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Figure 1. Photograph taken in 2002 of a gas well being drilled on a typical well pad. Note pits containing drilling fluids, equipment trailers, and access road.
Figure 2. Jonah field before discovery, as it appeared on a Landsat satellite image taken August 27, 1986. Only two dirt roads are visible in the area, intersecting in the lower left.
Figure 3. Landsat image of the same area, taken on October 26, 1999, shows that oil wells and connecting roads had been installed with 80-acre spacing.
Figure 4. Landsat image taken on August 28, 2001. 40-acre spacing has been approved, and more than 300 gas wells have been drilled in the Jonah field at this point.
Figure 5. Landsat image taken on October 18, 2002. By this time Jonah field now contains more than 400 gas wells and hundreds of miles of connecting roads. If the infill-drilling proposal is approved, up to 850 new well pads will be added to the field.
ROAN PLATEAU

Cliffs of the Roan Plateau, northwest Colorado
HD MTNS, POTENTIAL 200 WELL PROJECT
Wind carved rock towers in northern New Mexico’s Bisti Badlands
Burning Man before being burned,
Black Rock/High Rock NCA, Nevada