

APPROVAL-CERTIFICATION-DETERMINATION
UNIT AGREEMENT
Merna Unit Area
Sublette County, Wyoming

State of Wyoming Lands

Township 35 North, Range 112 West, 6th P.M.

Section 16: All.

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Township 36 North, Range 112 West, 6th P.M.

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Pursuant to the statutory authority vested in the Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Wyoming under Section 24-701, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945, as amended, the Board of Land Commissioners of the State of Wyoming this *8th* day of *May* 195*9*, hereby takes the following action:

A. Finds and determines that the Merna Unit Agreement is necessary and advisable in the public interest; that the same is in the interest of the conservation of natural products and required by public convenience and necessity, and that the interests of the State of Wyoming will be best served thereby; wherefore, regardless of acreage limitations, hereby joins in said Unit Agreement in behalf of the State of Wyoming.

B. Certifies that lands of the State of Wyoming committed to the Merna Unit Agreement, except as may be otherwise provided in said Unit Agreement, shall from the effective date thereof and concurrently therewith until the termination of the unit agreement be subject thereto, and that the term of each state lease now in force as to said state lands shall be extended and is hereby extended beyond the ten-year term thereof until the said unit agreement is terminated.

C. Certifies, pursuant to authority to modify and change all terms of state leases to conform to cooperative or unit plans of development or operation, that the drilling, producing and royalty requirements of state leases committed to the Merna Unit Agreement, shall be and are hereby altered and changed so as to conform said requirements to the provisions of said agreement.

This APPROVAL-CERTIFICATION-DETERMINATION is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the unit agreement herein referred to is made subject to the laws of the State of Wyoming and the United States of America, and at all times shall be construed in conformity with the laws of the State of Wyoming and the United States of America.

2. That, inasmuch as the said unit agreement is designed in the public interest in the conservation of natural resources, with due regard for the vested rights of the sovereign state therein, and also to timely and equitably determine and allocate the production of these natural resources among those rightfully entitled to enjoy the same, the right of the State of Wyoming to fully protect its interests shall in no way or manner be abrogated by the fact that the State of Wyoming joins in this agreement; provided that the State of Wyoming, by reserving the right of jurisdiction over its lands in no way intends to interfere with the legitimate development of the land contained in this unit plan as outlined in said unit agreement.