

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Lead: Perry Wickham

Field Office: Sierra Front

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Case File/Project Number: Paiute Pipeline Company / NEV 0060169

Applicable Categorical Exclusion (cite section): **516 DM 11.9 E. Realty** (12) Grants of Right-of-Way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed Rights-of-Way.

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2013-0023-CX

Project Name: Paiute Pipeline Company relocation of existing 10" gas main

Project Description: Paiute Pipeline Company proposes to replace an existing 10-inch gas pipeline and relocate the 50 foot wide Right-of-Way (ROW) to the northern portion of the NDOT highway ROW. The work area for construction of the pipeline facilities consists of permanent and existing ROW needed for long-term operation and maintenance requirements and temporary work areas to be located within the existing permanent NDOT ROW. The maximum total construction ROW width will be approximately 200 feet, from the north edge of existing Highway 50 pavement to the north edge of the NDOT ROW. The original installation of the 10-inch pipeline was completed on BLM grant NEV 0060169 in 1963 with a 50 foot width. Paiute Pipeline Company request an amendment to this grant to maintain the 50 foot wide grant, with temporary work space in all areas north of the existing pavement of Highway 50 and south of the north NDOT ROW line within the parcels noted below. The length of the amended grant for the first segment (Project Area 1) will be 1,359 feet. The length of the amendment for the second segment (Project Area 2) will be 184 feet. No alternative pipeline alignments were considered due to the existence of previously disturbed land along the NDOT ROW, and because work will need to be performed within NDOT ROW for the abandonment of the old 10-inch gas main. For additional information please see Plan of Development (POD) provided by Paiute Pipeline Company.

Is the project located within preliminary general habitat for sage-grouse? Yes No

Is the project located within preliminary priority habitat for sage-grouse? Yes No

Applicant Name: Paiute Pipeline Company

Project Location (include Township/Range, County): Lyon County
Mount Diablo Meridian
Township 18 North, Range 24 East
Sec. 24, NWNESW;
Sec. 28, SESE, Lot 33

BLM Acres for the Project Area: Permanent Right-of-Way Grant area is 1.75 acres and the Temporary work space area is 5.89 acres.

Land Use Plan Conformance (cite reference/page number): LND-7, Administrative Actions #6, Exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where the analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public and ROW-4, Administrative Actions 3, "...applicants for right-of-way grants...are subject to standard approval procedures outlined in the right-of-way regulations (43 CFR 2800)..."

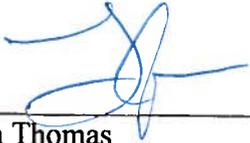
Name of Plan: NV – Carson City RMP.

Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances: The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria:

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (project lead/P&EC)		X
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (wildlife biologist, hydrologist, outdoor recreation planner, archeologist)		X
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (project lead/P&EC)		X
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (project lead/P&EC)		X
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)		X
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)		X
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (archeologist)		X
8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (wildlife biologist, botanist)		X
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (project lead/P&EC)		X
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? (project lead/P&EC)		X
11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (archeologist)		X
12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (botanist)		X

CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS.

Approved by:



Leon Thomas
Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office

6-10-13

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