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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MONTANA LAND \& EXPLORATION,
INC. FOR AN ORDER DESIGNATING THE
AND NW ${ }^{1} / 4 \mathrm{NW}^{1} 1 / 4 \mathrm{SE}^{1} / 4$ OF SECTION 5 ,
TOWNSHIP 34 NORTH, RANGE 21 EAST,
BLAINE COUNTY, AS A TEMPORARY
SPACING UNIT AND AUTHORIZING THE
DRILLING OF AN UPPER BOWES
FORMATION EXPLORATORY WELL AT A
LOCATION NOT LESS THAN 330 FEET
FROM THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF
THE REQUESTED TEMPORARY SPACING
UNIT.

## APPLICATION

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Montana Land \& Exploration, Inc. ("Applicant"), 2300, 144-4 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta Canada T2P 3N4, presents the following Application:

1. Applicant is the owner and operator of oil and gas leasehold interests in, to and under the SW $1 / 4 \mathrm{NE}^{1 / 4}$ of Section 5, Township 34 North, Range 21 East, Blaine County.
2. Applicant desires to drill its ML\&E NW Cherry Patch $7-5-34 \mathrm{~N}-21 \mathrm{E}$ well within and upon the above lands at an approximate location one hundred and seventy feet (170') from the south boundary line and seventy seven feet ( $77^{\prime}$ ) from the west boundary line of the $\mathrm{SW}{ }^{1} / 4 \mathrm{NE}^{1 / 4}$ of Section 5.
3. If authorized the proposed well will be drilled to an approximate depth of four thousand four hundred feet ( $4,400^{\prime}$ ) to the Upper Bowes Formation to test for the presence of oil.
4. The Upper Bowes Formation underlying the $\mathrm{SW}^{1} 1 / \mathrm{NE}^{1 / 4}$ of Section 5 is presently subject to temporary spacing established by ARM $36.22 .702(1,2 \& 7)$ which provides, in part, that ". . no oil well with a projected depth of 6,000 feet or less shall be located closer than 330 feet to any legal subdivision line, and only one well shall be permitted to produce from the same reservoir within the same legal subdivision."
5. Based upon an approximate location one hundred and seventy feet ( $170^{\prime}$ ) from the south boundary line and seventy seven feet (77') from the west boundary line of the $5 W^{1} / 4 \mathrm{NE}^{1 / 4}$ of Section 5 the proposed location is not in conformity with ARM 36.22.702(1, 2 \& 7).
6. The proposed well location is based upon geophysical data and information and the interpretation thereof and said location in Applicant's opinion is the optimum location for a successful oil well.
7. Because of the location of Applicant's proposed exploratory well, Applicant requests the $\mathrm{SW}^{1} / 4 \mathrm{SW}^{1} / 4 \mathrm{NE}^{1 / 4}, \mathrm{SE}^{1} / 4 \mathrm{SE}^{1 / 4 \mathrm{NW}^{1} / 4}, \mathrm{NE}^{1 / 4 \mathrm{NE}^{1} / 4 \mathrm{SW}^{1} / 4}$ AND $\mathrm{NW}^{1} / 4 \mathrm{NW}^{1} / 4 \mathrm{SE}^{1 / 4}$ of Section 5 be
designated by this board as a temporary spacing unit for said well and oil produced from the Upper Bowes Formation.
8. Applicant requests authorization and approval from this Board to drill and produce the above well as an exception to ARM 36.22.702(1, 2 \& 7).
9. Applicant believes the requested temporary spacing unit is necessary in order to adequately and efficiently increase the ultimate recovery of Upper Bowes Formation oil from the foregoing lands.
10. Applicant believes the granting of the request herein will serve to protect the correlative rights of all interested parties and will be in the best interest of prevention of waste and conservation of oil.
11. Should the proposed well be drilled and completed as a well capable of commercial production of oil Applicant will apply for an Order designating and delineating a permanent spacing unit for production of Upper Bowes Formation oil therefrom.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests the following:

1. This matter be set for hearing by this Board and notice thereof be given as required by law;
2. After hearing this matter this Board enter its Order granting and approving the request of Applicant hereof; and
3. For such other or additional relief as this Board may deem appropriate.

Dated May 10, 2018.
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