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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required to Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Birch, Horton, Bittner & Cherot			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 1155 Connecticut Ave., NW Ste. 1200, Washington, DC 20036			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/zip (or Country) _____			
4. Contact Name Jennifer Akre	Telephone (202) 659-5800	E-mail (optional) jakre@dc.bhb.com	5. Senate ID # 6256-1193
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Northwest Exploration			6. House ID # 31579090

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2003 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇔ Termination Date _____

11. No Lobbying

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

12. Lobbying Firms	13. Organizations
INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇔ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000)	EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇔ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000)
Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).	14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate exp accounting method. See instructions for description of opt <input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitio <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(I Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) Internal Revenue Code

Signature _____ Date _____

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15. General issue area code BUD (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Land acquisition Interior Appropriations

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

House of Representatives Senate

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
William Horn	
Douglas Fuller	
Kevin McCrea	
Jennifer Akre	

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature _____ Date 2/16/2004

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Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City

State/Zip (or Country)

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

Kevin McCrea

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Bu (city and state or cou

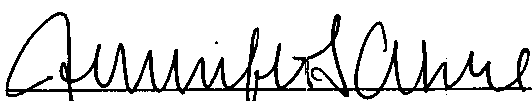
26. Name of each previously reported organization that is **no longer** affiliated with the registrant or client

FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that **no longer** owns, **or** controls, **or** is affiliated with the registrant, affiliated organization

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