



# WATER-RIGHT DOCKET

## Great Sand Dunes National Monument

Docket No: 11

**BOUNDARY PIEZOMETER BP-3**

State Water Rights Documentation

06-11-2009: Letter to State Engineer's Office from G. Eric Saenger regarding NPS Monitoring/Observation Water Well Permit Appl

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State Engineer's Office  
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04-06.10

**RE: National Park Service Monitoring/Observation Water  
Well Permit Application Forms**

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find completed and signed Monitoring/Observation Water Well Permit Application forms for ten monitoring wells to be drilled for the National Park Service at the Great Sand Dunes National Park & Preserve. Enclosed is a check for \$1,000.00 to cover the filing fees.

Please call me if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Very truly yours,

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Cc: Jim Harte

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Water Resources Division  
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Re: Monitoring/Observation Water Well Permit Application Forms  
for the Ten Boundary Piezometers

Dear Mr. Harte:

As we discussed this morning, enclosed please find filled out the Monitoring/Observation Water Well Permit Application forms for the ten Boundary Piezometers. Please review these forms. If any corrections need to be made, please initial the changes. Have each form signed under Item 10. If you want to submit the forms to the State Engineers Office please enclose a check for \$1,000 for the filling fee (\$100/well). In the alternative, HRS would be happy to submit the applications under our cover letter so that the State will contact us if any questions arise.

Please call if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

HRS WATER CONSULTANTS, INC.



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Enclosures: Permit Applications

**MONITORING/OBSERVATION WELL PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

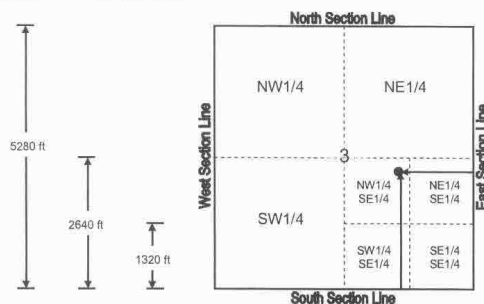
Applications must be typewritten or printed in **BLACK or BLUE INK**. **ALL ITEMS** in the application must be completed. Incomplete applications may be returned to the applicant for more information. Applications are evaluated in chronological order. Please allow approximately six weeks for processing.

**FEES:** This application must be submitted with a \$100 filing fee. (The fee for an application to replace or deepen an existing permitted monitoring/observation well is \$100 for locations outside Designated Ground Water Basins, and \$60 inside Designated Ground Water Basins.) Acceptable forms of payment are check or money order, payable to the "Colorado Division of Water Resources", and Visa, or MasterCard (card number and expiration date must be provided on a separate attachment). **Fees are nonrefundable.**

**USES:** This form (GWS-46) is to be used when applying for a permit where the only uses are monitoring of water levels and/or water quality sampling. For well construction criteria refer to the Colorado Water Well Construction Rules, 2CCR 402-2. A copy of the Rules may be obtained from any Division of Water Resources Office for a fee of \$5, or you may refer to our web site at <http://water.state.co.us>.

**ITEM INSTRUCTIONS: (numbers correspond with those on the front of this form)**

1. Provide the name of the well owner and the mailing address where all correspondence will be sent.
2. Check and complete all boxes that apply.
3. Provide the MH number assigned by the Division of Water Resources in response to the notice of intent to construct a monitoring/observation well. Complete the well name if the structure has a name or identifying number.
4. The county,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  section designation, section #, township, range, principal meridian, and distances from section lines for the proposed well must be provided. This information is critical in the evaluation, and error or omission may cause a delay. In a typical case, a township is comprised of 36 square section miles, with each section ideally one mile square, or 5,280 feet on each side. Sections are further divided into quarter sections. Each  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section is 2,640 feet square and comprises 160 acres. Each  $\frac{1}{4}$  section can be further divided into additional quarters. Each  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section is 1,320 feet square and comprises 40 acres. The distances are measured from the section lines. In the following example, the well is located 2,500 feet from the South Section line and 1,400 feet from the East Section line:



Well Location Example:  
NW1/4 of the SE1/4 of  
Section 3, 2500 feet from the  
South and 1400 feet from the  
East Section Lines  
respectively.

(An option to providing distances from section lines and the  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  section designation is to provide an accurate GPS location in UTM format. The required GPS unit settings must be as indicated on this form.) Colorado contains two (2) UTM zones. Zone 13 covers most of Colorado. The boundary between Zone 12 and Zone 13 is the 108<sup>th</sup> Meridian (longitude). West of the 108<sup>th</sup> Meridian is UTM Zone 12 and east of the 108<sup>th</sup> Meridian is UTM Zone 13. The 108<sup>th</sup> Meridian is approximately 57 miles east of the Colorado-Utah state line. On most GPS units, the UTM zone is given as part of the Easting measurement, e.g. 12T0123456. Check the appropriate box for the zone. Provide the property address of the well location if one exists. If it is the same as the mailing address, check the box next to the well location address.

5. Provide property owner information.
6. Use of this well is limited to monitoring water levels and/or water quality sampling only.
7. The actual or anticipated total depth must be provided. Provide the name of the aquifer in which the well will be completed.
8. Provide consultant information (if applicable).
9. Monitoring/observation wells must be constructed by a Colorado licensed well construction contractor or authorized individual, as defined in the Well Construction Rules, 2CCR 402-2. Only a licensed contractor may construct any monitoring/observation well that penetrates a confining layer, or is to be converted into a future production well. The well must be constructed in compliance with the Well Construction Rules, unless a variance has been approved allowing an alternative construction design.
10. An ORIGINAL signature of either the well owner, consultant, or their authorized agent must be on the application.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS** regarding any item on the application form, please call the Division of Water Resources Ground Water Information Desk (303-866-3587), or the nearest Division of Water Resources Field Office located in Greeley (970-352-8712), Pueblo (719-542-3368), Alamosa (719-589-6683), Montrose (970-249-6622), Glenwood Springs (970-945-5665), Steamboat Springs (970-879-0272), or Durango (970-247-1845), or refer to our web site at <http://water.state.co.us>.



**DOCUMENTATION OF  
BOUNDARY PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION  
FOR  
GREAT SAND DUNES  
NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, COLORADO**

Prepared for

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**Certification**

**Documentation of Boundary Piezometer Installation  
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Colorado**

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National Park Service

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The evaluation and opinions expressed in this report were prepared by or under the direct supervision of the undersigned, whose seal as a registered Professional Engineer is affixed below.



  
Eric J. Harmon, P.E.  
Principal

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| In pocket: | Geophysical logs (on DVD)                      |

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report provides documentation of the construction of ten piezometers (monitoring wells) that were drilled at specified locations along the southern, western, and northern boundaries of the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve ("GRSA") (see Figure 1 for locations). This set of piezometers was drilled in accordance with the decree entered in Case No. 2004CW35 by the Colorado Division 3 Water Court on August 4, 2008.<sup>1</sup>

HRS Water Consultants, Inc. (HRS) was retained by the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of Justice to provide engineering and hydrogeologic expertise for design, bidding-phase services, construction observation for specification compliance, and project documentation for the ten boundary piezometers ("BP's") at GRSA. This report, along with the figures and other documentary evidence attached hereto, fulfills Task 7.0 of HRS' authorized Scope of Work as specified in NPS Contract no. F2380083526.

The work done under our authorized Scope of Work was performed by the following professional staff members of HRS:

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G. Eric Saenger, CPG   Senior Hydrogeologist  
Eric J. Harmon, P.E.   Principal Hydrogeologist and Project Manager.

All of the engineering and hydrogeologic work documented in this report was completed by, or under the direct supervision of, Eric J. Harmon, P.E., whose certification is affixed to the front of this report.

We would like to acknowledge the aid of a number of persons involved with the successful completion of the Boundary Piezometer project:

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<sup>1</sup> Decree in Case No. 2004CW34, ¶44.

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Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve:  
U.S. Geological Survey:

Mr. James Harte, Mr. Bill Hansen  
Mr. Andrew Valdez, Mr. Fred Bunch  
Dr. V.J.S. (Tien) Grauch, Dr. David  
Fitterman, and the U.S. Geological  
Survey Drilling Crew

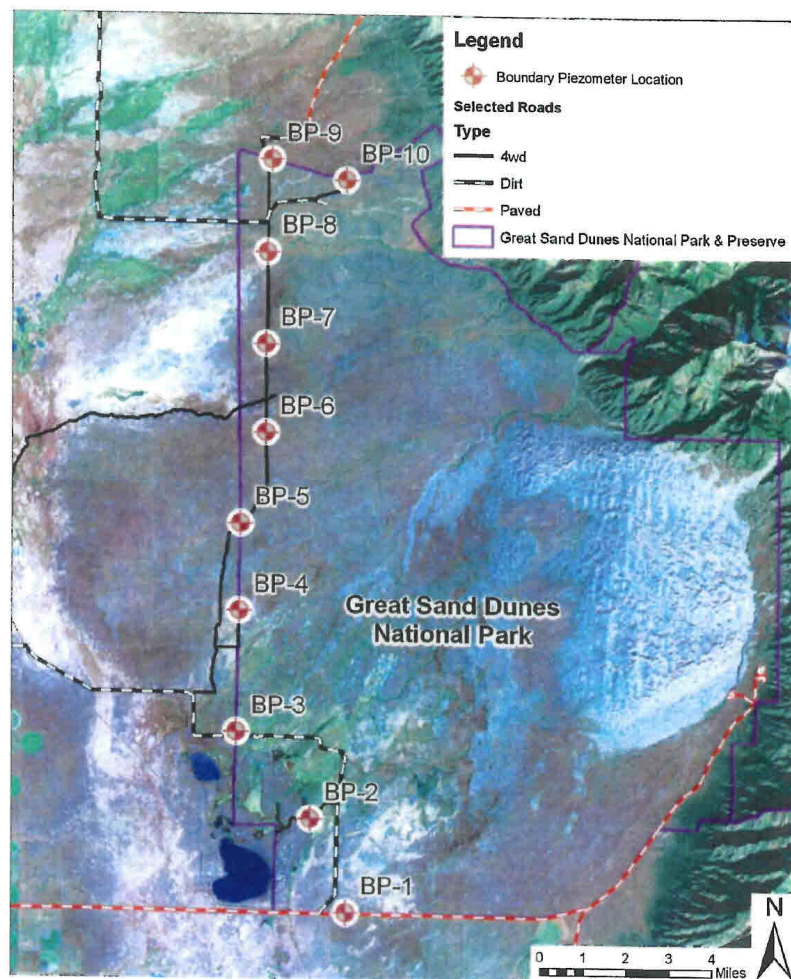


Figure 1: Boundary Piezometer Locations

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