

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Twin Falls District  
Shoshone Field Office  
400 West F Street  
Shoshone, Idaho 83352

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
NEPA No. DOI-BLM-ID-T030-2012-0029-CX**

**A. Background**

BLM Office: Shoshone Field Office. Lease/Serial/Case File No.: IDI-23238

Proposed Action Title/Type: T5 Ranch Right-of-Way Renewal

Location of Proposed Action:

Boise Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 19 E.,  
sec. 18, SW1/4NW1/4NE1/4.

(For further detail refer to Attachment A, Location map)

**B. Proposed Action**

The Shoshone Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received a right-of-way application from T5 Ranch, LLC to renew and amend an existing right-of-way on public lands within Lincoln County, Idaho. The right-of-way grant identified under IDI-23238 was initially issued in 1986 and subsequently assigned to T5 Ranch, LLC in 2006. This right-of-way grant authorized the operation and maintenance of a water conveyance system that is composed of a check dam, bubbler, and pipeline. The right-of-way grant authorized these developments on approximately 0.1 acres of public land that consists of a corridor 300 feet long and 10 feet wide. The area currently being used for this water conveyance system matches these dimensions, but a portion of the pipeline is in a different location than what was authorized in the original grant. T5 Ranch, LLC has applied to renew their right-of-way for a term of 30 years and amend the right-of-way to reflect the current location of the pipeline.

The water conveyance system as currently developed consists of a check dam, bubbler, and above ground pipeline. The check dam has been constructed within a lateral canal that conveys irrigation water from the Little Wood River. The check dam diverts the irrigation water from the canal into an 18 inch metal pipe that is 40 feet long. The water flows from the 18 inch pipe into the bubbler and from the bubbler into a 12 inch PVC pipe. The 12 inch PVC pipeline conveys the water to irrigated agricultural lands on private property; 210 feet of 12 inch PVC pipeline is on public lands all of which is above ground.

The above described water conveyance system would be utilized May through October as this is the timeframe that the irrigation water is available. During this period low levels of maintenance consisting of cleaning the screens on the bubbler and the check dam and adjusting water flow as needed. To complete this maintenance the area would be accessed from the private property west of the water conveyance system.

### **C. Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills Management Framework Plan (MFP)

**Date Approved/Amended:** June 30, 1980

The project location falls under the management direction of the 1980 Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills Management Framework Plan (MFP). The proposed action is not specifically provided for in the MFP; however, it does fall within the concept of multiple use management and is consistent with uses identified within the MFP.

### **D. Compliance with NEPA**

The proposed action is qualified under categorical exclusions 516 DM 11.9 E(9) “(r) renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations” and 516 DM 11.9 E(13) “(a) amendments to existing rights-of-way, such as the upgrading of existing facilities, which entail no additional disturbances outside the right-of-way boundary. “Anticipated effects of the proposed action have been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply (see Attachment B: Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet).

Based on my review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the applicable land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. I have decided to approve the action to grant T5 Ranches, LLC a right-of-way to operate and maintain of an existing water conveyance system on public lands in Lincoln County, Idaho. The authorization granted to T5 Ranch, LLC is as described in the attached draft right-of-way grant (Attachment C).

### **E. Signature**

Authorizing Official: \_\_\_/s/ Brandon Brown\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_4/1/2013\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Brandon Brown  
Title: Acting Field Manager

### **F. Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this Categorical Exclusion, contact Kasey Prestwich, Realty Specialist, at (208) 732-7204 or at 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho 83352

### **G. Attachments**

Attachment A, IDI-23238, Right-of-Way Location Map.  
Attachment B, IDI-23238 , Categorical Exclusion Review Sheet.  
Attachment C, IDI-23238, Draft Right-of-Way Grant.