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INSIDE THE PATCH

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For too long, the Badlands Conservation Alliance, a Bismarck, ND-based organization has become paranoid about oil wells getting in the way of looking at Theodore Roosevelt National Park, commonly known as the "Badlands". There are several public vantage points outside the perimeter of the park where

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BCA Has No Authority To Control Park "View"

Repeated efforts by a conservation group to force North Dakota operators to move equipment and drilling rigs because they get in the way of the "view" of Theodore Roosevelt National Park brought sharp criticism from an attorney during hearings at the ND Industrial Commission last month.

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"They have no standing to present anything," said Lawrence Bender, the lawyer who represents several operators including Thunderbird Resources. "They are scolding my clients for developing valuable leasehold interests. I am just tired of their condescending approach at these meetings."

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Hess Corp. Implements Aggressive Gas Capture Program

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These three GTUIT field natural gas stripping units are on a Hess Corp. well pad in McKenzie County. The Billings, MT service company uses these mobile units on remote locations to strip and freeze NGLs as an alternative to flaring. (GTUIT Photo)

Hess Steps Up On Site Natural Gas Processing

In an effort to reduce flaring, Hess Corporation has installed over 15 mobile field natural gas stripping units provided by GTUIT of Billings and has set up a test site in Mountrail County for gas-fired generators.

It is part of an aggressive effort by the company working to tie in wells near Keene in McKenzie County as well as Williams and Mountrail counties to meet state imposed gas capture goals.

The company detailed its efforts last month to the ND Industrial Commission as it works on new compressor systems to increase throughput to its gas processing plant at Tioga.

Compressors near Ross and White Earth push through 36,000 Mscf a day and will later be increased to 41,600 Mscf a day by the end of next year going to the Tioga plant.

The company said the GTUIT units, which process between 500 Mscf a day to 1,000 Mscf a day, strip out NGLs, which are refrigerated, and transported by truck to the Hess Ramberg pipeline facility eight miles south of Tioga.

The GTUIT can be linked up on location for a larger daily capacity.

The GTUIT units are used on remote locations where natural gas gathering lines have not yet been connected. Hess will only use those units when stripping large amounts of associated gas make them an economic venture.

Spencer Schoonover, the Hess engineer who is overseeing gas capture projects, said eight gas generators have been in use since February at its EN-South Horst Central pad near Newtown, supplying 1,000 kw of electricity for its pumping units.

This month, Schoonover said another eight micro-turbine natural gas generators will be installed on a nearby pad about a mile from the South Horst pad.

As part of the Hawkeye Pipeline system, Hess will move crude oil under Lake Sakakawea through a ten-inch oil pipeline. It is also installing pipelines for natural gas and natural gas liquids.



This is one of 45 tanker trucks now loaded daily with diesel fuel from the new Dakota Prairie refinery in Dickinson. The \$450 million refinery came on line last month and now produces 7,000 barrels of diesel daily that is sold to local markets along with 6,500 barrels of naphtha, 6,000 barrels of atmospheric tower bottoms and 300 barrels of NGLs. More than 20,000 barrels of Bakken crude oil moves into the refinery daily.

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