



# Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Staff Report

## Application: 52380

**Applicant:** Canadian Natural Resources Ltd  
**Agent:** Pioneer Land and Environment  
**Local Government:** Peace River

**Proposal:** To use 7.4 ha of the 1/4 section for oil and gas extraction activities. The cumulative area alienated in Unit 11 for wellsites, road right of way and other facilities exceeds the 7 ha permitted by the Oil and Gas Commission Delegation Agreement. The 7 ha threshold is exceeded by the proposed development of CNRL HZ Birch c-11-J wellsite located partially on the 1/4 section (Unit 11).

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Other wellsites and oil and gas facilities exist in Unit 11. However the crown land is forested and not utilized for agriculture.

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

**Legal Description:** Unsurveyed Crown land in the vicinity of Aitken Creek - west of Prespatou Umbach Community Pasture.

**Property Area:** 75.0 ha

**ALR Area:** 75.0 ha

**Location:**

**Owner:**

**Total ALR Area:**

### LAND USE

**Current Land Use:**

Vacant forested land with several wellsites in the area.

**Surrounding Land Uses:**

North: Forested crown ALR land

East: Forested crown ALR land

South: Forested crown ALR land

West: Forested crown ALR land

### PROPOSAL DETAILS

**Non- Farm Use Area:** 7.4 ha

**Non- Farm Use Type:** Industrial: Oil and Gas Activities

**Agricultural Capability:**

The majority of the area under application is rated as: Secondary

**Source:** CLI

**Mapsheet:** 94 A/13

## RELEVANT APPLICATIONS

**Application ID:** 44193

**Legacy #:** 37535

**Applicant:** Canadian Natural Resources Ltd

**Proposal:** Non-farm use on the portion of the proposed oil and gas development (non agricultural disturbance) situated within the Agricultural Land Reserve is composed of a wellsite (1.69 ha), a remote sump (0.36 ha), a campsite (0.24 ha) and an access road (0.27 ha) for a total area of 2.56 ha. The proposed development area is located on forested Crown Land dominated by Lodgepole Pine.

**Decision:**

Resolution #	Decision Date	Decision Description
534/2007	October 5, 2007	Not in ATS

**Note:** This application lies just to the north of the current application.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

**Official Community Plan:**

**Bylaw Name:** North Peace OCP Bylaw # 820

**Designation:** Rural Resource - Agriculture

**OCP Compliance:** Yes

**Zoning:**

**Zoning Bylaw Name:** PRRD Zoning Bylaw #1000

**Zoning Designation:** A-2 (Large Agricultural Holdings)

**Minimum Lot Size:** 63.0 ha

**Zoning Compliance:** Yes

**Comments and Recommendations:**

**Board/Council**

The Peace River Regional District Board forwarded the application with the comment that the non farm use and alienation of farmland be kept to a minimum.

## ALC STAFF COMMENTS

Staff suggests that the application be allowed subject to reclamation conditions. The land affected by the wellsite is not improved for agriculture, nor is any farming occurring in the area.

## END OF REPORT

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