

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Buffalo Field Office
Buffalo, Wyoming**

**SURFACE USE
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

POD Name: Carr Draw III East

Operator: Williams Production RMT Company

List of wells:

	Well Name	Well #	Qtr/Qtr	Sec	TWP	RNG	Lease #
1	CARR DRAW III E CARU	11-18BG*	NWNW	18	50N	75W	WYW146811
2	CARR DRAW III E CARU	11-18W	NWNW	18	50N	75W	WYW146811
3	CARR DRAW III E CARU	12-19BG	SWNW	19	50N	75W	WYW154404
4	CARR DRAW III E CARU	12-19W	SWNW	19	50N	75W	WYW154404
5	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-19BG	SWSW	19	50N	75W	WYW154404
6	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-19W	SWSW	19	50N	75W	WYW154404
7	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-19BG	NENW	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
8	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-19W	NENW	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
9	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-19BG	NESW	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
10	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-19W	NESW	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
11	CARR DRAW III E CARU	32-19BG	SWNE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
12	CARR DRAW III E CARU	32-19W	SWNE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
13	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-19BG	SWSE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
14	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-19W	SWSE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
15	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-19BG	NENE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
16	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-19W	NENE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
17	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-19BG	NESE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
18	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-19W	NESE	19	50N	75W	WYW146811
19	CARR DRAW III E CARU	12-20BG	SWNW	20	50N	75W	WYW146811
20	CARR DRAW III E CARU	12-20W	SWNW	20	50N	75W	WYW146811
21	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-20BG	SWSW	20	50N	75W	WYW146811
22	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-20W	SWSW	20	50N	75W	WYW146811
23	CARR DRAW III E CARU	22-20BG	SENE	20	50N	75W	WYW146811
24	CARR DRAW III E CARU	22-20W	SENE	20	50N	75W	WYW146811
25	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-20BG	SWSE	20	50N	75W	WYW129538
26	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-20W	SWSE	20	50N	75W	WYW129538
27	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-20BG	NESE	20	50N	75W	WYW146811
28	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-20W	NESE	20	50N	75W	WYW146811

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29	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-29BG	NENW	29	50N	75W	WYW129538
30	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-29W	NENW	29	50N	75W	WYW129538
31	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-29BG	NENE	29	50N	75W	WYW129538
32	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-29W	NENE	29	50N	75W	WYW129538
33	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-30BG	SWSW	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
34	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-30W	SWSW	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
35	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-30BG	NENW	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
36	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-30W	NENW	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
37	CARR DRAW III E CARU	31-30BG	NWNE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
38	CARR DRAW III E CARU	31-30W	NWNE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
39	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-30BG	SWSE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
40	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-30W	SWSE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
41	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-30BG	NENE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
42	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-30W	NENE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
43	CARR DRAW III E CARU	42-30BG	NESE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
44	CARR DRAW III E CARU	42-30W	NESE	30	50N	75W	WYW146812
45	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-31BG	NENW	31	50N	75W	WYW146812
46	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-31W	NENW	31	50N	75W	WYW146812
47	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-13BG	SWSW	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
48	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-13W	SWSW	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
49	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-13BG	NESW	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
50	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-13W	NESW	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
51	CARR DRAW III E CARU	32-13BG	SWNE	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
52	CARR DRAW III E CARU	32-13W	SWNE	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
53	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-13BG	SWSE	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
54	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-13W	SWSE	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
55	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-13BG	NESE	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
56	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-13W	NESE	13	50N	76W	WYW146290
57	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-23BG	SWSE	23	50N	76W	WYW146290
58	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-23W	SWSE	23	50N	76W	WYW146290
59	CARR DRAW III E CARU	44-23BG	SESE	23	50N	76W	WYW146290
60	CARR DRAW III E CARU	44-23W	SESE	23	50N	76W	WYW146290
61	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-24BG	SWSW	24	50N	76W	WYW146290
62	CARR DRAW III E CARU	14-24W	SWSW	24	50N	76W	WYW146290
63	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-24BG	NENW	24	50N	76W	WYW146290
64	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-24W	NENW	24	50N	76W	WYW146290
65	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-24BG	NESW	24	50N	76W	WYW146290
66	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-24W	NESW	24	50N	76W	WYW146290
67	CARR DRAW III E CARU	12-25BG	SWNW	25	50N	76W	WYW147335
68	CARR DRAW III E CARU	12-25W	SWNW	25	50N	76W	WYW147335

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69	CARR DRAW III E CARU	22-25BG	SEnw	25	50N	76W	WYW146290
70	CARR DRAW III E CARU	22-25W	SEnw	25	50N	76W	WYW146290
71	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-25BG	NEsw	25	50N	76W	WYW146290
72	CARR DRAW III E CARU	23-25W	NEsw	25	50N	76W	WYW146290
73	CARR DRAW III E CARU	32-25BG	SWNE	25	50N	76W	WYW146290
74	CARR DRAW III E CARU	32-25W	SWNE	25	50N	76W	WYW146290
75	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-25BG	SWSE	25	50N	76W	WYW147335
76	CARR DRAW III E CARU	34-25W	SWSE	25	50N	76W	WYW147335
77	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-25BG	NESE	25	50N	76W	WYW147335
78	CARR DRAW III E CARU	43-25W	NESE	25	50N	76W	WYW147335
79	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-26BG	NENw	26	50N	76W	WYW33138
80	CARR DRAW III E CARU	21-26W	NENw	26	50N	76W	WYW33138
81	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-26BG	NENE	26	50N	76W	WYW33138
82	CARR DRAW III E CARU	41-26W	NENE	26	50N	76W	WYW33138

1. Please contact Bill Ostheimer Natural Resource Specialist, @ (307) 684-1117 Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo, if there are any questions concerning these COAs.

I Programmatic mitigation measures identified in the PRB FEIS ROD

Programmatic mitigation measures are those, determined through analysis, which may be appropriate to apply at the time of APD approval if site specific conditions warrant. These mitigation measures can be applied by BLM, as determined necessary at the site-specific NEPA APD stage, as COAs and will be in addition to stipulations applied at the time of lease issuance and any standard COA.

Groundwater

1. For all WYPDES permits the BLM will require that operators comply with the latest DEQ standards and monitoring guidance.

Vegetation

1. Temporarily fence reseeded areas, if not already fenced, for at least two complete growing seasons to insure reclamation success on problematic sites (e.g. close to livestock watering source, erosive soils etc.).

Wildlife

1. For any surface-disturbing activities proposed in sagebrush shrublands, the Companies will conduct clearance surveys for sage grouse breeding activity during the sage grouse's breeding season before initiating the activities. The surveys must encompass all sagebrush shrublands within 0.5 mile of the proposed activities.
2. The Companies will locate facilities so that noise from the facilities at any nearby sage grouse or sharp-tailed grouse display grounds does not exceed 49 decibels (10 dBA above background noise) at the display ground.

Threatened, Endangered, or Sensitive Species

Bald Eagle

1. Special habitats for raptors, including wintering bald eagles, will be identified and considered during the review of Sundry Notices.
2. Additional mitigation measures may be necessary if the site-specific project is determined by a BLM biologist to have adverse effects to bald eagles or their habitat.

Mountain Plover

1. A disturbance-free buffer zone of 0.25 mile will be established around all occupied mountain plover nesting habitat between March 15 and July 31.
2. Work schedules and shift changes will be set to avoid the periods from 30 minutes before to 30 minutes after sunrise and sunset during June and July, when mountain plovers and other wildlife are most active.

Visual Resources

1. The Companies will mount lights at compressor stations and other facilities on a pole or building and direct them downward to illuminate key areas within the facility while minimizing the amount of light projected outside the facility.

Air Quality

1. During construction, emissions of particulate matter from well pad and resource road construction will be minimized by application of water, or other dust suppressants, with at least 50 percent control efficiency. Roads and well locations constructed on soils susceptible to wind erosion could be appropriately surfaced or otherwise stabilized to reduce the amount of fugitive dust generated by traffic or other activities, and dust inhibitors (surfacing materials, non-saline dust suppressants, and water) could be used as necessary on unpaved collector, local and resource roads that present a fugitive dust problem. The use of chemical dust suppressants on BLM surface will require prior approval from the BLM authorized officer.

II Site specific mitigation measures

Surface

1. All changes made at the onsite have been incorporated into the proposed action.
2. On non-constructed locations the work area (driving, parking, and equipment placement) will be limited to 200 x 200 feet, and delineated in the field.
3. For those proposed disturbance areas identified below, there are lands with limited reclamation potential that shall be stabilized in a manner which eliminates accelerated erosion until a self-perpetuating non-weed, native plant community has stabilized the site in accordance with the Wyoming Reclamation Policy. Stabilization efforts shall be finished within 30 days of the initiation of construction activities:
 - a. Section 13 East half of section 24.
 - b. The 21-19 location and access road.
 - c. The 44-23 location and access road.
 - d. Road from 21-31 south to road junction.
 - e. Bladed disturbance will be limited to twenty (20) feet maximum (where engineering or templates are not in use) on the following roads: 43-13, 14-13, plus a ten (10) foot temporary driving location on either side. In addition, in locations where pipelines 12" or larger are to be laid, the bladed disturbance will be 30' plus a ten (10) foot temporary driving location on either side.

4. The operator will follow the guidance provided in the Wyoming Policy on Reclamation (IM WY-90-231) specifically the following:

Reclamation Standards:

- C.3 The reclaimed area shall be stable and exhibit none of the following characteristics:
 - a. Large rills or gullies.
 - b. Perceptible soil movement or head cutting in drainages.
 - c. Slope instability on, or adjacent to, the reclaimed area in question.
- C.4. The soil surface must be stable and have adequate surface roughness to reduce runoff and capture rainfall and snow melt. Additional short-term measures, such as the application of mulch, shall be used to reduce surface soil movement.
- C.5. Vegetation canopy cover (on unforested sites), production and species diversity (including shrubs) shall approximate the surrounding undisturbed area. The vegetation shall stabilize the site and support the planned post disturbance land use, provide for natural plant community succession and development, and be capable of renewing itself. This shall be demonstrated by:
 - a. Successful onsite establishment of species included in the planting mixture or other desirable species.
 - b. Evidence of vegetation reproduction, either spreading by rhizomatous species or seed production.
- C.6. The reclaimed landscape shall have characteristics that approximate the visual quality of the adjacent area with regard to location, scale, shape, color and orientation of major landscape features and meet the needs of the planned post disturbance land use.
5. Corridor utilities shall be placed within:
 - a. The “roadway” as delineated in Figure 2, page 19 of the 2006 BLM Gold Book for engineered and template roads or;
 - b. Within 4 feet of a wheel track on primitive roads.
6. As agreed to at the onsite, corridor disturbance width to the 43-20 well shall be limited to 30 feet.
7. There will be no blading on the road in to the 41-29 well. The corridor from the 41-26 well to section 36 shall be limited to 40 feet.
8. Drawings will be submitted and approved prior to the pre-construction onsite showing the change in access to 14-13 well.
9. All staking will be completed for the preconstruction onsite.
10. The culvert locations will be staked prior to construction. The culvert invert grade and finished road grade will be clearly indicated on the stakes. Culverts will be installed on natural ground, or on a designed flow line of a ditch. The minimum cover over culverts will be 12” or one-half the diameter whichever is greater. Culverts shall be placed according to the following spacing:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Drainage Spacing</u>
2-4%	310 ft
5-8%	260 ft
9-12%	200 ft

11. The operator is responsible for having the licensed professional engineer(s) certify that the actual construction of the road meets the design criteria and is constructed to Bureau standards. Provide 4” of aggregate where grades exceed 8%.
12. Williams will work with the landowner to minimize impacts to the Maycock ranching operation, including agreement on language and placement of signs advising Williams’ personnel and contractors of ranch operations.
13. Any and all fences or waterlines that are damaged by Williams shall be repaired or replaced by Williams to a condition consistent with the condition of the existing fences or waterlines.

14. In order to prevent pipeline exposure and erosion, the construction practices for the proposed pipeline along Barber Creek Sections 23, 24, 26, (T50R76) and the crossing in section 30 (T50R75) shall be detailed and submitted to the BLM engineer prior to construction.
15. At final abandonment, pipelines and flowlines will be flushed and any fluids present properly disposed of. All surface lines and any lines that are buried close to the surface that may become exposed due to water or wind erosion, soil movement, or anticipated subsequent use, must be removed. Deeply buried lines may remain in place unless otherwise directed by the authorized officer.
16. If during the life of the project pipelines, or segments of pipelines, create erosion or become exposed, then those lines will be removed at final abandonment.
17. If pit-liners are used, then Williams will ensure they do not become exposed. Williams will bury liners below the root zone and no closer than 36" to the reclaimed surface.
18. The following widths of disturbance (from the 12/11/2007 Surface Use Data Summary Form) shall apply during construction and operations for infrastructure not identified in #3 above: Improved roads with or without utilities = 50 feet. Primitive roads with or without utilities, and non-corridor utilities = 40 feet. The following are exceptions:
 - a. The corridor from location 14-19 to the main access in Section 24, main corridor in Section 26, pipeline in Section 30, waterline in SE of POD, gas and waterline between the 41-26 location and the main access in Section 26 will require 60 feet in certain areas where necessary.
19. The operator will drill seed on the contour to a depth of 0.5 inch, followed by cultipaction to compact the seedbed, preventing soil and seed losses. To maintain quality and purity, the current years tested, certified seed with a minimum germination rate of 80% and a minimum purity of 90% will be used. On BLM surface or in lieu of a different specific mix desired by the surface owner, use the following:

Species	% in Mix	Lbs PLS*
<i>Thickspike Wheatgrass</i> (<i>Elymus lanceolatus</i> ssp. <i>lanceolatus</i>)	25	2.1
<i>Western Wheatgrass</i> (<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>)	25	2.1
<i>Bluebunch wheatgrass</i> (<i>Pseudoroegneria spicata</i> ssp. <i>Spicata</i>)	25	6
<i>Prairie coneflower</i> (<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>)	5	0.6
<i>White or purple prairie clover</i> (<i>Dalea candidum</i> , <i>purpureum</i>)	5	0.6
<i>Rocky Mountain beeplant</i> (<i>Cleome serrulata</i>) /or <i>American vetch</i> (<i>Vicia americana</i>)	5	0.6
Totals	100%	12 lbs/acre

Wildlife

1. The following conditions will minimize impacts to raptors;
 - a. No surface disturbing activity shall occur within ½ mile of all identified raptor nests from February 1 through July 31, annually, prior to a raptor nest occupancy survey for the current breeding season. This affects the following infrastructure:

<i>Township/Range</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
50/75	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 11-18-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • The proposed pipeline along the county road within the northern half of this section. • The proposed overhead powerlines within NW ¼ of this section
50/75	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 12-19-5075BG/W, 21-19-5075BG/W, 23-19-5075BG/W, and 32-19-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the west half of this section except the proposed pipeline corridor along the existing primitive road in the SWSW of this section.
50/75	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 14-20-5075BG/W, 22-20-5075BG/W, and 34-20-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • The proposed pipeline corridor along the county road from the 12-20-5075BG/W well eastward. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the south half of this section. • All proposed overhead powerlines within this entire section, if
50/75	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 21-29-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors in the NE of this section.
50/75	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 14-30-5075BG/W and 34-30-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the south half of this section.
50/75	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 21-31-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section. • The proposed overhead powerlines within the NW ¼ of this section.
50/76	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed overhead powerlines in the SE ¼ of this section.
50/76	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 14-13-5076BG/W, 32-13-5076BG/W, and 43-13-5076BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the north half of this section except to the 12-13-5076BG/W wells.
50/76	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 43-25-5076BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • The proposed access route / pipeline corridor to the 43-25-5076BG/W wells within this section.

- b. Surveys to document nest occupancy shall be conducted by a biologist following BLM protocol, between April 15 and June 30. All survey results shall be submitted in writing to a Buffalo BLM biologist and approved prior to surface disturbing activities. Surveys outside this window may not depict nesting activity. If a survey identifies active raptor nests, a ½ mile timing buffer will be implemented. The timing buffer restricts surface disturbing activities within ½ mile of occupied raptor nests from February 1 to July 31.
 - c. Nest productivity checks shall be completed for the first five years following project completion. The productivity checks shall be conducted no earlier than June 1 or later than June 30 and any evidence of nesting success or production shall be recorded. Survey results will be submitted to a Buffalo BLM biologist in writing no later than July 31 of each survey year. This applies to all the nests listed in Table 3.2 of this EA.
2. The following conditions will minimize impacts to sage-grouse:

- a. No surface disturbing activities are permitted within 2 miles of the Hayden I lek (SWSE Section 17, T50N, R75W), the Hayden Satellite A lek (SWNE Section 22, T50N, R75W), the Hayden Satellite B lek (NENW Section 27, T50N, R75W), the Barber Creek South Prong lek (NWSE Section 1, T49N, R76W) and the Laskie Draw East lek (NENW Section 3, T49N, R76W) between March 1 and June 15, prior to completion of a greater sage-grouse lek survey. This condition will be implemented on an annual basis for the duration of surface disturbing activities. This affects the following infrastructure:

<i>Township/Range</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
50/75	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proposed overhead powerlines associated with the federal action within this section.
50/75	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 11-18-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section. • All proposed overhead powerlines within this entire section,.
50/75	19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 12-19-5075BG/W, 14-19-5075BG/W, 21-19-5075BG/W, 23-19-5075BG/W, 32-19-5075BG/W, 34-19-5075BG/W, 41-19-5075BG/W and 43-19-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section. • All proposed overhead powerlines within this entire section .
50/75	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 12-20-5075BG/W, 14-20-5075BG/W, 22-20-5075BG/W, 34-20-5075BG/W, and 43-20-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section. • All proposed overhead powerlines within this entire section.
50/75	21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proposed overhead powerlines associated with the federal action within this section.
50/75	29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 21-29-5075BG/W and 41-29-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section.
50/75	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 14-30-5075BG/W, 21-30-5075BG/W, 31-30-5075BG/W, 41-30-5075BG/W, and 42-30-5075BG/W • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section.
50/75	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 21-31-5075BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section. • All proposed overhead powerlines within this entire section.
50/76	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 34-13-5076BG/W and 43-13-5076BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the SE and ENE of this section. • All proposed overhead powerlines within NE of this section.
50/76	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wells 34-25-5076BG/W and their associated infrastructure. • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the SSE and SSW of this section.

<i>Township/Range</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proposed overhead powerlines within the south half of this section.
50/76	26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed pipeline corridor along the existing road within SW of this section. • All proposed overhead powerlines within the south half of this section.
50/76	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within this entire section.
50/76	36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors related to the federal action within this entire section.

- b. If an active lek is identified during the survey, the 2 mile timing restriction (March 1-June 15) will be applied and surface disturbing activities will not be permitted until after the nesting season.
 - c. If surveys indicate that the identified leks are inactive during the current breeding season, surface disturbing activities may be permitted within the 2 mile buffer until the following breeding season (March 1). The required sage grouse survey will be conducted by a biologist, following the most current WGFD protocol. All survey results shall be submitted in writing to a Buffalo BLM biologist and approved prior to surface disturbing activities.
 - d. Creation of raptor hunting perches will be avoided within 0.5-mile of documented sage-grouse lek sites. Perch inhibitors will be installed to deter avian predators from preying on sage grouse.
3. No surface disturbing activity shall occur in the prairie dog colony located in the east half of Section 24, Township 50 North, Range 76 West from April 15 through August 31, annually, prior to a burrowing owl nest occupancy survey for the current breeding season. This timing limitation will affect the following proposed wells and their associated infrastructure:

<i>Township/Range</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
50/76	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the eastern half of this section.

- a. A 0.25 mile buffer will be applied if a burrowing owl nest is identified. This condition will be implemented on an annual basis for the duration of surface disturbing activities within the prairie dog town(s).
4. A mountain plover nesting survey is desired in suitable habitat prior to commencement of surface disturbing activities in the prairie dog colony located in the east half of Section 24, Township 50 North, Range 76 West. If the survey is not conducted prior to commencement of surface disturbing activities, it shall be conducted during the first breeding season following POD approval. No surface disturbing activities are permitted in suitable habitat areas listed above, from March 15-July 31, until a mountain plover nesting survey has been conducted for the current breeding season. This affects the following infrastructure:

<i>Township/Range</i>	<i>Section</i>	<i>Infrastructure</i>
50/76	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All proposed access routes and/or pipeline corridors within the western half of this section.

- a. If a mountain plover is identified, then a seasonal disturbance-free buffer of ¼ mile shall be maintained between March 15 and July 31. If no mountain plovers are identified, then surface disturbing activities may be permitted within suitable habitat until the following breeding season (March 15).
- b. Work schedules and shift changes will be set to avoid the periods from 30 minutes before to 30 minutes after sunrise and sunset during June and July, when mountain plovers and other wildlife are most active.

- c. Reclamation of areas of previously suitable mountain plover habitat will include the seeding of vegetation to produce suitable habitat for mountain plover.

III Standard Conditions of Approval

A. General

1. If any cultural values [sites, artifacts, human remains (Appendix L FEIS)] are observed during operation of this lease/permit/right-of-way, they will be left intact and the Buffalo Field Manager notified. The authorized officer will conduct an evaluation of the cultural values to establish appropriate mitigation, salvage or treatment. The operator is responsible for informing all persons in the area who are associated with this project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing historic or archaeological sites, or for collecting artifacts. If historic or archaeological materials are uncovered during construction, the operator is to immediately stop work that might further disturb such materials, and contact the authorized BLM officer (AO). Within five working days the AO will inform the operator as to:
 - whether the materials appear eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
 - the mitigation measures the operator will likely have to undertake before the site can be used (assuming in situ preservation is not necessary); and,
 - a time-frame for the AO to complete an expedited review under 36 CFR 800.11 to confirm, through the State Historic Preservation Officer, that the findings of the AO are correct and that mitigation is appropriate. The AO will provide technical and procedural guidelines for the conduct of mitigation. Upon verification from the AO that the required mitigation has been completed, the operator will then be allowed to resume construction measures.
2. If paleontological resources, either large or conspicuous, and/or a significant scientific value are discovered during construction, the find will be reported to the Authorized Officer immediately. Construction will be suspended within 250 feet of said find. An evaluation of the paleontological discovery will be made by a BLM approved professional paleontologist within five (5) working days, weather permitting, to determine the appropriate action(s) to prevent the potential loss of any significant paleontological values. Operations within 250 feet of such a discovery will not be resumed until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. The applicant will bear the cost of any required paleontological appraisals, surface collection of fossils, or salvage of any large conspicuous fossils of significant scientific interest discovered during the operation.
3. The operator shall restrict travel on unimproved two-track roads during periods of inclement weather or spring thaw when the possibility exists for excessive surface resource damage (e.g., rutting in excess of 4-inches, travel outside two-track roadway, etc.).
4. The first well drilled to each targeted coal zone will be designated as the POD reference well. Designated reference wells must have the ability to be sampled at the wellhead. Water quality samples will be collected by the operator and submitted for analysis using current WDEQ WYPDES analytical criteria within 30-60 days of initial water production. Results of the analysis will be submitted to the BFO-BLM Authorized Officer as they become available.
5. By November 1 each year, companies will provide georeferenced spatial data depicting as-built locations of all facilities, wells, roads, pipelines, power lines, reservoirs, discharge points, and other related facilities to the BLM for all PODs where construction and development have been completed.

6. If any dead or injured threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate species is located during construction or operation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Wyoming Field Office (307-772-2374), their law enforcement office (307-261-6365), and the BLM Buffalo Field Office (307-684-1100) shall be notified within 24 hours. If any dead or injured sensitive species is located during construction or operation, the BLM Buffalo Field Office (307-684-1100) shall be notified within 24 hours.
7. Wildlife species are dynamic and new individuals may have moved into the POD area after the initial wildlife surveys were completed. The Record of Decision for the PRB FEIS includes a programmatic mitigation measure that states, "The companies will conduct clearance surveys for threatened and endangered or other special-concern species at the optimum time". The measure requires companies to coordinate with the BLM before November 1 annually to review the potential for disturbance and to agree on inventory parameters. Should this project not be completed by January 15, and surface disturbance is planned for that year, a Williams Production RMT Company representative will coordinate with the BLM to discuss required surveys.
8. All other conservation measures and terms and conditions identified in the Powder River Basin Oil and Gas Project Biological Opinion (WY07F0075) shall be complied with.
9. If an undocumented raptor nest is located during project construction or operation, the Buffalo Field Office (307-684-1100) shall be notified within 24 hours.
10. All contractors will have a copy of the pod map and conditions of approval with them at all times.

B. Construction

1. A pre-construction field meeting shall be conducted prior to beginning any dirt work approved under this POD. The operator shall contact the BLM Authorized Officer Bill Ostheimer @ 307-684-1117 at least 4-days prior to beginning operations so that the meeting can be scheduled. The operator is responsible for having all contractors present (dirt contractors, drilling contractor, pipeline contractor, project oversight personnel, etc.) including the overall field operations superintendent, and for providing all contractors copies of the approved POD, project map and BLM Conditions of Approval pertinent to the work that each will be doing.
2. The operator will limit vegetation removal and the degree of surface disturbance wherever possible. Where surface disturbance cannot be avoided, all practicable measures will be utilized to minimize erosion and stabilize disturbed soils.
3. Construction and drilling activity will not be conducted using frozen or saturated soil material during periods when watershed damage or excessive rutting is likely to occur.
4. Remove all available topsoil (depths vary from 4 inches on ridges to 12+ inches in bottoms) from constructed well locations including areas of cut and fill, and stockpile at the site. Topsoil will also be salvaged for use in reclamation on all other areas of surface disturbance (roads, pipelines, etc.). Clearly segregate topsoil from excess spoil material. Any topsoil stockpiled for one year or longer will be signed and stabilized with annual ryegrass or other suitable cover crop.
5. The operator will not push soil material and overburden over side slopes or into drainages. All soil material disturbed will be placed in an area where it can be retrieved without creating additional undue surface disturbance and where it does not impede watershed and drainage flows.

6. Construct the backslope no steeper than 1½:1, and construct the foreslope no steeper than 2:1, unless otherwise directed by the BLM Authorized Officer.
7. Maintain a minimum 20-foot undisturbed vegetative border between toe-of-fill of pad and/or pit areas and the edge of adjacent drainages, unless otherwise directed by the BLM Authorized Officer.
8. With the overall objective of minimizing surface disturbance and retaining land stability and productivity, the operator shall utilize equipment that is appropriate to the scope and scale of work being done for roads and well pads (utilize equipment no larger than needed for the job).
9. To minimize electrocution potential to raptors, all overhead electrical power lines will be constructed to Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (1996) standards and additional standards identified in the PRB FEIS Biological Opinion (Volume 3, Appendix K, page 43).
10. The operator shall utilize wheel trenchers or ditchers to construct all pipeline trenches, except where extreme topography or other environmental factors preclude their use.
11. Reserve pits will be adequately fenced during and after drilling operations until pit is reclaimed so as to effectively keep out wildlife and livestock. Adequate fencing, in lieu of more stringent requirements by the surface owner, is defined as follows:
 - Construction materials will consist of steel or wood posts. Three or four strand wire (smooth or barbed) fence or hog panel (16-foot length by 50-inch height) or plastic snow fence must be used with connectors such as fence staples, quick-connect clips, hog rings, hose clamps, twisted wire, etc. Electric fences will not be allowed.
 - Construction standards: Posts shall be firmly set in ground. If wire is used, it must be taut and evenly spaced, from ground level to top wire, to effectively keep out animals. Hog panels must be tied securely into posts and one another using fence staples, clamps, etc. Plastic snow fencing must be taut and sturdy. Fence must be at least 2-feet from edge of pit. 3 sides fenced before beginning drilling, the fourth side fenced immediately upon completion of drilling and prior to rig release. Fence must be left up and maintained in adequate condition until pit is closed.
12. The reserve pit will be oriented to prevent collection of surface runoff. After the drilling rig is removed, the operator may need to construct a trench on the uphill side of the reserve pit to divert surface drainage around it. If constructed, the trench will be left intact until the pit is closed.
13. The reserve pit will be lined with an impermeable liner if permeable subsurface material is encountered. An impermeable liner is any liner having a permeability less than 10⁻⁷ cm/sec. The liner will be installed so that it will not leak and will be chemically compatible with all substances that may be put in the pit. Liners made of any man-made synthetic material will be of sufficient strength and thickness to withstand normal installation and pit use. In gravelly or rocky soils, a suitable bedding material such as sand will be used prior to installing the liner.
14. The reserve pit will be constructed so that at least half of its total volume is in solid cut material (below natural ground level).
15. Culverts will be placed on channel bottoms on firm, uniform beds, which have been shaped to accept them, and aligned parallel to the channel to minimize erosion. Backfill will be thoroughly compacted.
16. The minimum diameter for culverts will be 18 inches. However, all culverts will be

appropriately sized in accordance with standards in BLM Manual 9113.

17. Construction and other project-related traffic will be restricted to approved routes. Cross-country vehicle travel will not be allowed.
18. Maximum design speed on all operator-constructed and maintained roads will not exceed 25 miles per hour.
19. Pipeline construction shall not block nor change the natural course of any drainage. Pipelines shall cross perpendicular to drainages. Pipelines shall not be run parallel in drainage bottoms. Suspended pipelines shall provide adequate clearance for maximum runoff.
20. Pipeline trenches shall be compacted during backfilling. Pipeline trenches shall be routinely inspected and maintained to ensure proper settling, stabilization and reclamation.
21. During construction, emissions of particulate matter from well pad and road construction would be minimized by application of water or other non-saline dust suppressants with at least 50 percent control efficiency. Dust inhibitors (surfacing materials, non-saline dust suppressants, and water) will be used as necessary on unpaved roads that present a fugitive dust problem. The use of chemical dust suppressants on public surface will require prior approval from the BLM Authorized Officer.
22. Operators are required to obtain a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Permit from the Wyoming DEQ for any projects that disturb five or more acres (changing to one acre in March 2005). This general construction storm water permit must be obtained from WDEQ prior to any surface disturbing activities and can be obtained by following directions on the WDEQ website at <http://deq.state.wy.us>. Further information can be obtained by contacting Barb Sahl at (307) 777-7570.
23. The operator shall submit a Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5) to BLM for approval prior to construction of any new surface disturbing activities that are not specifically addressed in the approved APD or POD Surface Use Plan.
24. Weed educational material will be reviewed with operators during pre-construction on-site meetings with operators, subcontractors, and landowners and will also be attached to approved APDs and PODs.
25. Companies will contact the counties to pursue development of maintenance agreements to ensure county roads are adequately maintained for the projected increase in use.

C. Operations/Maintenance

1. The operator shall complete coal bed natural gas wells (case, cement and under ream) as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days after drilling operations, unless an extension is given by the BLM Authorized Officer.
2. If in the process of air drilling the wells there is a need to utilize mud, all circulating fluids will be contained either in an approved pit or in an aboveground containment tank. The pit or containment tank will be large enough to safely contain the capacity of all expected fluids without danger of overflow. Fluid and cuttings will not be squeezed out of the pit, and the pit will be reclaimed in an expedient manner.
3. Confine all equipment and vehicles to the access road(s), pad(s), and area(s) specified in the approved APD or POD.
4. All waste, other than human waste and drilling fluids, will be contained in a portable trash cage. This waste will be transported to a State approved waste disposal site immediately upon completion of drilling operations. No trash or empty barrels will be placed in the reserve pit

or buried on location. All state and local laws and regulations pertaining to disposal of human and solid waste will be complied with.

5. Rat and mouse holes shall be filled and compacted from the bottom to the top immediately upon release of the drilling rig from the location.
6. The operator will be responsible for prevention and control of noxious weeds and weeds of concern on all areas of surface disturbance associated with this project (well locations, roads, water management facilities, etc.) Use of pesticides shall comply with the applicable Federal and State laws. Pesticides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and within limitations imposed by the Secretary of Interior. Prior to the use of pesticides on public land, the holder shall obtain from the BLM authorized officer written approval of a plan showing the type and quantity of material to be used, pest(s) to be controlled, method of application, location of storage and disposal of containers, and any other information deemed necessary by the authorized officer to such use.
7. Sewage shall be placed in a self-contained, chemically treated porta-potty on location.
8. The operator and their contractors shall ensure that all use, production, storage, transport and disposal of hazardous and extremely hazardous materials associated with the drilling, completion and production of these wells will be in accordance with all applicable existing or hereafter promulgated federal, state and local government rules, regulations and guidelines. All project-related activities involving hazardous materials will be conducted in a manner to minimize potential environmental impacts. In accordance with OSHA requirements, a file will be maintained onsite containing current Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all chemicals, compounds and/or substances which are used in the course of construction, drilling, completion and production operations.
9. Produced fluids shall be put in test tanks on location during completion work. Produced water will be put in the reserve pit during completion work per Onshore Order #7.
10. The only fluids/waste materials which are authorized to go into the reserve pit are RCRA exempt exploration and production wastes. These include:

- drilling muds & cuttings
- rigwash
- excess cement and certain completion & stimulation fluids defined by EPA as exempt

It does not include drilling rig waste, such as:

- spent hydraulic fluids
- used engine oil
- used oil filter
- empty cement, drilling mud, or other product sacks
- empty paint, pipe dope, chemical or other product containers
- excess chemicals or chemical rinsate

Any evidence of non-exempt wastes being put into the reserve pit may result in the BLM Authorized Officer requiring specific testing and closure requirements.

11. Reserve pits will be closed as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days from time of drilling/well completion, unless the BLM Authorized Officer gives an extension. Squeezing of pit fluids and cuttings is prohibited. Pits must be dry of fluids or they must be removed via vac-truck or other environmentally acceptable method prior to backfilling, re-contouring and replacement of topsoil. Mud and cuttings left in pit must be buried at least 3-feet below re-

contoured grade. The operator will be responsible for re-contouring any subsidence areas that develop from closing a pit before it is sufficiently dry.

12. Operators are advised that prior to installation of any oil and gas well production equipment which has the potential to emit air contaminants, the owner or operator of the equipment must notify the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division (phone 307-777-7391) to determine permit requirements. Examples of pertinent well production equipment include fuel-fired equipment (e.g., diesel generators), separators, storage tanks, engines and dehydrators.
13. If this well is drilled during the fire season (June-October), the operator shall institute all necessary precautions to ensure that fire hazard is minimized, including but not limited to mowing vegetation on the access route(s) and well location(s), keeping fire fighting equipment readily available when drilling, etc.

D. Dry Hole/Reclamation

1. All disturbed lands associated with this project, including the pipelines, access roads, water management facilities, etc will be expediently reclaimed and reseeded in accordance with the surface use plan and any pertinent site-specific COAs.
2. Disturbed lands will be re-contoured back to conform with existing undisturbed topography. No depressions will be left that trap water or form ponds.
3. The fluids and mud must be dry in the reserve pit before re-contouring pit area. The operator will be responsible for re-contouring of any subsidence areas that develop from closing a pit before it is completely dry. The plastic pit liner (if any) will be cut off below grade and properly disposed of at a state authorized landfill before beginning to re-contour the site.
4. Before the location has been reshaped and prior to redistributing the topsoil, the operator will rip or scarify the drilling platform and access road on the contour, to a depth of at least 12 inches. The rippers are to be no farther than 24 inches apart.
5. Distribute the topsoil evenly over the entire location and other disturbed areas. Prepare the seedbed by disking to a depth of 4-to-6 inches following the contour.
6. Phased reclamation plans will be submitted to BLM for approval prior to individual POD facility abandonment via a Notice of Intent (NOI) Sundry Notice. Individual facilities, such as well locations, pipelines, discharge points, impoundments, etc. need to be addressed in these plans as they are no longer needed. Individual items that will need to be addressed in reclamation plans include:
 - Pit closure (Close ASAP after suitably dry, but no later than 90 days from time of drilling unless an extension is given by BLM Authorized Officer.) BLM may require closure prior to 90 days in some cases due to land use or environmental concerns.
 - Configuration of reshaped topography, drainage systems, and other surface manipulations
 - Waste disposal
 - Revegetation methods, including specific seed mix (pounds pure live seed/acre) and soil treatments (seedbed preparation, fertilization, mulching, etc.). On private surface, the landowner should be consulted for the specific seed mix.
 - Other practices that will be used to reclaim and stabilize all disturbed areas, such as water bars, erosion fabric, hydro-mulching, etc.

- An estimate of the timetables for beginning and completing various reclamation operations relative to weather and local land uses.
 - Methods and measures that will be used to control noxious weeds, addressing both ingress and egress to the individual well or POD.
 - Decommissioning/removal of all surface facilities
 - Closure and reclamation of areas utilized or impacted by produced CBM water, including discharge points, reservoirs, off-channel pits, land application areas, livestock/wildlife watering facilities, surface discharge stream channels, etc
7. BLM will not release the performance bond until all disturbed areas associated with the APD/POD have been successfully revegetated (evaluation will be made after the second complete growing season) and has met all other reclamation goals of the surface owner and surface management agency.
 8. A Notice of Intent to Abandon and a Subsequent Report of Abandonment must be submitted for abandonment approval.
 9. For performance bond release approval, a Final Abandonment Notice (with a surface owner release letter on split-estate) must be submitted prior to a final abandonment evaluation by BLM.
 10. Soil fertility testing and the addition of soil amendments may be required to stabilize some disturbed lands.
 11. Any mulch utilized for reclamation needs to be certified weed free.
 12. Waterbars are to be constructed at least one (1) foot deep, on the contour with approximately two (2) feet of drop per 100 feet of waterbar to ensure drainage, and extended into established vegetation. All waterbars are to be constructed with the berm on the downhill side to prevent the soft material from silting in the trench. The initial waterbar should be constructed at the top of the backslope. Subsequent waterbars should follow the following general spacing guidelines:

Slope (percent)	Spacing Interval (feet)
$\leq 2 - 4$	310
5 - 8	260
9 - 12	200

E. Producing Well

1. Landscape those areas not required for production to the surrounding topography as soon as possible. The fluids and mud must be dry in the reserve pit before re-contouring pit area. The operator will be responsible for re-contouring and reseeded of any subsidence areas that develop from closing a pit before it is completely dry.
2. Reduce the backslope to 2:1 and the foreslope to 3:1, unless otherwise directed by the BLM Authorized Officer. Reduce slopes by pulling fill material up from foreslope into the toe of cut slopes.
3. Production facilities (including dikes) must be placed on the cut portion of the location and a minimum of 15 feet from the toe of the back cut unless otherwise approved by the BLM Authorized Officer.
4. Any spilled or leaked oil, produced water or treatment chemicals must be reported in accordance with NTL-3A and immediately cleaned up in accordance with BLM

requirements. This includes clean-up and proper disposition of soils contaminated as a result of such spills/leaks.

5. Distribute stockpiled topsoil evenly over those areas not required for production and reseed as recommended.
6. Upgrade and maintain access roads and drainage control (e.g., culverts, drainage dips, ditching, crowning, surfacing, etc.) as necessary and as directed by the BLM Authorized Officer to prevent soil erosion and accommodate safe, environmentally-sound access.
7. Prior to construction of production facilities not specifically addressed in the APD/POD, the operator shall submit a Sundry Notice to the BLM Authorized Officer for approval.
8. If not already required prior to constructing and drilling the well location, the operator shall immediately upgrade the entire access road to BLM standards (including topsoiling, crowning, ditching, drainage culverts, surfacing, etc.) to ensure safe, environmentally-sound, year-round access. This requirement does not supercede or apply where specific road requirements are addressed in the APD/POD surface use plan (e.g., two track road, spot upgrade, etc.)
9. Waterbars shall be installed on all reclaimed pipeline corridors per the guidelines in D #12.