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Power line for Pipeline Catering, LLC
UTU-90187

Location: *Salt Lake Meridian,*
T. 7 S., R. 23 E.,
sec. 28, NW¼SW¼.
Uintah County, Utah

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CHAPTER 1
INTRODUCTION AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION

INTRODUCTION
This Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared to analyze Pipeline Catering, LLC's proposal to obtain a grant authorization (UTU-90187) which would include a 1,175-foot long by 50-foot wide 7.2/12.5kV overhead power line ROW consisting of 4 poles and 4 anchors to Pipeline Catering's existing restaurant facility (ROW permit UTU-88937) located at T. 7 S., R. 23 E., sec. 28, NW¼SW¼.

The EA is a site-specific analysis of potential impacts that could result with the implementation of a proposed action or alternatives to the proposed action. The EA assists the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in project planning and ensuring compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and in making a determination as to whether any "significant" impacts could result from the analyzed actions. "Significance" is defined by NEPA and is found in regulation 40 CFR 1 508.27. An EA provides evidence for determining whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a statement of "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI). A FONSI statement, is a document that briefly presents the reasons why implementation of the selected alternative would not result in "significant" environmental impacts (effects) beyond those already addressed in the Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan (October 2008). If the decision maker determines that this project has "significant" impacts following the analysis in the EA, an EIS would be prepared for the project. If not, a Decision Record may be signed for the EA approving the alternative selected.

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR THE PROPOSED ACTION
The BLM's need is to consider approval of the application. BLM's purpose is to avoid or reduces impacts on sensitive resource values associated with the project area and prevent unnecessary or undue degradation of the public lands.

CONFORMANCE WITH BLM LAND USE PLAN(S)
The proposed action would be in conformance with the Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (October 2008). The RMP/ROD decision allows ROWs on public lands in accordance with the Realty Decisions. It has been determined that the proposed action and alternative(s) would not conflict with any decisions throughout the plan.

RELATIONSHIPS TO STATUTES, REGULATIONS AND OTHER PLANS
This EA was prepared by the BLM in accordance with NEPA of 1969 and in compliance with all applicable regulations and laws passed subsequently, including the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations, U.S. Department of Interior requirements and guidelines listed in the BLM NEPA Handbook H-1790-1. This EA assesses the environmental effects of the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative.

The proposed action is also consistent with the Uintah County General Plan (Uintah County 2011-as amended). The Uintah County General Plan contains specific policy statements addressing public land, multiple-use, resource use and development, access, and wildlife management. In general, the plan indicates support for development proposals through its emphasis on multiple-use public land management practices and responsible use and optimum utilization of public land resources. The County, through the Plan, supports the development of natural resources as they become available, as new technology allows.

In May 1997 the Utah BLM published *Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management for BLM Lands in Utah* (BLM 1997). These standards for rangeland health were developed to ensure that various services, activities, and all renewable resources of the land are environmentally sustainable, and that non-renewable resources are recovered in ways that ensure the long-term health of the land managed by the BLM. The Proposed Action and alternatives carried through in this assessment are consistent with these standards. These standards cover upland soils, riparian systems, natural ecosystems, and water quality.

CHAPTER 2
DESCRIPTION OF ALTERNATIVES

INTRODUCTION
This chapter presents the Proposed Action Alternative, as submitted by Pipeline Catering and MLEA, as well as, the No Action Alternative.

PROPOSED ACTION
Pipeline Catering in association with Moon Lake Electric Association (MLEA) propose to construct a new overhead power line on federally administered lands. The proposed power line would be constructed by MLEA to serve the needs of Pipeline Catering. This proposed power line would be a distribution line, with an operating voltage of 7.2/12.5 kV.

Right-of-Way (ROW)
A permanent ROW is requested for the installation. The ROW would be approximately 1,175-feet in length and 50-feet wide, and would encompass approximately 1.35 acres.

Facility Design Factors
This power line would be constructed to meet the National Electrical Safety Code. All requirements with respect to clearance, temperature fluctuations, wind, voltage, span length, and structure heights are incorporated into all MLEA power line designs. All MLEA power lines are designed with adequate clearances for raptor protection. All materials used for MLEA power lines meets, or exceed industry standards.

Additional Components
This area of the county is in MLEA service territory. MLEA owns and maintains thousands of miles of power lines throughout its service territory. These lines are on Private, State, BLM, and Tribal Lands. Additional power lines may be required in the future and would be applied for if the need arises.

Construction of Facilities

Construction would begin within 45 days of BLM approval and would take 20 to 30 days to complete. MLEA anticipates placing 4 poles and 4 anchors on federally administered lands. The poles extend 35 to 40 feet out of the ground. Wood poles and non-reflective conductors would be used in the construction of this project.

All surface disturbances would be kept to a minimum and confined to the ROW. Rubber tired vehicles are used for all construction. The construction crew would consist of 4 men to 8 men using bucket trucks, digger trucks, and smaller crew trucks, as well as a backhoe. ROW flagging or engineering crews would consist of 1 to 4 men using a pickup truck(s), as well as foot travel.

It is anticipated that minimal clearing, grading or blade work would be needed for crews to access and construct this power line within the proposed ROW; with exception of the holes drilled for pole and anchor installation. Construction travel would be confined to existing roads and the requested ROW width.

It is anticipated that MLEA's surface disturbance would be minimal. MLEA's surface disturbances usually are nothing more than a two track, which is used periodically to maintain and patrol the power line as needed.

Any holes which may need to be left open overnight would be covered with planks to protect people and wildlife from injury.

No toxic substances are used in the construction of any MLEA power lines. All construction waste would be hauled back and disposed of in MLEA owned dumpsters.

Stabilization and Rehabilitation

Wet Soil Conditions. Construction and maintenance activities would not be performed when soil conditions are too wet to adequately support vehicles and equipment, except in emergency situations. If equipment creates ruts, in excess of three (3) inches deep, all maintenance work would be postponed, if possible, until conditions are suitable for travel. If maintenance is required for immediate repair of the power line, MLEA would be responsible for the rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

Weed Control. MLEA would control any noxious weed that appears in their right-of way, as a result of MLEA's construction activities. All weed control would be done upon written request from the BLM office. Any weed control that is required, would be completed according to the BLM specified methodology. If Herbicides are to be used, MLEA would submit, in a timely manner, a Pesticide Use Proposal (PUP), according to the form. The PUP form shall be sent to MLEA, upon the request from the BLM, for any weed control.

Access. All access would be from existing roads and two tracks and along the granted ROW.

Reclamation Re-seeding. MLEA would re-seed any areas that are cleared as a result of MLEA construction activities.

All re-seeding efforts would be completed upon written request from the BLM office. MLEA would use BLM standard drilling or broadcasting techniques for any and all re-seeding. Re-seeding techniques would be determined at the time of the BLM's request for any and all re-seeding.

MLEA would apply the BLM's recommendation of certified seed, at their application rates, for any re-seeding that is needed for this project. Any and all re-seeding would be done between August 15th and November 30th.

Maintenance. MLEA would keep the power lines in a safe and usable condition at all times in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code.

No toxic substances are used in the construction of any of MLEA power lines. All construction waste would be hauled back and disposed of in MLEA owned dumpsters.

It is anticipated that this power line would be inspected on a semi-annual basis, with maintenance to be completed as needed. All inspections would be completed from MLEA owned vehicles and completed by authorized MLEA personnel.

MLEA would do everything within reason and within its power to prevent fires on or near the construction area during the construction of this power line, as well as throughout the term of the ROW. Each vehicle used on the job site would be equipped with a radio and fire extinguisher. All litter would be taken off the job site.

Termination and Restoration. If the use of the power line is discontinued for a period of one year or longer and is no longer needed in the foreseeable future; MLEA would remove it at their expense and would restore the ROW, as much as possible to its original condition.

NO ACTION
Under this action, BLM would not approve the ROW grant.

CHAPTER 3
AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL SETTING

The Interdisciplinary Team Checklist provides a brief description of the affected environment. The affected environment and environmental consequences of the alternatives were considered and analyzed by an interdisciplinary team as documented in Appendix A. The analysis indicates that resources of concern are either not present in the project area, or would not be impacted to a degree that requires detailed analysis. The analysis and rationale for this conclusion is provided in Appendix A. The below information describes the current state of the potentially affected resources in the project area.

CHAPTER 4
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

DIRECT AND INDIRECT IMPACTS

This chapter describes the direct and indirect impacts that would be expected to occur upon the implementation of each of the considered alternatives. It also discloses the expected cumulative impacts, which are those impacts resulting from the incremental impact of an action when added to other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable actions regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions.

PROPOSED ACTION

This section analyzes the impacts of the proposed action to those resources described in the affected environment section 3 above.

NO ACTION

Under this action, BLM would not approve the ROW grant. MLEA & Pipeline Catering would not be allowed to install the power line on federal land. Pipeline Catering would continue to utilize a generator and diesel fuel to operate the existing restaurant.

CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Cumulative impacts are those impacts resulting from the incremental impact of an action when added to other past, present, or reasonably foreseeable actions regardless of what agency or person undertakes such other actions.

No cumulative impacts would occur because no direct or indirect impacts would occur under either alternative.

CHAPTER 5
PERSONS, GROUPS, AND AGENCIES CONSULTED

The proposed action was posted to the e-planning NEPA register with its assigned NEPA number on November 27, 2013. To date, no questions or comments have been received. A public comment period was not offered due to the proposed action being similar in nature to other projects in the immediate area.

Name	Purpose & Authorities for Consultation or Coordination	Findings and Conclusions
US Fish & Wildlife Service	Section 7	This project is within the scope of the Programmatic Consultation completed for the Natural Buttes Unit and Bonanza Area; therefore, consultation for this project has already been completed.

Lori Hunsaker, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Archaeology	National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 Consultation	See ID Team Checklist – Appendix A
Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Northwest Band Shoshone Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, Goshute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe, White Mesa Ute Tribe, Laguna Pueblo Tribe, Santa Clara Pueblo Tribe, Hopi Tribe, Zia Pueblo Tribe and Navajo Nation	National Historic Preservation Act	See ID Team Checklist – Appendix A

LIST OF PREPARERS

See Interdisciplinary Team Analysis Record Checklist (Appendix B).

LIST OF ACRONYMS USED IN THIS EA:

AO	Authorized Officer
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
DR	Decision Record
EA	Environmental Assessment
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
ENBB	Environmental Notification Bulletin Board
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact
ID	Interdisciplinary
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
RFA	Reasonably Foreseeable Action
RMP	Resource Management Plan
ROD	Record of Decision
ROW	Right-of-Way

REFERENCES

BLM. 2008. Vernal Field Office Final EIS. Utah BLM, Vernal District. Final Environmental Impact Statement Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision.

BLM. 2012. Pipeline Catering LLC Diner, Glen Bench Road. Utah BLM, Vernal District. DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2012-0253.

Parrish, J.R., F.P. Howe and R.E. Norvell. 2002. Utah Partners in Flight Avian Conservation Strategy Version 2.0. Utah Partners in Flight Program, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116. UDWR Publication Number 02-27. i – xiv + 302 pp.

APPENDICES

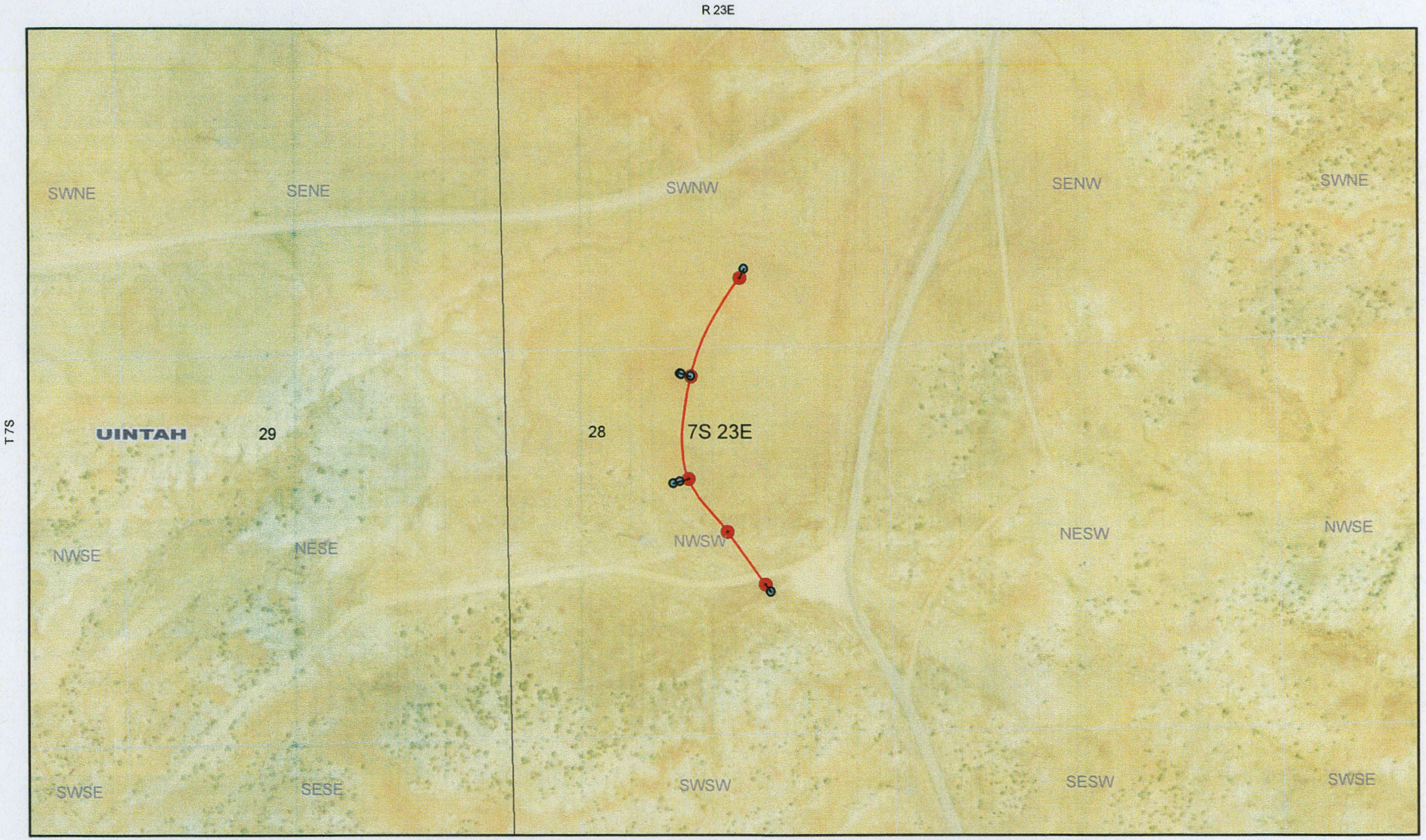
APPENDIX A: Drawing

APPENDIX B: Interdisciplinary Team Analysis Record Checklist

APPENDIX A
MAP

December 12, 2013

APPENDIX A - MAP



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INSTALLATION BY: MOON LAKE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

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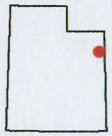

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- GUY WIRE ANCHORS
- POWER POLE LOCATIONS
- POWER LINE

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APPENDIX B
INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM NEPA DOCUMENTATION TRACKING CHECKLIST

Project Title: *Power line for Pipeline Catering, LLC*

NEPA Log Number: *DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0038-EA*

File/Serial Number: *UTU-90187*

Project Leader: *Katie White Bull*

DETERMINATION OF STAFF: (Choose one of the following abbreviated options for the left column)

NP = not present in the area impacted by the proposed or alternative actions
NI = present, but not affected to a degree that detailed analysis is required
PI = present with potential for significant impact analyzed in detail in the EA; or identified in a DNA as requiring further analysis
NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents cited in Section C of the DNA form.

Determi-nation	Resource	Rationale for Determination*	Signature	Date
NI	Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Dust and vehicle emissions would be generated during the project. However, impacts from emissions are expected to be short term (during construction only) and indistinguishable from background emissions as measured by monitors or predicted by models. Greenhouse gas emissions: No greenhouse gas standards have been established by EPA or other regulatory authorities. The assessment of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change is in its earliest stage. Global greenhouse gas models can be inconsistent, and localized models are lacking. Consequently, it is not technically feasible to quantify the net impacts to climate based on local greenhouse gas emissions. It is anticipated that greenhouse gas emissions associated with this action and its alternative(s) would be negligible.	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013
NP	BLM Natural Areas	None are present in the project area per the Vernal Field Office RMP and GIS review.	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013
NI	Cultural: Archaeological Resources	Pursuant to 36CFR800.16(y) this project is considered an undertaking. The area of potential effect (APE) is considered the shp file for the power line provided with this documentation. The entire area was inventoried for cultural material in August 2011 by Montgomery Archaeological Consultants. Report U-11-MQ-0717 was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Officer on October 12, 2011 with a recommendation of "No Historic Properties Affected." We received their concurrence with our determination on November 3, 2011.	*Cameron Cox*	11/05/2013
NI	Cultural: Native American Religious Concerns	Tribal consultation letters were sent to the Tribes on January 8, 2004 with the Greater Deadman Bench EIS. The Hopi asked for more information which they were provided. The Paiute, Southern Ute, Goshute and Pueblo of Laguna Tribes all responded with "no	*Cameron Cox*	11/05/2013

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		effect" letters for their respective Tribe.		
NP	Designated Areas: Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	None are present in the project area per the Vernal Field Office RMP and GIS review.	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013
NP	Designated Areas: Wild and Scenic Rivers	None are present in the project area per the Vernal Field Office RMP and GIS review.	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013
NP	Designated Areas: Wilderness Study Areas	None are present in the project area per the Vernal Field Office RMP and GIS review.	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013
NI	Environmental Justice	No minority or economically disadvantaged communities or populations would be disproportionately adversely affected by the proposed action or alternatives.	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013
NI	Farmlands (Prime or Unique)	All prime farmlands must be irrigated to be considered under this designation, among other factors. No prime or unique farmlands, as identified by the NRCS, based on soil survey data for the county are located in the project area; therefore, this resource will not be carried forward for analysis.	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013
NP	Fuels/Fire Management	The proposed action has no foreseeable impacts on fuels or fire management.	Blaine Tarbell	12/09/2013
NI	Geology / Mineral Resources/Energy Production	No adverse impact to geology or mineral resources is expected in the project area as per the Vernal Field Office RMP and GIS review.	*Elizabeth Gamber*	12/2/2013
IP/NW: NI Soils: NI Veg: NI	Invasive Plants/Noxious Weeds (EO 13112), Soils, and Vegetation	IP/NW: A small amount of previously undisturbed native vegetation will be disturbed. The ROW for this project will be 1.35 acres, but the ground disturbance will be substantially less, as it will be limited to holes needed for power pole construction and to a two-track within the ROW. In addition, the applicant will control weeds within the ROW as requested by the BLM Soils: The proposed project does not plan on disturbing soils in a way that would cause undue degradation to the soils environment. Soils in the area are very prone to erosion since parent material is clays and sands. Company should take care when installing the powerline to avoid any extreme soils disturbances that would require additional documentation. Additionally it is expected that the company adhere to the applicant committed measures outlined in the Chapter 2 of the NEPA prepared for this project. Veg: Vegetation types in the project sagebrush shrubland, salt desert scrub, and semi-desert grassland. A minimal portion of the 1.35 acre ROW will be disturbed for the proposed action, and any disturbance will be reclaimed on request by the BLM. We do not expect long-lasting changes to the native plant community from this project.	*IP/NW: Jessi Brunson* *Soils: James Hereford II* *Veg: Jessi Brunson*	IP/NW: 12/11/13 Soils:12/9/2013 Veg:12/11/13
NI	Lands / Access	The proposed area is located within the Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan area, which allows for right-of-ways. Current land uses within the area identified in the proposed action and adjacent lands consist of existing oil and gas development, wildlife habitat, recreational use, and sheep and cattle ranching. No existing land uses would be changed or modified by the	*Katie White Bull*	11/05/2013

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		every attempt should be made to minimize the impact of these activities through careful location, minimal disturbance, and repeating the basic elements. The proposal will follow existing form, line and texture in the landscape, but will contrast in color temporarily with the landscape. The contrast in color, form, line and texture is within the class IV objectives.		
NP	Wastes (hazardous or solid)	*Hazardous Waste:* No chemicals subject to reporting under SARA Title III in an amount equal to or greater than 10,000 pounds will be used, produced, stored, transported, or disposed of annually in association with the project. Furthermore, no extremely hazardous substances, as defined in 40 CFR 355, in threshold Wastes (hazardous or planning quantities, will be used, produced, stored , solid) transported, or disposed of in association with the project. *Solid Wastes:* Trash would be confined in a covered container and hauled to an approved landfill. Burning of waste or oil would not be done. Human waste would be contained and be disposed of at an approved sewage treatment facility.	*Katie White Bull*	*11/05/2013*
NP	Water: Floodplains	None are present in the project area per the Vernal Field Office RMP and GIS review.	*Katie White Bull*	*11/05/2013*
NI	Water: Hydrologic Conditions (stormwater)	Hydrologic conditions that exist are consistent with a high desert ecosystem. The area has many dry epherneral washes and highly erodible soils. This proposed project is located on low gradient topography, and will not affect the hydrology in the area. The disturbance would be 4 power poles and anchors resulting in less than 1 acre of disturbance. The proposed action would not cause the concern for storm water necessitating Section 402 of the Clean Water Act to be initiated with the U.S. Corp of Engineers.	*James Hereford II*	11/29/2013
NP	Water: Surface Water Quality	The proposed project will not affect surface water quality based on GIS analysis and Vernal RMP review.	*James Hereford II*	11/29/2013
NI	Water: Groundwater Quality	The proposed action will not impact ground water in this area.	*Elizabeth Gamber*	12/2/2013
NP	Water: Waters of the U.S.	No U.S. Waters are present in the proposed project area as per GIS data review and after review of the 2008 Vernal RMP.	*James Hereford II*	11/29/2013
NP	Wild Horses	The BLM does not manage for wild horses within the area of the project; however, there are occasional feral and tribal trespass horses that may be present within the project area. These horses are not considered BLM wild horses under the 1972 Wild Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act. The Bonanza HA Boundary, however, is still acknowledged as a historic HA boundary designated under the 1971 legislation.	*Katie White Bull*	*11/05/2013*
NI	Wildlife: Non-USFWS Designated	No BLM crucial habitat is located within the proposed project area.	*Brandon McDonald*	11/26/2013
NI	Wildlife: Migratory Birds (including raptors)	Migratory birds (PIF species, passerines, etc.) are present. Migratory birds may be present within the project area; however, the surrounding area is within an area with dense infrastructure. The BLM does not identify important migratory bird habitat areas. Therefore, no special consideration or stipulations are required.	*Brandon McDonald*	11/26/2013

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NP	Wildlife: Threatened, Endangered, Proposed or Candidate	In review of district files and a field visits there are no threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate (including greater sage-grouse PPH) species and/or habitat within the project area. Is the proposed project in sage grouse PPH or PGH? Yes ☐ No ☒ If the answer is yes, the project must conform with WO IM 2012-043.	*Brandon McDonald*	11/26/2013
NP	Woodland/Forestry	None are present in the project area per the Vernal Field Office RMP and GIS review.	*Katie White Bull*	*11/05/2013*

FINAL REVIEW:

Reviewer Title	Signature	Date	Comments
NEPA / Environmental Coordinator	Stephanie Howard	12/20/13	
Authorized Officer		12-23-2013	

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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

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Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR 1508.27, I have determined that Pipeline Catering, LLC's overhead power line will not have a significant effect on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

Authorized Officer

DEC 23 2013

Date

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It is my decision to authorize a ROW for UTU-90187. A full description of the Selected Alternative is located in Chapter 2 – Proposed Action, EA No. DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0038-EA.

Authorities: The authority for this decision is contained in Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, as amended through September 1999, (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

Compliance and Monitoring: *Compliance and monitoring is included with the Terms / Conditions / Stipulations section of the Decision.*

Terms / Conditions / Stipulations:

- This grant or permit is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2800.
- Each grant issued for a term of 10 years or more shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the authorized officer at the end of the 10th year and at regular intervals thereafter not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that a right-of-way or permit granted herein may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the authorized officer.

PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CONSISTENCY:
The proposed action and alternatives have been reviewed and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM Land Use Plans and the associated decision(s):
Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (October 31, 2008). The RMP/ROD decision allows for processing applications, permits, operating plans, mineral exchanges, leases on public lands in accordance with policy and guidance and allows for management of public lands to support goals and objectives of other resources programs, respond to public requests for land use authorizations, and acquire administrative and public access where necessary (RMP/ROD p. 86). It has been determined that the proposed action and alternative(s) will not conflict with other decisions throughout the plan.

The proposed action is also consistent with the Uintah County General Plan (Uintah County 2011-as amended). The Uintah County General Plan contains specific policy statements addressing public land, multiple-use, resource use and development, access, and wildlife management. In general, the plan indicates support for development proposals through its emphasis on multiple-use public land management practices and responsible use and optimum utilization of public land resources. The County, through the Plan, supports the development of natural resources as they become available, as new technology allows.

Alternatives Considered:

No Action Alternative. Under this action, BLM would not approve the ROW grant. MLEA & Pipeline Catering would not be allowed to install the power line on federal land. Pipeline Catering would continue to utilize a generator and diesel fuel to operate the existing restaurant.

Rationale for Decision:

The Selected Alternative described in this document is in conformance with the Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (BLM 2008). The ROD allows for the issuance of rights-of-way. The Selected Alternative will not conflict with other decisions throughout the plan.

Onsite visits were conducted by Vernal Field Office Personnel. The onsite inspection reports do not indicate that any other locations be proposed for analysis. In addition, all proposed mitigation has been carried forward into the Decision.

Protest/Appeal Language:

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (request) pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 2801.10 or 43 CFR 2881.10 for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

(1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,

(2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,

(3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and

(4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Authorized Officer

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Date