

Categorical Exclusion
DOI-BLM-UT_G010-2014-0117-CX
Questar Pipeline Company Temporary Use Permit
UTU-69134-01

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A. Background

BLM Office:

LLUTG01110

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: UTU-69134-01

Proposed Action Title/Type: Questar Pipeline Company Temporary Use Permit

Location of Proposed Action: T. 4 S., R. 23 E., Sections 7,18,19,20, and 29.

Description of Proposed Action: Questar Pipeline Company's (Questar) ML 80 installed under Right-of-Way grant UTU-69134 has experienced erosion and washouts on its pipeline. There are currently 6 locations that have been identified and are shown on the attached map in T. 4S., R. 23 E., SLM, Utah. The proposed repairs are considered regular maintenance to protect the pipeline and will consist of installing Submar Mat Armoring pads that are 8 feet wide, 20 feet long and 4½ inches deep as depicted on the enclosed brochure and shown on the drawing for each location.

Questar is requesting a temporary use permit for the required Extra Work Space to make the necessary repairs.

The required Extra Work Space for each location is shown as follows:

Site Number	GPS Locations	Legal Description	Extra Work Space Needed.
		T. 4 S., R. 23 E.,	
1	-109.370902, 40.481236	Sec. 7, S2SE.	All work will be within the existing 50 foot ROW width
2	-109.37005, 40.47345	Sec. 18, SENE.	65 foot X 135 foot, 0.20 acres
3	-109.36622, 40.45779	Sec. 19, SENE,NESE.	20 foot X 50 foot, 0.02 acres
4	-109.36265, 40.45366	Sec. 20, SESW.	25 foot X 50 foot, 0.03 acres
5	-109.35893, 40.44852	Sec. 29, NENW.	15 foot X 25 foot, 0.009 acres
6	-109.35622, 40.44491	Sec. 29, SWNE.	15 foot X 25 foot, 0.009 acres
			Total acres 0.268

Questar proposes to begin work as soon as they receive approval and would take approximately 4 weeks to complete the project but want the expiration date of the TUP to extend to December 31, 2014.

The project would be reseeded when clean-up is finished, by broad casting, and using a seed mix that is approved by the BLM Vernal Field Office, or one that was used to reseed the original right-of-way. Seeding would be evaluated in accordance with the Green River District Reclamation Guidelines.

The equipment and crew would consist of one Track Hoe, one Front End Loader, with two operators, one foreman, two laborers, three pickups, four trucks hauling rip-rap and one truck hauling the Submar mats and all the parking would be on the existing right of way for this project and access would be limited to the right of way from established access points.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: ROD approved in 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions) : The proposed action is in conformance with the Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (October 2008). The RMP/ROD decision allows the processing of applications, permits, operating plans, mineral exchanges, leases, and other use authorizations for public lands in accordance with policy and guidance. (RMP/ROD , p. 86). It has been determined that the proposed action and alternative(s) would not conflict with other decisions throughout the plan.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 I which is: Emergency Stabilization;

Planned actions in response to wildfires, floods, weather events, earthquakes, or landslips that threaten public health or safety. Property, and/or natural and cultural resources, and that are necessary to repair or improve lands unlikely to recover to a management approved condition as a result of the event. Such activities shall be limited to: repair and installation of essential erosion control structures; replacement or repair of existing culverts, roads, trails fences and minor facilities; construction of protection fences; planting, seeding and mulching; and removal of hazard trees, rocks, soil and other mobile debris from, on, or along roads, trails, campgrounds, and water courses. These activities:

- a. Shall be completed within one year following the event;
- b. Shall not include the use of herbicides or pesticides;
- c. Shall not include the construction of new roads or other new permanent infrastructure;
- d. Shall not exceed 4,200 acres; and
- e. May include temporary roads which are defined as roads authorized by contract, permit, lease, other written authorization, or emergency operation not intended to be part of the BLM transportation system and not necessary for long-term resource management. Temporary roads shall be designed to standards appropriate for the intended uses, considering safety, cost of transportation, and impacts on land and resources; and
- f. Shall require the treatment of temporary roads constructed or used so as to permit the reestablishment by artificial or natural means, or vegetative cover on the roadway and areas where the vegetative cover was disturbed by the construction or use of the road, as necessary to minimize erosion from the disturbed area. Such treatment shall be designed to reestablish vegetative cover as soon as practicable, but at least within 10 years after the termination of the contract.

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9, I.

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered:

D. Approval and Contact Information

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