

**BEFORE THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, MONTANA STATE OFFICE
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC. FOR AN ORDER CREATING AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISING ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 24, AND 25 TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 57 EAST, M.P.M., AND SECTIONS 18, 19, AND 30 TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 58 EAST, M.P.M., ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MT, AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREIN AT ANY LOCATION NOT FURTHER THAN 500' FROM THE OTSU N-S CENTER SECTION LINE AND NOT CLOSER THAN 200' TO THE OTSU N-S BOUNDARIES, AND SUCH OTHER AND FURTHER RELIEF AS THE MBOGC MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE

APPLICATION

BLM DOCKET NO. 9-2024 FED

MBOGCC DOCKET NO. 13-2024

COMES NOW, Continental Resources, Inc., 20 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 ("CLR" or "Applicant"), a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Montana, and makes application to the Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation ("MBOGC") for an order establishing an overlapping temporary spacing unit covering the Bakken/Three Forks Formation underlying the Application Lands (described below) ("OTSU").

1. Applicant owns interests within Sections 13, 24, and 25, Township 28 North, Range 57 East, M.P.M., and Sections 18, 19, and 30, Township 28 North, Range 58 East, M.P.M., Roosevelt County, MT ("Application Lands").
2. The Application Lands are subject to the following orders of the MBOGC and, if applicable, the corresponding orders of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM").

MBOGC Order No.	BLM Order No.	Twp	Section(s)	Description
032-2011	15-2011 FED	28N-57E	13, 14	Temp. Spacing
143-2010		28N-57E	24, 25	Temp. Spacing
318-2011		28N-57E	24, 25	Setbacks
125-2013		28N-57E	24, 25	Perm. Spacing
126-2013		28N-57E	24, 25	Pooling
127-2013		28N-57E	24, 25	Well Density
019-1978		28N-57E	25, 26	Delineation

MBOGC Order No.	BLM Order No.	Twp	Section(s)	Description
042-1979		28N-57E	25, 26	Field Amendment
099-2010		28N-58E	18, 19	Temp. Spacing
253-2011	30-2011 FED	28N-58E	18, 19	Perm. Spacing
284-2012	31-2012 FED	28N-58E	18, 19	Well Density
088-2015		28N-58E	18, 19	Pooling
159-2010		28N-58E	30	Temp. Spacing
104-2011		28N-58E	30	Setbacks
004-2013		28N-58E	30	Perm. Spacing
005-2013		28N-58E	30	Well Density
087-2015		28N-58E	30	Pooling

3. According to the MBOGC's online well database, the following wells are producing from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation underlying the Application Lands.

API	Operator	Name	Status	Field	SHL Sec	BHL Sec	Fm'n
25-085-21819	CLR	Grindland 34X-25C	Producing	Elm Coulee, Northeast	25	24	Bakken
25-085-21757	Oasis ¹	Beulah Irene Federal 19-18H	Producing	Elm Coulee, Northeast	19	18	Bakken
25-085-21785	Oasis ¹	Dixie Federal 2758 14-6H	Producing	Elm Coulee, Northeast	6	30	Bakken

4. To more efficiently and economically recover Bakken/Three Forks formation reserves underlying the captioned lands, Applicant proposes to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks formation well with a lateral not further than 500' from the north-south center section line of the OTSU (the section line dividing (i) Sections 13, 24, and 25 from (ii) Sections 18, 19, and 30), with the heel/toe to be completed no closer than 200' to the northern and southern exterior boundaries of the OTSU.

5. Applicant has submitted an application concurrently herewith requesting an order: (i) establishing an OTSU covering Sections 13, 24, and 25 of the Application Lands; (ii) amending Order Nos. 125-2013 and 126-2013 as to the Application Lands to clarify that said orders are limited to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks formation from the Grindland 34X-25C well; and (iii) vacating Order No. 127-2013.

6. Applicant will, within 90 days of successful completion of the proposed horizontal operation, file an application for MBOGC consideration of permanent spacing and other matters relating to production from said well.

7. The OTSU contains the following federal and Indian Lands tracts:

¹ Oasis Petroleum North America LLC

Tract	Status	Type
Sec 13, T.28N., R.57E.: NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Leased	BIA
Sec 13, T.28N., R.57E.: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Unleased	BLM
Sec 18, T.28N., R.58E.: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Leased	BIA
Sec 19, T.28N., R.58E.: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$	Leased	BIA

8. NOW THEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests as follows.

a. This matter be set for hearing, with notice given as required by law;

b. After hearing the matter, the BLM and the Board enter orders: (i) creating an OTSU covering the Bakken/Three Forks Formation underlying the Application Lands, and authorizing the drilling of a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks formation well within such OTSU at any location but not further than 500' from the north-south center section line of the OTSU (the line dividing (a) Sections 13, 24, and 25 from (b) Sections 18, 19, and 30) and not closer than 200' to the northern and southern exterior boundaries of the OTSU, (ii) providing that operations for the drilling of such well must be commenced within one year from the date of such order and further providing that the OTSU shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well; and (iii) and such other and further relief as the MBOGC may deem appropriate.

DATED this 11th day of January, 2024.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL RESOURCES INC. FOR AN ORDER DESIGNATING AN OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 57 EAST, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA, AND AUTHORIZING THE DRILLING OF A HORIZONTAL BAKKEN/THREE FORKS FORMATION WELL THEREON AT ANY LOCATION NOT FURTHER THAN 500 FEET FROM THE COMMON BOUNDARY AND 200 FEET TO THE TOE/HEAL BOUNDARIES OF SAID TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT, PROVIDED THAT OPERATIONS FOR THE DRILLING OF SAID WELL MUST COMMENCE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF THE ORDER ISSUED BY THE BOARD. FURTHER PROVIDED THAT PRIOR TO SPUDDING THE REQUESTED WELL, APPLICANT WILL SPUD ONE WELL IN THE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF ALL OF SECTIONS 14, 23 AND 26, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 57 EAST, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA AND ONE WELL IN THE SPACING UNIT COMPRISED OF 13, 24 AND 25, TOWNSHIP 28 NORTH, RANGE 57 EAST, ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA. THE OVERLAPPING TEMPORARY SPACING UNIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRODUCTION FROM THE PROPOSED HORIZONTAL WELL AND APPLICANT WILL APPLY FOR PERMANENT SPACING WITHIN 90 DAYS OF SUCCESSFUL WELL COMPLETION.

**MBOGC Docket No. 109-2024
17-2024 FED**

AMENDED APPLICATION

CONTINENTAL RESOURCES, INC., 20 N. Broadway, Oklahoma City, OK 73102:

[A] Presents the following application:

1. Applicant is an interest owner and operator within Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township 28 North, Range 57 East, Roosevelt County, Montana, which tracts are presently spaced with respect to the Bakken formation by Orders:
 - 18-2024 – creating a temporary spacing unit comprised of All of Sections 13, 24 and 25, T28N, R57E and limiting the permanent spacing unit established by Board Order 125-2013 and the pooling order established by Board Order 126-2013 to oil and associated natural gas produced from the Bakken/Three Forks Formation through the wellbore of Grindland 34X-25C well.
 - 17-2024 – creating a temporary spacing unit comprised of All of Sections 14, 23 and 26, T28N, R57E
 - 125-2013 – creating a permanent spacing unit comprised of All of Sections 24 and 25, T28N, R57E for oil and natural gas production (limited to the wellbore of the Grindland 34X-25C well by Order 18-2024)
 - 126-2013 – pooling the production of oil and natural gas from the permanent spacing unit comprised of All of Sections 24 and 25, T28N, R57E (limited to the wellbore of the Grindland 34X-25C well by Order 18-2024).

2. To more efficiently and economically recover Bakken/Three Forks formation reserves underlying the captioned lands, Applicant proposes to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks formation well within, but not closer than 200 feet to the heel/toe exterior boundaries and 500 feet to the lateral boundaries, of a temporary spacing unit ("TSU") comprised of All of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township 28 North, Range 57 East, subject to the condition that applicant must commence said well within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. Subject also to the condition that prior to spudding the requested well, Applicant will spud one well in the spacing unit comprised of All of Sections 14, 23 and 26, T28N, R57E and one well in the spacing unit comprised of 13, 24 and 25, T28N, 57E.
3. The overlapping temporary spacing unit shall be limited to production from the proposed horizontal well, and Applicant will, within 90 days of successful completion of the proposed horizontal operation, file an application for Board consideration of permanent spacing and all other matters relating to production of said well.
4. The proposed temporary spacing unit contains the following Federal lands:

Township 28 North, Range 57 East
Section 13: SWSE
Section 23: Lots 2, 3

The proposed temporary spacing unit contains the following Indian Trust lands:

Township 28 North, Range 57 East
Section 13: NW
Section 14: W2E2
Section 14: Lots 7, 8
Section 14: Lots 3, 4
Section 23: Lots 5, 6
Section 23: Lot 1, NWNE

[B] Requests:

1. This matter be set for hearing and placed on the Docket, with notice given as required by law.
2. After hearing the matter, the Montana Board of Oil & Gas Conservation and the United States Dept. of the Interior enter their orders that a TSU comprised of All of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 and 26, Township 28 North, Range 57 East be established, subject to the condition that applicant must commence said well within one year of the date of the order issued by the Board. Subject also to the condition that prior to spudding the requested well, Applicant will spud one well in the spacing unit comprised of All of Sections 14, 23 and 26, T28N, R57E and one well in the spacing unit comprised of 13, 24 and 25, T28N, 57E.
3. Authorizing the Applicant to locate its proposed horizontal well anywhere within such TSU but not closer than 200 feet to the toe/heel boundaries and no further than 500 feet from the common boundary thereof.

Dated July 15, 2024.

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