

OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT: DOING IT RIGHT



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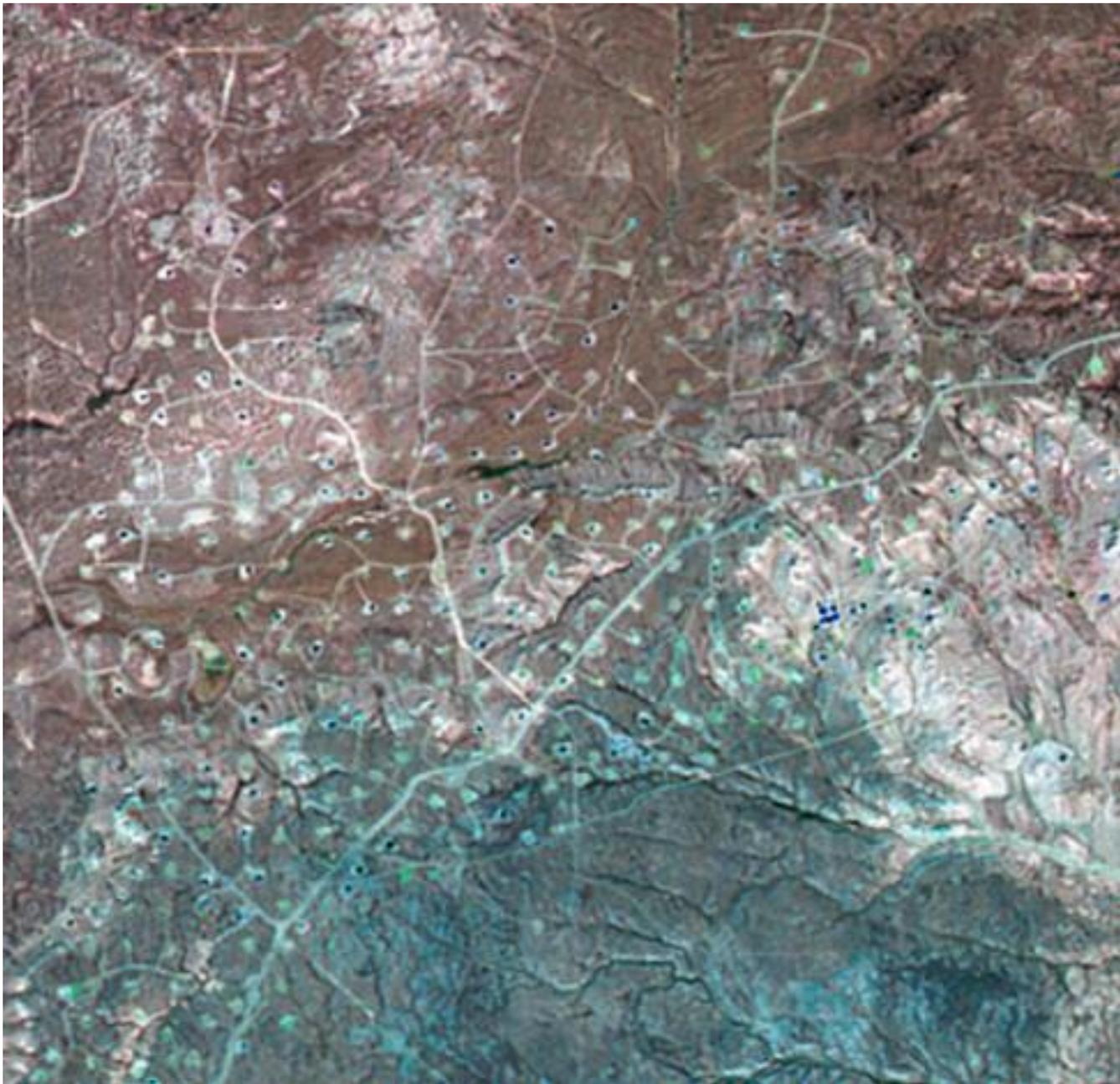


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DOING IT RIGHT: BLM SHOULD DEVELOP UNSUITABILITY CRITERIA

- Categories of land
- Near schools, cemeteries, etc.
- Extremely scenic federal lands
- Habitat for imperiled species
- Municipal watersheds
- Lands adjacent to National Resource Waters and wetlands
- Criteria developed by a state and adopted by the Secretary
- Split estates absent surface owner agreement



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DOING IT RIGHT: BLM SHOULD CONSIDER A CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVE IN ALL APD EAs

- Density of wells cannot cause unnecessary or undue degradation.
- Wells must be drilled directionally from existing pad or disturbed area.
- Existing roads must be utilized to the maximum extent possible.
- Powerlines, pipelines, etc. must use existing rights of way to maximum extent possible and be buried wherever this causes the least impacts.
- All drilling fluids and wastes will be disposed of offsite at a licensed facility and produced water will be reinjected. Pits should be covered.
- No flaring allowed.
- BLM must insure that bonding is sufficient to ensure reclamation.
- Ongoing operations will be conditioned to minimize disturbance.



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DOING IT RIGHT SHOULD APPLY TO ALL STAGES OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- At The Land Use Planning Stage
- At The Leasing Stage
- At Post Leasing Stage (Exploration, Full-field Development, APD)



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