



## Shell Exploration & Production

Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.  
3333 Highway 6 South, M1074A  
Houston Texas 77082-3101

FED EX Tracking # 7968 3375 7225

September 5, 2013

Mr. Travis Marshall  
Colorado Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
101 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 301  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

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GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE  
DIVISION OF  
RECLAMATION MINING & SAFETY

SUBJECT: Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc., Request for Reclamation Responsibility Release  
Notice of Intent (NOI) # P-2009-013, Horse Draw mine Re-Entry Project  
Piceance Creek Basin, Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Marshall:

The purpose of this letter is to request the release of reclamation responsibility for DRMS Prospecting NOI #P-2009-013. This NOI was obtained in October of 2009 to perform photographic and laser surveys and remove several large samples of nahcolitic oil shale from the existing Horse Draw mine site located on BLM land in Rio Blanco County.

Shell Frontier Oil & Gas (SFOGI) has elected not to undertake this project and no surface disturbances were created subsequent to issuance of the NOI. On August 8, 2013 the BLM issued an expiration to Right of Way Grant #COC73826 obtained by SFOGI on November 17, 2009 to allow access into the mine site. A copy of the BLM ROW expiration notice is attached.

Per the requirements of Minerals Rule 4.16.1(2), a Reclamation Report for the site is attached to this request. The report includes location and site maps, photographs showing the current condition of the site, and a statement in lieu of a description of reclamation work completed indicating that no new surface disturbances were created subsequent to issuance of the NOI. Shell's most recent bond calculation for the site totals \$64,141.00. A summary of the bond calculation is attached. Upon approval of the release, Shell requests that the estimated bond amount be credited to Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America Statewide Prospecting Bond No. 104806644 which covers all of Shell's Prospecting NOI's on public land.

If you require any additional information or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact me at 281-544-7990 (office) or at 832-540-1622 (cell) at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Florentino Vuelvas  
Staff Environmental Engineer

Attachments

**Attachments (5)**

Cc: Mr. Paul Daggett  
BLM - White River Field Office  
200 E. Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
**FED EX Tracking # 7968 3369 3231**

Cc: Mark Sprague  
Rio Blanco County Planning Department  
555 Main Street  
Meeker, CO 81641  
**FED EX Tracking # 7968 3384 8727**

Bcc: (electronic distribution via email, with attachments)  
Dan Whitney  
Tony Schroeder  
Jack Emmen  
Florentino Vuelvas  
Luis Hernandez  
Patti Merriam (site files and operations LiveLink)  
Tom Gillis (project files)

Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.

## Reclamation Report

### IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

Operation: Horse Draw Mine Re-Entry Project

Operator: Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc

DRMS NOI #: P-2009-013

Contact Info: Florentino Vuelas, Staff Environmental Engineer, Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc., 3333 Highway 6 South, M1074A, Houston, Texas 77082-3101. Telephone no. 281-544-7990

### STATUS OF RECLAMATION

The Prospecting NOI was approved on October 21, 2009 for access into an existing underground mine site (Horse Draw Mine) for the purpose of conducting photographic and laser surveys and removal of several large samples of nahcolitic oil shale. A Right of Way Grant for access into the mine site was granted by the BLM on November 17, 2009 (#COC73826). Shell Frontier Oil & gas Inc. (SFOGI) has elected not to pursue development of the project and did not create any new surface disturbances at the site subsequent to NOI issuance. Weed control work was completed on portions of the site in 2012.

### SIGNED STATEMENT

All reclamation requirements of prospecting NOI #P-2009-013 for the Horse Draw Mine Re-Entry Project have been satisfied by virtue of no new surface disturbances being created at the existing mine site subsequent to NOI issuance.

Signed: 

Printed Name: Florentino Vuelas



# HORSE DRAW MINE LOCATION MAP

**Report year: 2013**

**Approved seed mix:**

BLM native mix #2 (1997 RMP) with Needle and thread substituted for Green needlegrass and Fourwing saltbush added.

**Status of site for DRMS and BLM Annual Reports:**

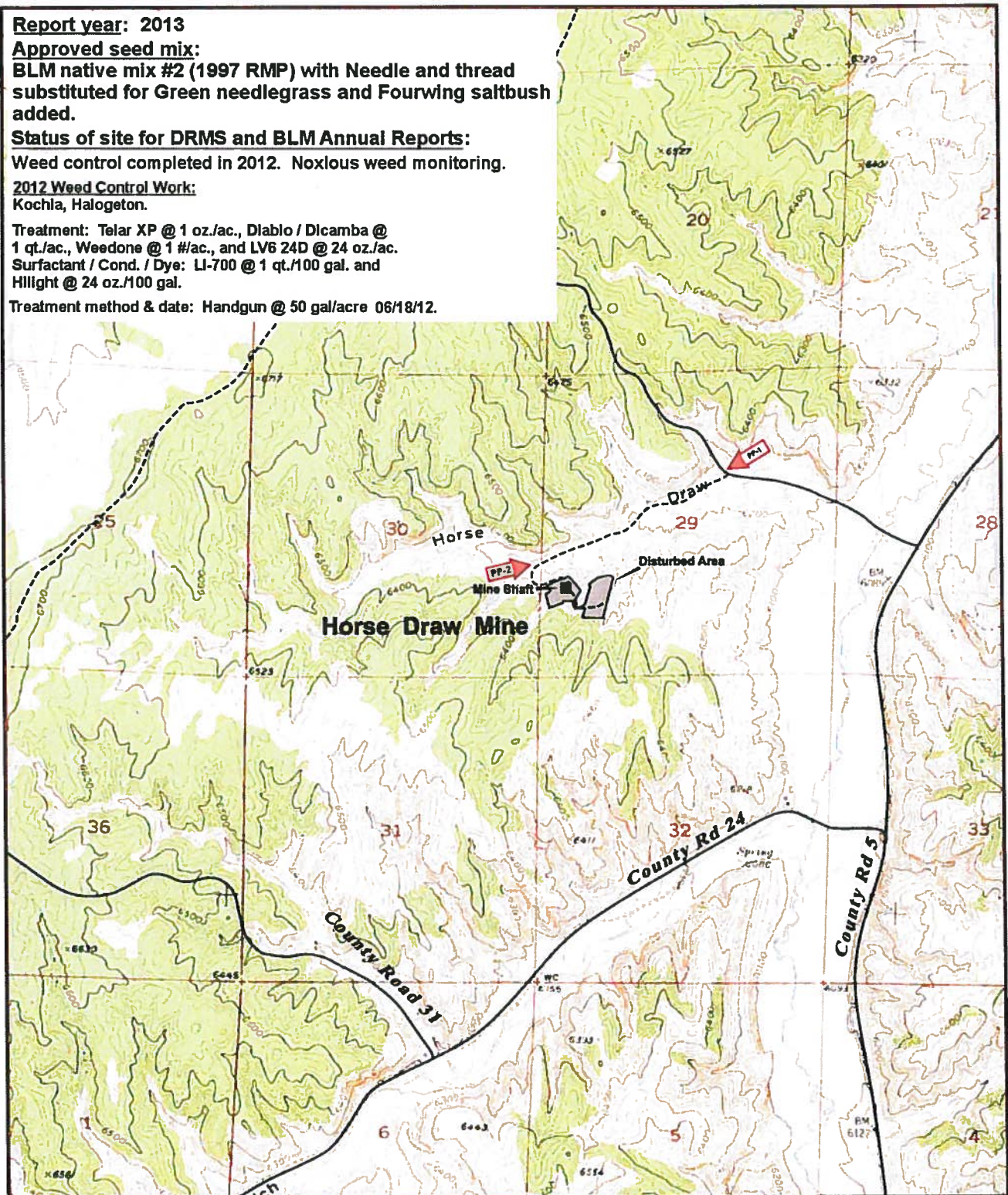
Weed control completed in 2012. Noxious weed monitoring.

**2012 Weed Control Work:**

Kochia, Halogeton.

Treatment: Telar XP @ 1 oz./ac., Diablo / Dicamba @ 1 qt./ac., Weedone @ 1 #/ac., and LV6 24D @ 24 oz./ac.  
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Treatment method & date: Handgun @ 50 gal/acre 06/18/12.



Permanent Photo Point



**LOCATION MAP**  
Horse Draw Mine - DRMS NOI# P-2009-013  
Section 29, Township 18S, Range 97W  
Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Dash & Associates, Inc.

Date: February 8, 2009

MRP-Wide Reclamation Plan - Map 184  
P-2009-013 Annual Report - Map 01  
COC73826 Annual Report - Map 01



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**P-2009-013 – Horse Draw Mine**  
**Request for Reclamation Responsibility Release**  
**SITE PHOTOS**





## United States Department of the Interior

### BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

White River Field Office

220 East Market St.

Meeker, Colorado 81641



In Reply Refer To:  
2800 (LLCON05000)  
COC73826

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Certified Mail: 7011 2970 0003 1418 6116  
Return Receipt Requested

#### DECISION

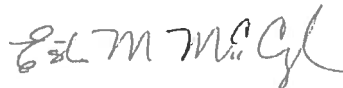
Attn: Florentino Vuelvas :  
Shell Exploration and Production Co. :  
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Houston, TX 77082-3101 :

#### Right-of-Way Expired Case Closed

Right-of-Way COC73826 was issued to Shell Frontier Oil & Gas on November 17, 2009 for an access road and sites to Horse Draw Mine. The proposal that required the right-of-way was never implemented. There were no surface disturbance activities; therefore, case file COC73826 is closed as of the date of this decision.

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with the regulations in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 4.400 and the enclosed form 1842-1. The form also includes instructions for requesting a stay of the decision appealed. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in this office at the above address within 30 days of the receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Janet Doll, Realty Specialist, at (970) 878-3803.

  
for Kent E. Walter  
Field Manager

Enclosure:  
Form 1842-1