

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
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Case File/Project Number: NVN 010910
NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2013-0021-DNA
Project Name: Chimney Water Tank Fence Amendment
Applicant Name: Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID)
Project Location: Sun Valley

T. 20 N., R. 20 E., sec. 6; Washoe County

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures:

The proposed action is an amendment application to an existing water tank facility, buried pipelines, and access road.

This proposed action is to extend an existing chain link fence into a user parking lot and existing road (part under ROW for the water tanks, part existing user road) in order to deter recreational shooting (with paint balls and bullets) of the water tanks. Fencing dimensions are: (length – 238 feet; widths – south side: 74 feet and 42 feet; and north side - 138 inches) also depicted on attached map.

Existing use is operation and maintenance of a water tank, part of a public drinking water system. Use will remain the same after installation of proposed fence extension. The expansion of fencing will encompass an area of approximately 18,000 square feet with the fencing dimensions listed in item above.

The expanded area, as with the existing site, will be used year-round for community drinking water purposes, with the same intermittent site visits for upkeep and maintenance as under the previous authorization.

Traffic flow on the existing road will not be impacted by either the construction or the placement of this fence extension. Moreover, the entire fenced tank site is surrounded by user access paths, so blocking of access to public land is not a factor.

Materials used will match the existing fence. All construction activities (staging, parking, and construction) would take place on existing high disturbance. No new ground disturbance is anticipated besides digging of impacted, disturbed ground for the sinking of new fence posts. Construction time is estimated to be one week or less. The new addition would encompass less than half an acre.

This proposal is located in Washoe County, Nevada, just north of Sun Valley.

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

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

List any applicable LUPs and their dates.

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

Consolidated Resource Management Plan (May 2001): LND-7, #6: “Exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public.”

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

Environmental Analysis Record 27-030-5-91 for NVN 010910; accepted by the District Manager (acting) on 6/4/1975.

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes, the proposed action is a feature of the originally analyzed proposed action. The new proposed action merely proposes to extend the fence of an existing water tank, utilizing an existing user-created parking lot and an existing road (part of which falls directly within the previous analysis area) for the placement of the fence extension. The project is directly adjacent to and encompasses part of the original analysis area. The resource conditions are highly disturbed and impacted by recreational shooting, quad, motor vehicle, dirt bike and paint-ball use traffic.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Yes. The resource values have diminished in the area due to user trails, roads, and parking lots surrounding the project area. It is in these highly disturbed areas that the new proposed action would be sited. Indeed, the road into which the fence will be extended was in existence prior to

this analysis, and the area was already fire-scarred and filled with cheat grass at the time of the original proposed action as well as subsequent amendment in 2005.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range- land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

The existing analysis remains valid, and it can reasonably be concluded that new circumstances do not influence the negligible impact to siting a chain-link fence extension in completely disturbed public land surrounding this water tank site.

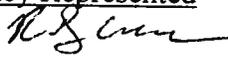
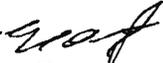
4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the original project are actually being mitigated by the placement of this fence, for the tank site has become a user parking lot and the tank itself has become a popular bullet and paint ball target. It is hoped that by extending the fence some of the effects of having a water tank site in this location will be lessened.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Yes, this action is being proposed by and being coordinated with local government entities and the holder in an attempt to lessen recreational shooting of the public water facility itself. These were the parties originally in the scoping, and remain the appropriate level of interagency review for this level of project/analysis.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

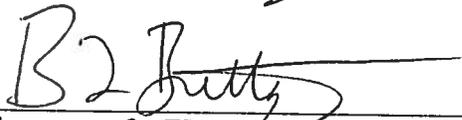
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Note: Refer to the EA for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

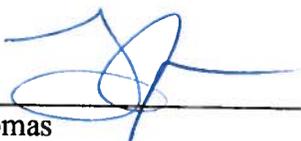
Conclusion: Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



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Date 7-30-13

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.