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Mr. Robert Townsend
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Department of Environment and
Natural Resources
2050 West Main, Suite #1
Rapid City, SD 57701

**RE: S/2 OF SECTION 1-T21N-R3E
Buffalo Field, Harding County, SD
Continental Resources, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Townsend:

In accordance with Chapter 74:12:02:02 of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota, please accept this letter as the request of Continental Resources, Inc. to allow the Stafford 44-1H well to be drilled as a horizontal well to the Red River "B" formation in the South Half (S/2) of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Buffalo Field, Harding County, South Dakota ("S/2 of Section 1"). The S/2 of Section 1 is currently spaced at 320 acres for the drilling of a well, pursuant to Order 2-78.

In support of Continental's request to drill a horizontal well in the S/2 of Section 1, please see Exhibit 1 which depicts the proposed spacing unit as 320 acres. Also, attached as Exhibit 2 is a plat which shows the surface location as being 750 feet from the south line and 220 feet from the east line of Section 1, and a bottom hole location as being 850 feet from the south line and 680 feet from the west line of Section 1 for the proposed Stafford 44-1H well. The ownership for the S/2 of Section 1 is set forth on Exhibit 3 attached herewith.

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Sincerely,

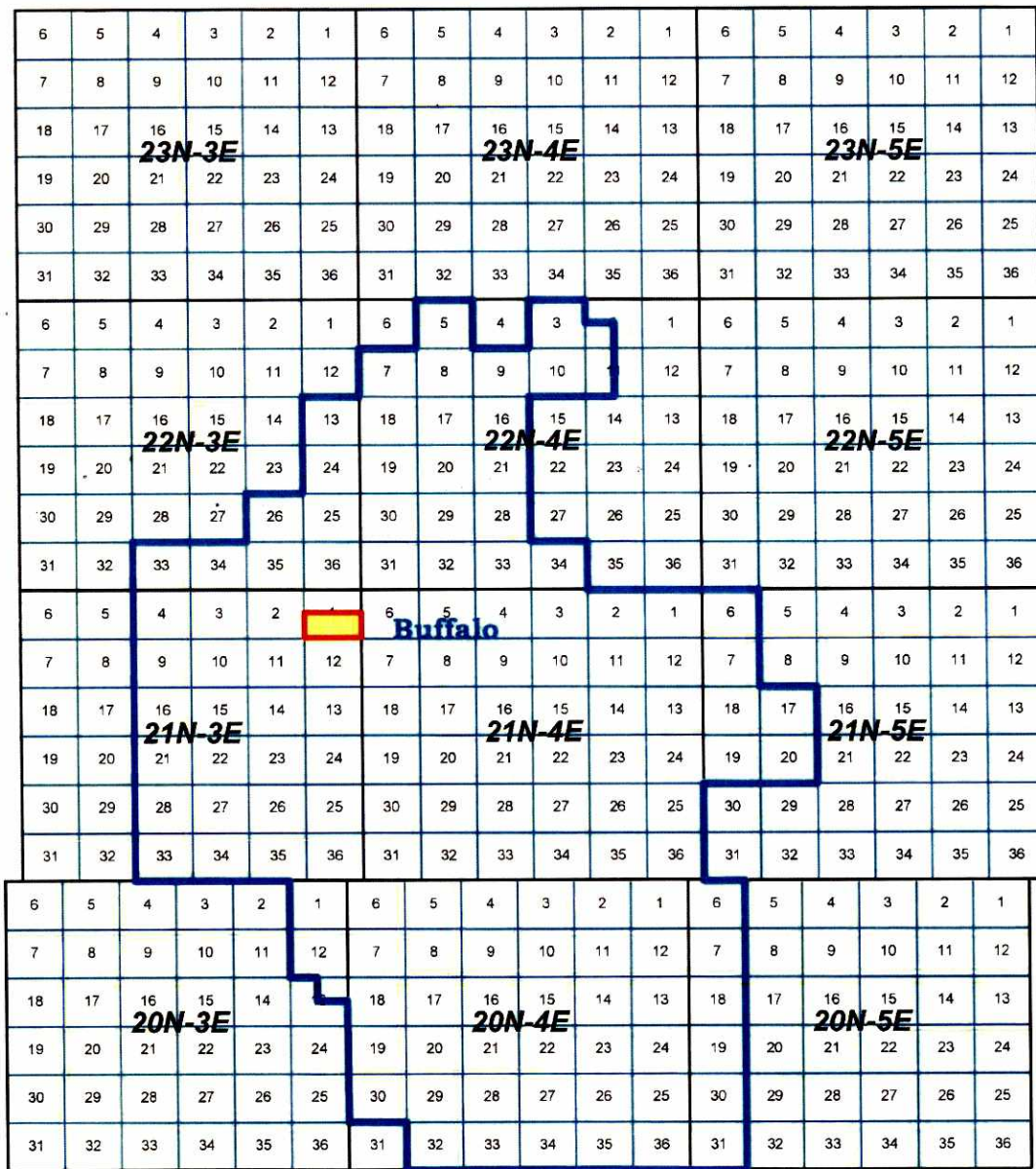
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LAWRENCE BENDER

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Jim Canon – (w/enc.) *Via Email*
Ms. Christi Wood – (w/enc.) *Via Email*
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Field Outline



320-acre Spacing Unit

General Locator Map



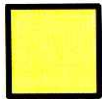
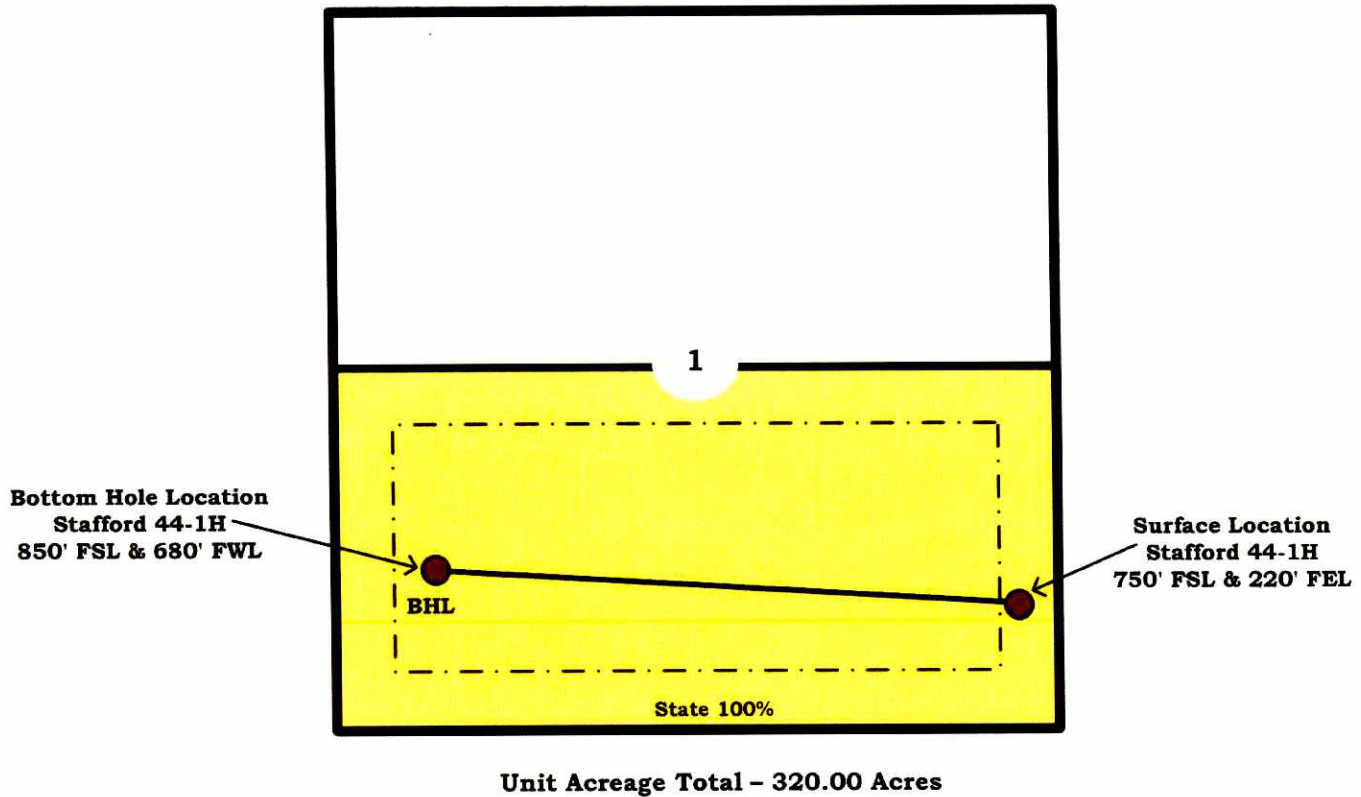
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Township 21 North, Range 3 East
S/2 of Section 1
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Proposed 320-acre Spacing Unit



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Ownership Summary

Township 21 North, Range 3 East
S/2 of Section 12
Harding County, South Dakota

Working Interest in Unit Area

Leasehold Owner

Continental Resources, Inc.

Interest

100.00%

Mineral Ownership

State of South Dakota

100.00%



Exhibit 3

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Buffalo Field, Harding County, SD
Continental Resources, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Townsend:

In accordance with Chapter 74:12:02:02 of the Administrative Rules of South Dakota, please accept this letter as the request of Continental Resources, Inc. to allow the Haise 41-1H well to be drilled as a horizontal well to the Red River "B" formation in the North Half (N/2) of Section 1, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Buffalo Field, Harding County, South Dakota ("N/2 of Section 1"). The N/2 of Section 1 is currently spaced at 320 acres for the drilling of a well, pursuant to Order 2-78.

In support of Continental's request to drill a horizontal well in the N/2 of Section 1, please see Exhibit 1 which depicts the proposed spacing unit as 320 acres. Also, attached as Exhibit 2 is a plat which shows the surface location as being 850 feet from the north line and 350 feet from the east line of Section 1, and a bottom hole location as being 950 feet from the north line and 680 feet from the west line of Section 1 for the proposed Haise 41-1H well. The ownership for the N/2 of Section 1 is set forth on Exhibit 3 attached herewith.

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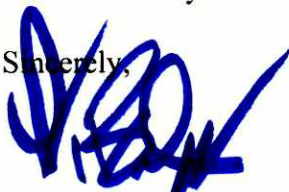
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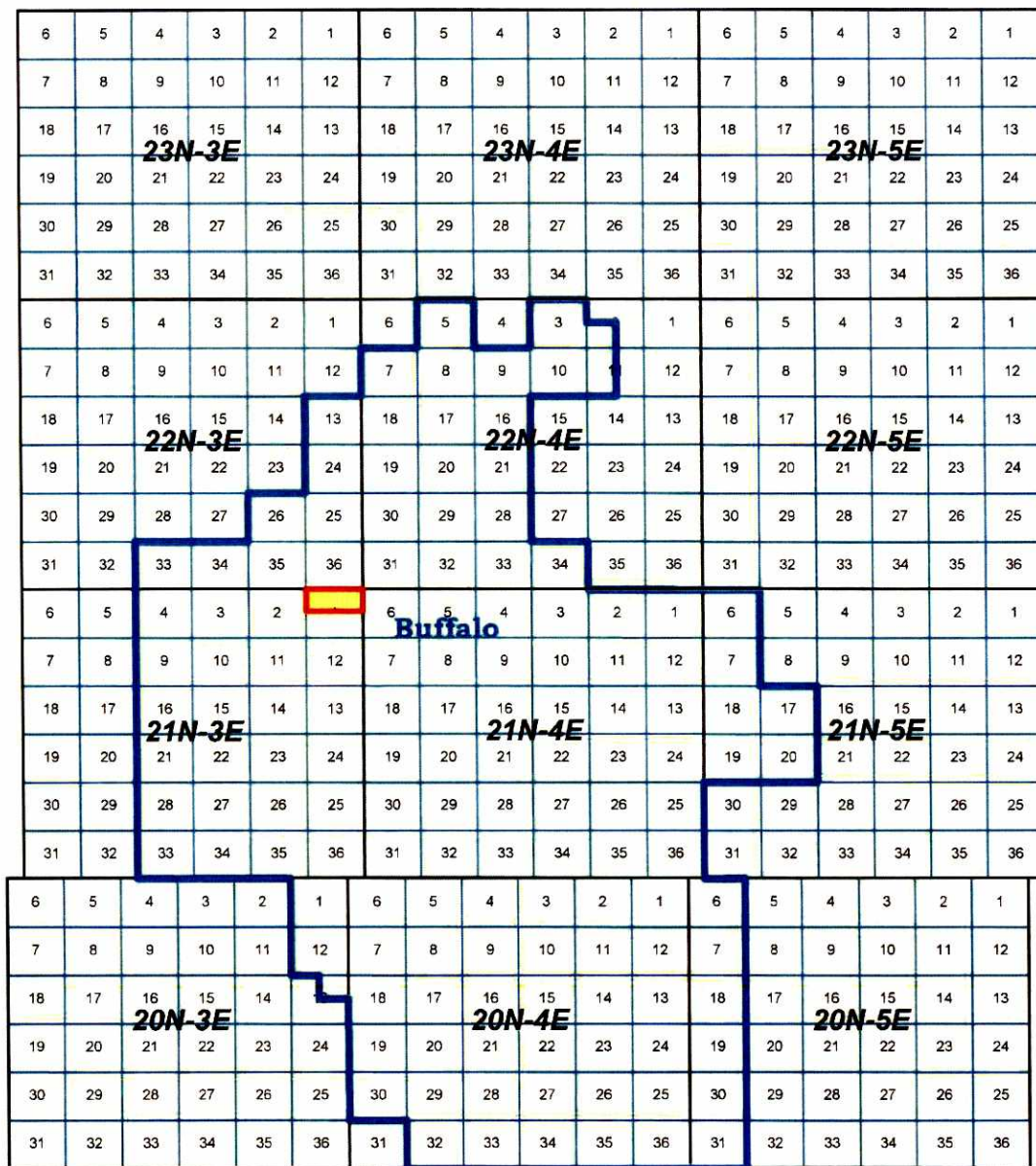
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320-acre Spacing Unit

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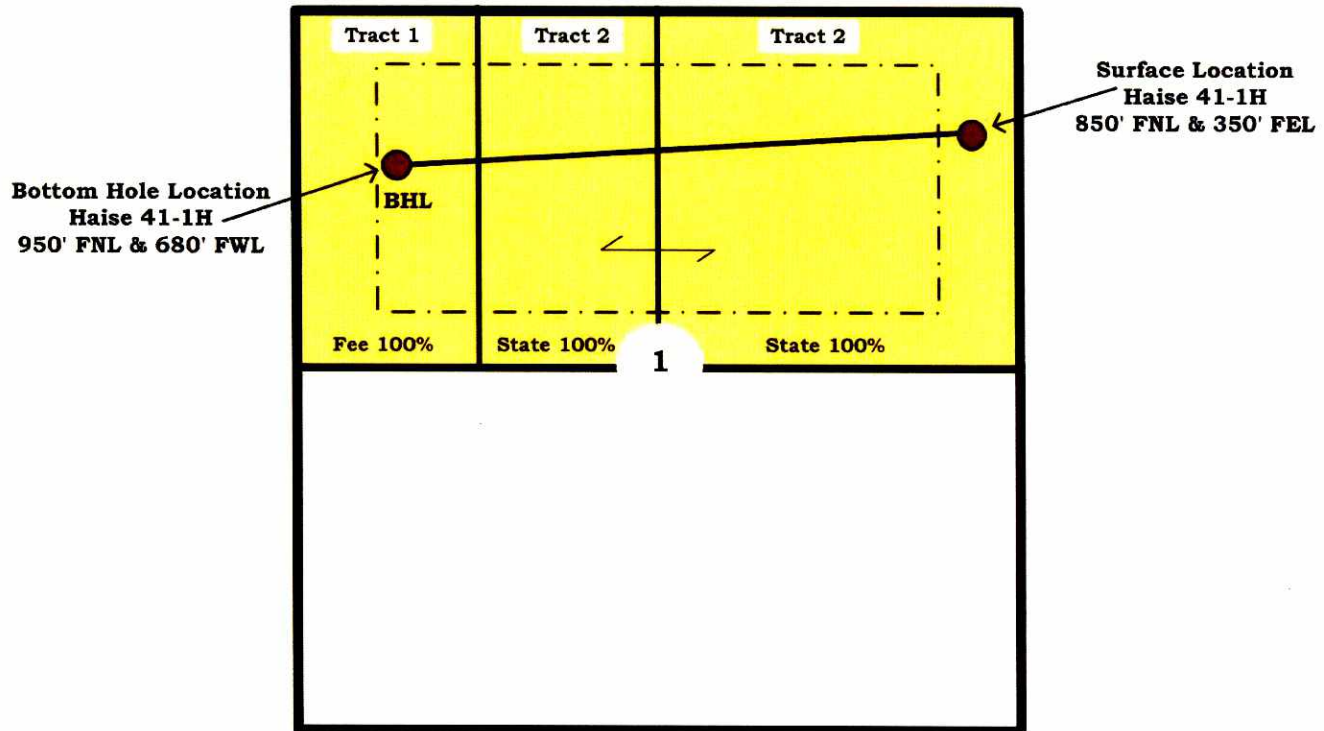
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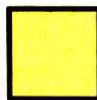
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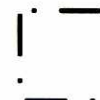
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N/2 of Section 1
Harding County, South Dakota



Unit Acreage Total - 320.00 Acres



Proposed 320-acre Spacing Unit



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<u>Leasehold Owner</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Prima Exploration	41.00%
Captiva Resources, Inc.	29.00%
Vegas Production Co.	17.00%
Gunlikson Petroleum, Inc.	8.00%
Marshall Resources, LLC	4.00%
Bayswater Exploration and Production, LLC	1.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>

Mineral Ownership

Ronald J. Ericsson and Jean Marie Ericsson, Trustees of the Lone Trust	20.00%
Roland S. Ericsson, Trustee of the Sextus Trust	20.00%
Lee E. Ericsson	20.00%
Donna M. Freemole	20.00%
Beverly E. Keegan	20.00%

