

Federal Oil & Gas Wells in Northwestern New Mexico with Potential Reclamation Violations

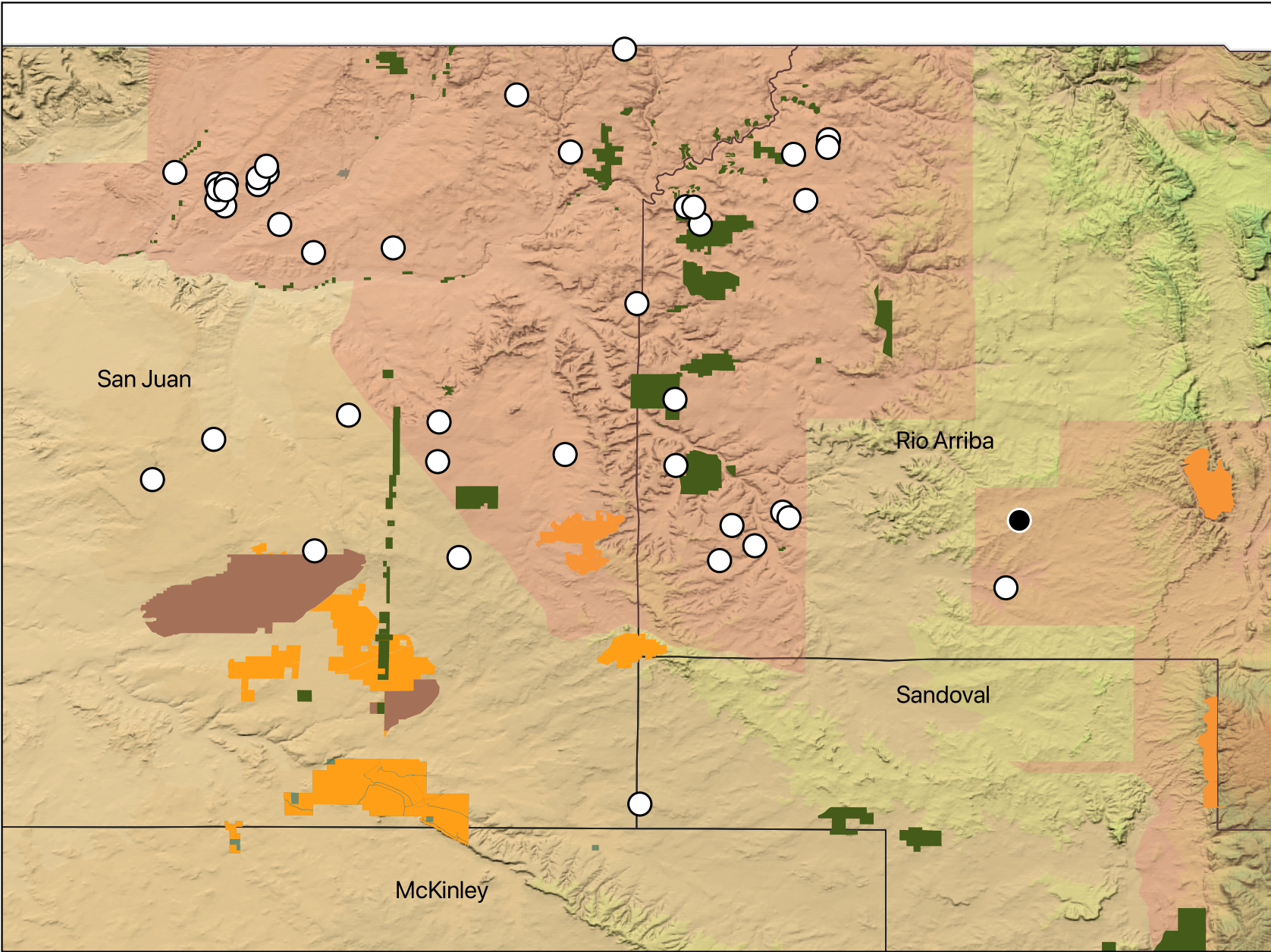
Across San Juan, Rio Arriba, and Sandoval Counties, there are 42 wells with temporarily abandoned (TA) approval that lack the requisite justification for such approval, and one well with expired TA approval.

Two TA wells without requisite justification overlap areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs). Both are operated by Hilcorp Energy Company; one well overlaps the Crow Canyon ACEC and the other overlaps the Frances Mesa ACEC.

The well with expired TA approval and 36 of the wells without requisite justification for TA approval overlap big game priority corridors.



Spatial Data Sources:
 ACECs, WSAs, Designated Wilderness Areas: BLM 2021;
 Potential Wilderness: NM Wild 2021;
 Big Game Priority Corridors: RMW 2020;
 Wells: EMNRD 2021;
 Topography: Earth Data Analysis Center, UNM



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| ◆ Orphaned Wells | ■ Designated Wilderness | ■ Areas of Critical Environmental Concern |
| ● Wells with Expired TA Approval | ■ Wilderness Study Areas | ■ Big Game Priority Corridors |
| ○ Wells with TA Approval that Lack Requisite Justification | ■ Potential Wilderness | |