

Pipeline

I want to know where they plan to put the 4500 foot pipeline that connects the well sites to the shipping facility - they seem to have left that detail out of their plans. Keep in mind that this three quarter of a mile pipeline transports heated water and returns a mixture of hot oil and hot produced water, so it seems they would want to keep it a short and direct as possible.

First slide: This slide is from an earlier overall facilities site layout from Cannon. It shows the access roads and the surrounding oak trees which will be impacted. It also shows the proposed path of the pipeline as pretty much a straight line from the well pad to the shipping facility.

Second slide: This photo is taken from Huasna Townsite Road looking across the Mankins' property. You can see the old oil tanks and debris labeled "well pad." This is part of the previous oil project and existing code violation left by one of Excelaron's partners 15 years ago, which still needs to be cleaned up. Straight down this steep, heavily wooded hillside is a label indicating the location of the shipping facility. Any pipeline located on this hillside will require a large amount of removal of vegetation and grading and will be a visual eyesore. The EIR needs to clarify the location of this pipeline and analyze its impacts.

Excelaron will probably respond by saying they'll just run the pipeline along the existing access road, but does it make any sense from an energy or economic standpoint to transport hot water in a pipeline along anything but the shortest distance and straightest path?