

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
PLAINS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY**

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO DRILL
HIGHTOWER AREA, T9S, R92W, SECTIONS 20 AND 21
LEASE NUMBER COC-068792

DATE: JULY 8, 2008

Plains Exploration and Production Company (PXP) has submitted 32 APD's for directional wells drilled from 5 wellpads. This announcement serves as the official 30 day public notification. If you have questions or would like to see the APDs, please contact Liz Mauch, Minerals Program Administrator, Grand Valley Ranger District, at 970-242-8211.

<p>20-6 Drilling location, Surface location SENW Sec. 20, T9S, R92W</p> <p>Well names: Hightower Federal 20-2 Hightower Fed 20-3 Hightower Fed 20-4 Hightower Fed 20-5 Hightower Fed 20-6 Hightower Fed 20-7</p>	<p>20-11 Drilling location, Surface location NESW Sec. 20, T9S, R92W</p> <p>Well names: Hightower Federal 20-10 Hightower Fed 20-11 Hightower Fed 20-12 Hightower Fed 20-13 Hightower Fed 20-14 Hightower Fed 20-15</p>
<p>21-2 Drilling location, Surface Location NENW Sec. 21, T9S, R92W</p> <p>Well names: Hightower Federal 21-1 Hightower Fed 21-2 Hightower Fed 21-3 Hightower Fed 21-4 Hightower Fed 21-5 Hightower Fed 21-6 Hightower Fed 21-7 Hightower Fed 21-8</p>	<p>21-10 Drilling location, Surface location NWNE Sec. 21, T9S, R92W</p> <p>Well names: Hightower Federal 21-9 Hightower Fed 21-10 Hightower Fed 21-11 Hightower Fed 21-14 Hightower Fed 21-15 Hightower Fed 21-16</p>
<p>21-12 Drilling location, Surface location NWSW Sec 21, T9S, R92W</p> <p>Well names: Hightower Federal 20-1 Hightower Fed 20-8 Hightower Fed 20-9 Hightower Fed 20-16 Hightower Fed 21-5 Hightower Fed 21-12 Hightower Fed 21-13</p>	