

STATE OF MONTANA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION  
BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION  
BILLINGS, MONTANA  
February 11 & 12, 2026

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF OIL AND GAS

The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana will hold its business meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana.

The agenda for that meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
3. Kraken Oil & Gas LLC request for rehearing of Dockets 312-2025/1-2026 FED, 313-2025/2-2026 FED, 421-2025, and 422-2025
4. Phoenix Operating LLC request for rehearing of Dockets 465-2025 and 466-2025
5. Approval of minutes of December 10, 2025, business meeting
6. Financial report
7. Bond summary & incident report
8. Docket summary
9. Gas flaring exceptions
10. Inactive well review
11. Orphan well and federal grant update
12. Staff reports
13. Other business
14. Adjourn

The Board will conduct public hearings pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 82 of the Montana Code Annotated on the matters described below at **9:00 a.m.** on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in the hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana. Interested persons have the opportunity to be heard for each docket. For more information or to request accommodation for a disability, please contact Jennifer Breton at (406) 656-0040, as soon as possible before the scheduled hearing.

Please take note that corporations, partnerships, limited-liability companies (LLCs), or any other legal entity that is not a natural person cannot appear before the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation except through an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Montana. Failure of a designated and duly licensed legal representative to appear at the time and place identified in this hearing notice may result in imposition of sanctions for failure to appear before the Board.

Docket 1-2026

**APPLICANT: HERITAGE ENERGY OPERATING, LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Heritage Energy Operating, LLC** for a permit to drill the Joslin 8-5-32-29 BH well in Sections 5 and 8, T25N-R56E and Sections 29 and 32, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Phoenix Operating LLC** has filed protest of this application in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on November 8, 2025.

Docket 2-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Battery 18-19-30-31 1HF, Battery 18-19-30-31 2HF, Battery 18-19-30-31 3HF, and Battery 18-19-30-31 4HF wells in Sections 18, 19, 30, and 31, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on November 18, 2025.

Docket 3-2026

**APPLICANT: KRAKEN OIL & GAS LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** for a permit to drill a horizontal Bakken/Three Forks formation well in Sections 1 and 12, T26N-R56E and Sections 25, and 36, T27N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Phoenix Operating LLC** has filed protest of this application in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on November 29, 2025.

Docket 4-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Unforgiven 16-21-28-33 1H, Unforgiven 16-21-28-33 2H, Unforgiven 16-21-28-33 3H, and Unforgiven 16-21-28-33 4H wells in Sections 16, 21, 28, and 33, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on November 29, 2025.

Docket 5-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Wherever I May Roam 15-22-27-34 1HF, Wherever I May Roam 15-22-27-34 2HF, Wherever I May Roam 15-22-27-34 3HF, and Wherever I May Roam 15-22-27-34 4HF wells in Sections 15, 22, 27, and 34, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 4, 2025.

Docket 6-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the High Octane 4-9-16-21 1H, High Octane 4-9-16-21 2H, High Octane 4-9-16-21 3H, and High Octane 4-9-16-21 4H wells in Sections 4, 9, 16, and 21, T24N-R58E, Richland County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 4, 2025.

Docket 7-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Enter Sandman 13-24-25-36 1H, Enter Sandman 13-24-25-36 2H, Enter Sandman 13-24-25-36 3H, and Enter Sandman 13-24-25-36 4H wells in Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 4, 2025.

Docket 8-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Sad But True 14-23-26-35 1H, Sad But True 14-23-26-35 2H, Sad But True 14-23-26-35 3H, and Sad But True 14-23-26-35 4H wells in Sections 14, 23, and 35, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 4, 2025.

Docket 9-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Battery North 6-7-18-19 1H, Battery North 6-7-18-19 2H, Battery North 6-7-18-19 3H, and Battery North 6-7-18-19 4H wells in Sections 6, 7, 18, and 19, T28N-R57E, Roosevelt County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 4, 2025.

Docket 10-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Nothing Else Matters 17-20-29-32 1H, Nothing Else Matters 17-20-29-32 2H, Nothing Else Matters 17-20-29-32 3H, and Nothing Else Matters 17-20-29-32 4H wells in Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32, T28N-R56E, Roosevelt County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 4 and 6, 2025.

Docket 11-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – ROOSEVELT COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Darius 25-36-1-12 1HF, Wolverine Fed 25-36-1-12 2HF, Wolverine Fed 25-36-1-12 3HF, and Wolverine Fed 25-36-1-12 4HF wells in Sections 25 and 36, T27N-R56E and Sections 1 and 12, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 6, 2025.

Docket 12-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Adamantium North 8-5 1H, Adamantium North 8-5 2H, Adamantium North 8-5 3H, and Adamantium North 8-5 4H wells in Sections 5 and 8, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana. **Heritage Energy Operating, LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 11, 2025.

Docket 13-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Predator Fed 11-2-35-26 1HF, Predator Fed 11-2-35-26 2HF, Predator Fed 11-2-35-26 3HF, and Predator Fed 11-2-35-26 4HF wells in Sections 26 and 35, T27N-R56E and Sections 2 and 11, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Kraken Oil & Gas LLC** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 6, 2025.

Docket 14-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Adamantium South 17-20-29-32 1H, Adamantium South 17-20-29-32 2H, Adamantium South 17-20-29-32 3H, and Adamantium South 17-20-29-32 4H wells in Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32, T25N-R57E, Richland County, Montana. **Whiting Oil and Gas Corporation** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 11, 2025.

Docket 15-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Darius 25-36-1-12 1H, Darius 25-36-1-12 2H, Darius 25-36-1-12 3H, and Darius 25-36-1-12 4H wells in Sections 25 and 36, T26N-R56E and Sections 1 and 12, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Continental Resources, Inc.** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 11 and 13, 2025.

Docket 16-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Darius 25-36-1-12 1H, Darius 25-36-1-12 2H, Darius 25-36-1-12 3H, and Darius 25-36-1-12 4H wells in Sections 25 and 36, T26N-R56E and Sections 1 and 12, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Continental Resources, Inc.** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 11 and 13, 2025.

Docket 17-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Marcus 26-35-2-11 1H, Marcus 26-35-2-11 2H, Marcus 26-35-2-11 3H, and Marcus 26-35-2-11 4H wells in Sections 26 and 35, T26N-R56E and Sections 2 and 11, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Continental Resources, Inc.** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 13, 2025.

Docket 18-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Crixus 27-34-3-10 1H, Crixus 27-34-3-10 2H, Crixus 27-34-3-10 3H, and Crixus 27-34-3-10 4H wells in Sections 27 and 34, T26N-R56E and Sections 3 and 10, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Continental Resources, Inc.** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 11 and 13, 2025.

Docket 19-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Trinity 1-12-13 1H, Trinity 1-12-13 2H, Trinity 1-12-13 3H, and Trinity 1-12-13 4H wells in Sections 1, 12, and 13, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Continental Resources, Inc.** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 11, 2025.

Docket 20-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Maximus 2-11-14 1H, Maximus 2-11-14 2H, Maximus 2-11-14 3H, and Maximus 2-11-14 4H wells in Sections 2, 11, and 14, T25N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Continental Resources, Inc.** has filed protest of these applications in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 13, 2025.

Docket 21-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Lewis 2-36 well in Sections 13, 24, 25, and 36, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Phoenix Operating LLC** has filed protest of this application in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 16, 2025.

Docket 22-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Mabel 2-35H well in Sections 14, 23, 26, and 35, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Phoenix Operating LLC** has filed protest of this application in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 16, 2025.

Docket 23-2026

**APPLICANT: PHOENIX OPERATING LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA**

Upon the application of **Phoenix Operating LLC** for a permit to drill the Herkness 2-34H well in Sections 15, 22, 27, and 34, T26N-R56E, Richland County, Montana. **Phoenix Operating LLC** has filed protest of this application in accordance with A.R.M. 36.22.601 based on published notice in the Helena Independent Record on December 16, 202