PERTAINING TO THE W½ OF SECTION 4 AND THE E½ OF SECTION 5, T23N-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 JOHNSON 15-5H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 19-1992 PERTAINING TO THE NE¼ OF SECTION 8, T23N-R58E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN AND/OR MISSION CANYON FORMATIONS FROM THE BOND 8-8 VERTICAL WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 426-2006 PERTAINING TO THE S½ OF SECTION 8, T23N-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 SUNWALL 12-8H WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 10-2000 PERTAINING TO THE E½ OF SECTION 17, T23N-R58E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN AND/OR MISSION CANYON FORMATIONS FROM THE SORENSON 8-17 VERTICAL WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 304-2008 PERTAINING TO THE W½ OF SECTION 17 AND THE E½ OF SECTION 18, T23N-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 SORENSEN 24X-17 AND LARSON 44X-18 WELLS.

Docket No. 481-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Chad Centorbi, land manager, and Shawna Bonini, operations engineer, appeared on behalf of White Rock Oil & Gas, LLC (White Rock).

3. The E½ of Section 31 and the W½ of Section 32, T24N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 245-2007, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 247-2007. The W½ of Section 5 and the E½ of Section 6, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 2-2002. The W½ of Section 4 and the E½ of Section 5, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 279-2005. The NE¼ of Section 8, T23N-R58E, is a spacing unit under statewide spacing rules. The S½ of Section 8, T23N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 368-2006, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 426-2006. The E½ of Section 17, T23N-R58E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 10-2000. The W½ of section 17 and the E½ of Section 18, T23N-R58E, were designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 46-2004, and Bakken/Three Forks interests within the spacing unit were pooled by Order 304-2008.

4. White Rock is the majority working interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit and the operator of the Dynneson 2-31H, Dynneson 4-32H, Johnson 15-5H, Bond 8-8, Sunwall 12-8H, and Sorenson 8-17 wells. MorningStar Operating LLC is the operator of the Dynneson 11X-5H, Sorensen 24X-17, and Larson 44X-18 wells and provided a letter of support for the application.

5. No protest to the application of White Rock 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 5, 8, and 17, T23N-R58E, and all of Section 32, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof.

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 247-2007 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Dynneson 2-31H and Dynneson 4-32H wells; the spacing order established by Board Order 2-2002 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Dynneson 11X-5H well; the spacing order established by Board Order 279-2005 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Johnson 15-5H well; the order established by Board Order 19-1992 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Madison and Bakken Formations through the wellbore of Bond 8-8 well; the pooling order established by Board Order 426-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sunwall 12-8H well; the spacing order established by Board Order 10-2000 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken and/or Mission Canyon Formations through the wellbore of Sorenson 8-17 well; and the pooling order established by Board Order 304-2008 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Sorensen 24X-17 and Larson 44X-18 wells.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 AMEND BOARD ORDER 188-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 27, 28, 29, AND 30, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 2028 OR IF THE BOARD DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN EXPIRATION DATE IS NECESSARY, APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD REMOVE THE EXPIRATION DATE FROM THE OTSU ORDER.

ORDER 266-2026

Docket No. 483-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Ben Plank, senior staff landman, and Tyler Smith, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation (Whiting).

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 188-2025 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 14, 2028. If operations for the drilling of said well do not commence by that date, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 266-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 AMEND BOARD ORDER 190-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 31, 32, 33, AND 34, T25N-R57E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 2028 OR IF THE BOARD DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN EXPIRATION DATE IS NECESSARY, APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD REMOVE THE EXPIRATION DATE FROM THE OTSU ORDER.

ORDER 267-2026

Docket No. 484-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 190-2025 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 14, 2028. If operations for the drilling of said well do not commence by that date, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 267-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 AMEND BOARD ORDER 182-2025 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-R59E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 2028 OR IF THE BOARD DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN EXPIRATION DATE IS NECESSARY, APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD REMOVE THE EXPIRATION DATE FROM THE OTSU ORDER.

ORDER 268-2026

Docket No. 485-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Uriah Price, attorney, Ben Plank, senior staff landman, and Tyler Smith, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).
3. Evidence presented indicates that a designated timeframe for the commencement of operations was not required.
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.

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 August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 182-2025 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. 268-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 AMEND BOARD ORDER 184-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, AND 5, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 2028 OR IF THE BOARD DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN EXPIRATION DATE IS NECESSARY, APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD REMOVE THE EXPIRATION DATE FROM THE OTSU ORDER.

ORDER 269-2026

Docket No. 486-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Ben Plank, senior staff landman, and Tyler Smith, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 184-2025 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 14, 2028. If operations for the drilling of said well do not commence by that date, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 269-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 AMEND BOARD ORDER 186-2025 TO PROVIDE THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF A WELL IN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 8, 9, 10, AND 11, T29N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA MUST BE COMMENCED NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 14, 2028 OR IF THE BOARD DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AN EXPIRATION DATE IS NECESSARY, APPLICANT REQUESTS THAT THE BOARD REMOVE THE EXPIRATION DATE FROM THE OTSU ORDER.

ORDER 270-2026

Docket No. 487-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, Ben Plank, senior staff landman, and Tyler Smith, senior development engineer, appeared on behalf of Oasis Petroleum North America LLC (Oasis).

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

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Board Order 186-2025 is hereby amended to provide that drilling operations must commence not later than August 14, 2028. If operations for the drilling of said well do not commence by that date, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 270-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 REECE 1 SWD WELL AT A SURFACE LOCATION AT 395' FSL AND 1115' FWL, IN THE SW¼SW¼ OF SECTION 24, T30N-R58E, AND A BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION AT 50' FNL AND 1,277' FWL, IN THE NW¼NW¼ OF SECTION 24, T30N-R58E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,244 – 5,863 FT. TVD. STAFF NOTES THIS APPLICATION IS ELIGIBLE FOR PLACEMENT ON THE DEFAULT DOCKET.

ORDER 250-2026

Docket No. 500-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. No 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that the application of Phoenix Operating LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 250-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 RIPTIDE 33-1H SWD WELL AT A SURFACE LOCATION AT 2,181' FSL AND 274' FWL, IN THE NW¼SW¼ OF SECTION 33, T25N-R59E, AND A BOTTOM HOLE LOCATION AT 1,100' FSL AND 100' FEL, IN THE SE¼SE¼ OF SECTION 33, T25N-R59E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA (WILDCAT) AS A SALTWATER DISPOSAL WELL IN THE DAKOTA FORMATION AT A DEPTH OF APPROXIMATELY 5,460 – 5,794 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 251-2026

Docket No. 501-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No protest to the application of Hydra Services LLC was made.
3. Blaine Raad, surface owner, submitted a protest letter, but was not present at the hearing.
4. The application meets all technical requirements and environmental protection standards for the permit.
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 ARM 36.22.1403 have been met.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that the application of Hydra Services LLC is granted as applied for subject to stipulations on the sundry notice.

BOARD ORDER NO. 251-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO CREATE AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, 18, 19, AND 30, 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 TWO YEARS OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

ORDER 248-2026

APPLICANT REQUESTS TO VACATE BOARD ORDER 119-2006 THAT DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6 AND 7, T25N-R56E.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 334-2006 PERTAINING TO SECTION 30, T25N-R56E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE SOPHIA 1H-30X WELL.

APPLICANT FURTHER REQUESTS THAT BOARD ORDER 335-2006 PERTAINING TO SECTION 18, T25N-R56E BE AMENDED TO CLARIFY THAT SAID ORDER IS LIMITED TO OIL AND ASSOCIATED NATURAL GAS PRODUCED FROM THE BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION FROM THE OLIVIA 1H-18 WELL.

Docket No. 380-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. 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).

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3. Section 30, T25N-R56E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 334-2006. Section 18, T25N-R56E, was designated a permanent spacing unit by Order 335-2006.

4. Phoenix is an interest owner in the proposed overlapping temporary spacing unit. Wesco Operating, Inc. is the operator of the Sophia 1H-30X and Olivia 1H-18 wells and provided a letter of support for the application for the proposed development.

5. Phoenix presented testimony and exhibits regarding the existing development and spacing surrounding the application lands, the existing producing wells within the proposed temporary spacing unit, and the potential for communication between the existing and proposed wells. Phoenix testified that the proposed configuration would allow for the economic development of acreage that would otherwise be difficult to develop under an alternative spacing configuration.

6. The Board finds that, based upon the particular spacing configuration and existing development presented in this docket, the proposed temporary spacing unit provides a reasonable means to develop the application lands and prevent acreage from being stranded. The Board's approval is based upon the feasibility of five-mile lateral development as proposed by Phoenix. If Phoenix's previously approved five-mile development, comprised of Sections 5, 8, 17, 20, and 29, T25N-R56E, and authorized under Board Order 140-2026, proves unsuccessful, the spacing configuration approved in this order must be resubmitted to the Board for reconsideration.

7. The appropriate allocation of production within any permanent spacing unit is not determined by this proceeding and must be considered at the time permanent spacing is established.

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

9. 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that all of Sections 6, 7, 18, 19, and 30, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana, is designated an overlapping temporary spacing unit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks Formation well from anywhere within said spacing unit but not closer than 200' (heel/toe setback) and 500' (lateral setback) to the exterior boundaries thereof, provided that operations for the drilling of said well be commenced within two years of the date of this order. 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 if Phoenix is unable to successfully drill and complete its previously approved five-mile horizontal development, comprised of Sections 5, 8, 17, 20, and 29, T25N-R56E, and authorized under Board Order 140-2026, Phoenix must return to the Board for reconsideration of the overlapping temporary spacing unit established by this order prior to drilling a well within the unit.

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 334-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of the Sophia 1H-30X well and the spacing order established by Board Order 335-2006 is limited to only oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of the Olivia 1H-18 well.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order 119-2006 is hereby vacated.

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Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

Jeff Wivholm, Board Member

ATTEST:

Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist

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

UPON THE APPLICATION OF PHOENIX OPERATING LLC TO AUTHORIZE THE DRILLING OF UP TO THREE ADDITIONAL HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELLS ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 6, 7, 18, 19, AND 30, T25N-R56E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, BUT NOT CLOSER THAN 200' (HEEL/TOE SETBACK) AND 500' (LATERAL SETBACK) TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES THEREOF.

ORDER 249-2026

Docket No. 381-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. 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 an overlapping temporary spacing unit for production from the Bakken/Three Forks interval by Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Order 248-2026.
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, 19, and 30, 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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 249-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 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 6, 7, 18, 19, and 30, 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.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 BLACK GOLD ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS INDIAN MOUND 1 WELL LOCATED IN THE NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SECTION 15, T23N-R55E, RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA, AS SET FORTH IN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 10-A-2026.

ORDER 271-2026

Docket No. 503-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and Chris Blount, president, appeared on behalf of Black Gold Energy Resource Development, LL (Black Gold).
3. Siege Environmental Services LLC (Siege) filed an application for the October 2025 public hearing, to request a transfer of plugging, reclamation, and reporting responsibility for the Indian Mound 1 commercial disposal well, API # 25-083-21377, from Black Gold to Siege. The docket was continued to the December 12, 2025, public hearing.
4. At the December 12, 2025, public hearing, Black Gold protested Siege's application. The Board determined that Siege has the legal authority to operate the well and inject into the wellbore, as outlined in Board Order 356-2025.
5. Siege has failed to submit the required \$40,000 plugging and reclamation bond and notarized organization report by the August 13, 2026, deadline, as required by Administrative Order 10-A-2026.
6. Black Gold remains the recognized bonded operator of record for the Indian Mound 1 commercial disposal well, despite lacking legal authority to operate the well or access the well location.
7. Black Gold does not want the Indian Mound 1 well to be plugged and abandoned and requested Board Order 356-2025 be rescinded since Siege has not posted the required \$40,000 plugging and reclamation bond and notarized organization report.
8. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

BOARD ORDER NO. 271-2026

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Docket 503-2026 is continued until the October 15, 2026, public hearing.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Siege must fulfill its remaining obligations necessary to complete the change of operator, including submitting the required \$40,000 plugging and reclamation bond and notarized organization report by the October 15, 2026, public hearing. If Siege fails to fulfill these obligations, the change of operator request shall be denied, and the Board may take additional action at that time.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 CYPRESS ENERGY PARTNERS – SHERIDAN SWD, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH BOARD ORDER 86-2023, WHICH REQUIRED AN ADDITIONAL \$10,000 PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND BE PROVIDED TO COVER THE SHERIDAN FACILITY SWD WELL, API # 25-091-21892, LOCATED IN THE SW¼SW¼ OF SECTION 18, T33N-R58E, SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AS SET FORTH IN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 11-A-2026.

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Docket No. 504-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Don Lee, attorney, and Chris Blount, president, appeared on behalf of Cypress Energy Partners – Sheridan SWD, LLC (Cypress).

3. At the August 10, 2023, public hearing, the Board heard a change of operator request for the Sheridan Facility SWD well, API # 25-091-21892, from Cypress to Black Gold Energy Sheridan Facility, Inc. (Black Gold). The Board issued Board Order 86-2023, requiring Black Gold to submit an additional \$10,000 for a total of \$20,000 for the UIC plugging and reclamation bond and authorizing staff to proceed with administrative review and approval of the change of operator request. The Order further required the well to pass a mechanical integrity test before injection could resume.

4. Black Gold never submitted the required \$20,000 UIC plugging and reclamation bond and the transfer of operator responsibility to Black Gold was never approved by Board.

5. On April 8, 2026, Cypress submitted an updated organization report identifying Black Gold as a managing member. As a result, the Sheridan Facility SWD well is effectively under the control of the same ownership that was the subject of Order 86-2023.

6. On April 28, 2026, Board staff sent a certified letter to Cypress requesting that it provide the additional \$10,000 UIC plugging and reclamation bond by June 10, 2026, in order to satisfy the total \$20,000 bonding requirement established by Order 86-2023 or this matter would be brought up at the Board business meeting on June 10, 2026. No additional bonding was received by that meeting and Cypress was ordered to submit the required bonding by July 9, 2026, or it would be required to appear at the August 13, 2026, hearing.

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7. At the August 13, 2026, hearing, Cypress stated it will post the additional \$10,000 UIC plugging and reclamation bond for the well.

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

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that Cypress must submit the additional plugging and reclamation bond in the amount of \$10,000, for a total plugging and reclamation bond of \$20,000 prior to the September 1, 2026, deadline.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that following the September 1, 2026, deadline a penalty of \$250 per day be assessed until the additional plugging and reclamation bond is submitted.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff has the authority to dismiss the docket if the plugging and reclamation bond is received 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 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON ITS RAYMOND SONSTENG 1-19 SWD WELL, API # 25-105-21247, LOCATED IN THE NW¼SW¼ OF SECTION 19, T31N-R45E, VALLEY COUNTY, MONTANA.

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Docket No. 505-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Jacqui Hughes, attorney, appeared on behalf of Lustre Salt Water Disp, Vernon R. Justice DBA (Lustre).
3. Board Order 161-2026 established a \$100 per day fine beginning on May 8, 2026, for each day that Lustre failed to repair the pit netting and remove the oil on the production pit. Board Order 235-2026 increased the daily fine to \$200. The daily fine has accrued to \$16,200.
4. Lustre provided financial documentation of Vernon Justice's estate.
5. Counsel for Lustre stated that the estate has one remaining auction and that any funds remaining after payment of outstanding estate obligations may be available to contribute toward the cost of plugging and abandoning the Raymond Sonsteng 1-19 SWD.
6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 273-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, that Lustre must begin to plug and abandon its Raymond Sonsteng 1-19 well in Valley County, Montana prior to the October 15, 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 bonds in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$200 daily fine remains in effect until compliance is achieved and confirmed by inspection.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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

ORDER 274-2026

Docket No. 506-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. No one appeared on behalf of Poplar Resources, LLC.
3. Poplar has filed for bankruptcy.
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 August 13, 2026, hearing that Poplar Resources, LLC must begin to plug and abandon or transfer its wells in Roosevelt County, Montana, prior to October 15, 2026, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon or transfer the wells may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

BOARD ORDER NO. 274-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 ROBERT HAWKINS, INC. TO APPEAR 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 THE \$1,000 PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE JUNE 11, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING.

ORDER 275-2026

Docket No. 508-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

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

3. Hawkins filed the delinquent reports and paid the outstanding fee of \$1,090.

4. Staff recommended the docket be dismissed.

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 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 August 13, 2026, hearing that Docket 508-2026 is dismissed.

BOARD ORDER NO. 275-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 TSAVOIL, LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT HAVE ITS PLUGGING AND RECLAMATION BOND FORFEITED AS PERMITTED BY § 82-11-123(5), MCA FOR FAILURE TO BEGIN TO RECLAIM THE O'CONNOR 20-34 (API 25-085-22008) WELL LOCATION LOCATED IN THE NE¼SW¼ OF SECTION 20, T258N-R51E, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA PRIOR TO THE AUGUST 13, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING, AS SET FORTH IN BOARD ORDER 230-2026.

ORDER 276-2026

Docket No. 509-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. No one appeared on behalf of TSAVOIL, LLC

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

Conclusions of Law

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

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that the plugging and reclamation bond for TSAVOIL, LLC is hereby forfeited.

BOARD ORDER NO. 276-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 277-2026

Docket No. 327-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney and company officers Jorge De La Torre and Arturo De La Torre appeared on behalf of Montana Energy Company, LLC (MEC).
3. As of August 13, 2026, the field inspector found MEC in compliance and the daily fine tied to Board Order 157-2026 was stopped. The daily fine has accrued to \$95,700.
4. At the August 14, 2025, public hearing, the Board issued Order 202-2025 requiring MEC to immediately increase its \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond to \$100,000 in accordance with ARM 36.22.1308(3). To date, the additional bonding has not been received.
5. Staff recommended that MEC increase its plugging and reclamation bond from \$50,000 to \$100,000 by the August 2027 hearing. The Board agreed to waive the outstanding \$95,700 fine, provided MEC has no additional compliance issues. If additional compliance issues occur, the bond may be subject to forfeiture.
6. The evidence indicates that taking the following action will serve to protect correlative rights and be in the interest of conservation of oil and gas in the State of Montana.

Conclusions of Law

The Board concludes that taking the following action is appropriate.

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that MEC must increase its \$50,000 multiple well plugging and reclamation bond to \$100,000 by the August 2027 public hearing. Failure to post the additional plugging and reclamation bond may result in the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 327-2026 is continued until the August 2027 public hearing.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff is authorized to dismiss the docket and waive the outstanding fine of \$95,700 if MEC increases its plugging and reclamation bond to \$100,000 prior to the August 2027 public hearing and no additional violations are reported.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that the \$250 daily fine is stopped as of August 13, 2026.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Steven Durrett, Chairman

Corey Welter, Vice-Chairman

Roy Brown, Board Member (absent)

Mac McDermott, Board Member

Barbara Skelton, Board Member

W. John Tietz, Board Member

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 NOAH ENERGY, INC TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY IT SHOULD NOT IMMEDIATELY PLUG AND ABANDON OR TRANSFER ITS INACTIVE WELLS IN TETON COUNTY, MONTANA.

ORDER 278-2026

Docket No. 421-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

1. Due, proper, and sufficient notice was published and given of this matter, the hearing hereon, and of the time and place of said hearing, as well as the purpose of said hearing; all parties were afforded an opportunity to present evidence, oral and documentary.
2. Don Lee, attorney, and William Paddock, principal owner, appeared on behalf of Noah Energy, Inc (Noah).
3. Noah believes the wells are capable of production, but its operations ultimately depends on securing financing.
4. Noah is currently in the process of verifying the leases remain active and in good standing.
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 August 13, 2026, hearing that Docket 421-2026 is continued until the February 2027 public hearing.

BOARD ORDER NO. 278-2026

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 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 BOARD'S OWN MOTION TO REQUIRE S & L ENERGY INC, C/O JOHN D. LAWRENCE, JR. TO APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO SUBMIT PRODUCTION REPORTS AND TO PAY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY ASSESSED FOR DELINQUENT PRODUCTION REPORTING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD POLICY THE AMOUNT DUE NOW IS \$140. THIS DOCKET WILL BE DISMISSED IF PAYMENT AND REPORTS ARE RECEIVED TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO APPEAR AT THE SHOW-CAUSE HEARING OR TO MAKE SUITABLE ARRANGEMENT PRIOR TO SAID HEARING SUBJECTS S & L ENERGY INC, C/O JOHN D. LAWRENCE, JR. TO FURTHER PENALTIES AS PRESCRIBED BY BOARD POLICY.

ORDER 279-2026

Docket No. 423-2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. Uriah Price, attorney, and Brett Lawrence, appeared on behalf of S & L Energy, Inc. C/O John D. Lawrence, Jr. (S&L).

3. S&L sent a notice of business dissolution letter dated September 26, 2024. Subsequently, the Board filed a claim for the plugging costs of the Hold 1-14 well (API #25-062-21531) located in Musselshell County, Montana.

4. S&L liquidated its business assets and provided supporting documentation of this action. S&L offered the Board a check in the amount of \$16,275.90 from the dissolution to go towards the plugging and abandonment of the well.

5. Staff noted the check would go into the damage mitigation account to plug and abandon orphan wells, not specifically S&L's Hold 1-14 well.

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

BOARD ORDER NO. 279-2026

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 August 13, 2026, hearing that S&L must begin to plug and abandon its Hold 1-14 well (API #25-062-21531) in Musselshell County, Montana, prior to October 15, 2026, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon the well may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
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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 U BEE TEA PRODUCTION LLC TO APPEAR AND SHOW-CAUSE, IF ANY IT HAS, WHY ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SHOULD NOT BE ASSESSED FOR FAILURE TO REMEDY THE FIELD VIOLATIONS AT ITS MELBY 1 SWD, API # 25-091-21274, AND MORKEN 3-22, API # 25-091-21423, WELLS LOCATED IN SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA, AS SET FORTH IN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 8-A-2026 AND BOARD ORDER 231-2026.

ORDER 280-2026

Docket No. 425 -2026

Report of the Board

The above entitled cause came on regularly for hearing on August 13, 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 Roy Brown was absent. At this time and place testimony was presented, statements and exhibits were received, and the Board then took the cause under advisement; and, the Board having fully considered the testimony, statements, exhibits, and all things and matters presented to it for its consideration by all parties in the Docket, and being well and fully advised in the premises, finds and concludes as follows:

Findings of Fact

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

2. No one appeared on behalf of U Bee Tea Production LLC (UBT).

3. At the June 11, 2026, hearing, Board Order 231-2026 established a \$100 per day fine, effective that date, for each day that UBT failed to remedy the violations. The daily fine has accrued to \$6,300. UBT was also fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the hearing.

4. The Morken 3-22 well is in compliance, but the Melby 1 SWD still has outstanding violations.

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.

BOARD ORDER NO. 280-2026

Order

IT WAS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board at the August 13, 2026, hearing that UBT is fined \$1,000 for failure to appear at the August 13, 2026, public hearing.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that UBT must remedy the field violations at the Melby 1 SWD well by the September 10, 2026, hearing application deadline or the \$100 daily fine will increase to a \$200 daily fine. The fine will remain in effect until compliance is confirmed by inspection.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Board staff is authorized to dismiss the docket if UBT achieves full compliance, including correction of all field violations and payment of any accrued daily penalties, as well as the \$2,000 penalty assessed for failure to appear at the June 11, 2026 and August 13, 2026, public hearings.

IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED that Docket 425-2026 is continued until the October 15, 2026, public hearing.

Done and performed by the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana at Billings, Montana, this 13th day of August, 2026.

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Jennifer Breton, Program Specialist