



Provincial Agricultural Land Commission - Staff Report

Application: 52488

Applicant: Province of British Columbia - Crown Lands
Agent: Shell Canada Ltd c/o BV Land Consulting Ltd
Local Government: Peace River

Proposal: To develop a 5.9 ha for a multi well pad, which includes access, decking sites, and temporary work space. An existing ~2 ha wellsite also occupies 1/4 section. A total of ~7.9 ha of the 1/4 section would be occupied by oil and gas infrastructure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 7.9 ha oil and gas wellsite and workspace area, exceeds the 7 ha/1/4 Section area permitted without application by the OGC/ALC delegation agreement

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Legal Description: North East 1/4 Section 4, Township 81, Range 20, West of the 6th Meridian, Peace River District - Crown Land

Property Area: 65.0 ha

ALR Area: 65.0 ha

Location:

Owner: Province of British Columbia - Crown Lands

Total ALR Area:

LAND USE

Current Land Use:

The crown land is forested. No agricultural activity exists anywhere in the vicinity of the project.

Surrounding Land Uses:

North: Forested ALR

East: Forested ALR

South: Forested ALR

West: Forested ALR

PROPOSAL DETAILS

Non-Farm Use Area: 0.9 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: 93 P/14

RELEVANT APPLICATIONS

Application ID: 52436

Applicant: Talisman Energy Inc

Proposal: Non-farm Use - to use 14.05 ha of ALR on two 1/4 sections to construct a "super pad" gas wellsite. The intention is to drill 24 horizontal gas wells. The area of disturbance exceeds the 7 ha threshold per 1/4 section. The wellsites are located on 8.5 ha, while the borrow pit, and access road comprise the remainder of the ~14 ha disturbance area.

Decision:

Resolution #	Decision Date	Decision Description
314/2011	September 8, 2011	Allow with reclamation conditions

Application ID: 52435

Applicant: Talisman Energy Inc

Proposal: Non-farm Use - to construct well pad to drill 24 gas wells, and an access road. The total project area is 10.3 ha, exceeding the 7 ha per 1/4 section permitted disturbance area as per the OGC Oil and Gas delegation agreement.

Decision:

Resolution #	Decision Date	Decision Description
315/2011	September 8, 2011	Allow subject to reclamation

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION

Official Community Plan:

Bylaw Name: No Bylaw exists in this area

Zoning:

Zoning Bylaw Name: No Bylaw exists in this area

Comments and Recommendations:

Board/Council

The Peace River Regional District Board forwarded the application without comment, as per policy.

ALC STAFF COMMENTS

Staff recommends that the application be allowed subject to reclamation conditions as per previous decisions in the area. There are no direct agricultural impacts as neither the site nor the surrounding area have any agricultural activity.

The application qualifies for consideration by the Chair, as per ALC Resolution #16N/2011.

END OF REPORT

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