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Due to recent court cases and various other changes in the Ad-Valorem Tax Structure, Roger Mills County has begun a project which will consist of several different and distinct phases designed to assist the county in locating, identify and assessing all Oil & Gas properties in the County. The County Assessors Office and County board of Commissioners has retained Visual Lease Services, Inc. to assist in this project.

This initial Phase will be a field review of all Oil & Gas properties through out Roger Mills county, at which time VLS will utilize GPS (global positioning system) equipment to accurately record the exact location of each well site's, compressors, salt water disposal wells, disposal pits and pipeline crossings in the County. The equipment being used by VLS is capable of sub-meter accuracy.

These readings, which contain the latitude and longitude of each site, will be imported into the counties existing GIS (geographic information system) software. This will give the county the ability to produce accurate maps within the county and also, to do spatial analysis of all the information collected.

During the field review VLS will be gathering information to create an accurate record of all equipment on each site. Any and all equipment that is exempt under gross production taxes will not be effected by this project. After determining the taxable status, the remainder will be appraised and assessed at the local level. This procedure is designed to be an assurance that all oil and gas property in the county will be treated in the same manner as all other personal property already assessed.

In closing, the County Assessors office would appreciate any and all courtesy and cooperation to successfully complete this project.