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Moon Lake Electric Association  
Renewal and Amendment for  
Existing Overhead 7.2/12.5kV Power Line**

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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 (DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0230-EA), and considering the significance criteria in 40 CFR 1508.27, I have determined that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the human environment. An environmental impact statement is therefore not required.

## Signatures:

Approved by:

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/s/ Jerry Kenczka  
Jerry Kenczka  
Assistant Field Manager

11/7/2014  
[Date]

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# Decision Record

It is my decision to approve and authorize Moon Lake Electric Associations renewal and the amendment of Right-of-Way UTU-50500, to include 985 feet of existing 7.2/12.5kV overhead power line. The power line services the Raw Water Plant for DG&T.

The power line as renewed and amended is 1,100 feet in length, a 30 foot permanent width, and approximately 0.758 acres more or less. This alternative is hereafter called the Selected Alternative. This decision applies to BLM administered lands only.

I have determined that authorizing this selected alternative is in the public interest, will have minimal impacts and no undue disturbance will occur.

## **AUTHORITIES:**

“The authority for this decision is pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

## **Compliance Monitoring Mitigation**

No compliance and monitoring was identified beyond the standard BLM regulations.

No new mitigation measures were identified, where this is an existing power line.

## **Compliance with NEPA:**

This EA was prepared by the BLM in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and in compliance with all applicable regulations and laws passed subsequently, including the President’s Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and the U.S. Department of Interior requirements and guidelines listed in the BLM Manual Handbook H-1790-1. This EA assesses the environmental effects of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative.

## **Plan Conformance and Consistency**

The proposed action and alternative has been reviewed, and found to be in conformance with one or more of the following BLM Land Use Plans and the associated decision:

The proposal would be in conformance with the 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) would not conflict with other decisions throughout the plan.

The proposed action is consistent with the “Uintah County General Plan 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 such as the proposed action through the plan’s emphasis on multiple-use public land management practices, responsible use and optimum

utilization of public lands 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 the No Action alternative, BLM would not renew or amend Right-of-Way UTU-50500, and approve the continued use of the overhead 7.2/12.5kV distribution power line to serve DG&T's Raw Water Plant.

## **Rationale**

The Selected Alternative described in this document is in conformance with the Vernal Field Office Resource Management Plan and Record or Decision (BLM 2008). The ROD allows for the issuance of Land Use Authorization Permits. The Selected Alternative would not conflict with other decisions throughout the plan.

## **Appeal or Protest Opportunities:**

**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.

## **Public Involvement:**

The EA was posted to the E-Planning website on August 13, 2014. To date no issues on the renewal and amendment have been received.

## Authorizing Official:

/s/ Jerry Kenczka

Jerry Kenczka

Assistant Field Manager, Lands and Minerals

11/7/2014

Date

## Contact Person

Stephanie Howard

Phone: 435-781-4400

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# **Chapter 1. Introduction**

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This Environmental Assessment has been prepared to analyze the potential impacts of Moon Lake Electric Associations renewal, and amendment to include approximately 985 feet of existing 7.2/12.5 kV overhead power line to Right-of-Way UTU-50500.

The renewal is for only 115 feet (see note in Chapter 2 proposed action) of power line authorized under UTU-50500. The amendment is for approximately 985 feet of existing power line (not currently authorized in the right-of-way) built by Deseret Generation & Transmission (DG&T) approximately 20 years ago. Due to the change of ownership of the power line between DG&T to Moon Lake Electric, the amendment is being requested to add the 985 feet of existing power line to right-of-way UTU-50500. The 985 feet of power line was not assigned to Moon Lake Electric, as it was never authorized under right-of-way.

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. An EA assists the 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 1508.27. 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 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 (VFORMP), October 2008. If the decision maker determines that this project has “significant” impacts following the analysis in the EA, then an EIS would be prepared for the project. If not, a Decision Record may be signed for the EA approving the alternative selected.

## **1.1. Identifying Information:**

### **1.1.1. Title, EA number, and type of project:**

DOI-BLM-UT080-G010-2014-0230-EA

Renewal and Amendment of UTU-50500

7.2/12.5kV Overhead Power line to serve

DG&Ts Raw Water Plant

### **1.1.2. Location of Proposed Action:**

SLM, UT

T. 6 S., R. 22 E.,

sec. 24, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

### **1.1.3. Name and Location of Preparing Office:**

Lead Office - Vernal Field Office

170 South 500 East

Vernal Utah 84078

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#### **1.1.4. Identify the subject function code, lease, serial, or Right-of-Way Number:**

Right-of-Way UTU-50500

#### **1.1.5. Applicant Name:**

Moon Lake Electric Association

### **1.2. Purpose and Need for Action:**

Moon Lake Electric Association (MLEA) submitted application to renew ROW Grant for UTU-50500, and amend the right-of-way grant to add an additional 985 feet of existing power line that was installed approximately 20 years ago by Deseret Generation & Transmission (DG&T).

Due to change of ownership of the 985 foot power line from Deseret Generation & Transmission (DG&T) to MLEA, the amendment is needed to include the 985 feet of overhead distribution power line. The power line is a 7.2/12.5 kV, and supplies electricity to the DG&T Raw Water Plant.

### **1.3. Scoping, Public Involvement and Issues:**

The EA was posted to the E-Planning website on August 13, 2014

To date there have been no public comments received.

# **Chapter 2. Proposed Action and Alternatives**

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## 2.1. Description of the Proposed Action:

Moon Lake Electric Association (MLEA) submitted application to renew their existing ROW Grant UTU-50500. Also, amend the grant to include approximately 985 feet of existing power line installed approximately 20 years ago by DG&T.

Due to a change of ownership between Deseret Generation & Transmission (DG&T) & MLEA the existing 7.2/12.5kV overhead power line would be authorized under right-of-way grant UTU-50500. The total length of the renewed and amended is 1,100 feet in length, a 30 foot width, and approximately 0.758 acres more or less. This is an existing power line and no new surface will occur.

NOTE:

Original right-of-way UTU-50500 authorized the following:

- 69kV overhead power line
- 700 feet in length

On-sites with Moon Lake Electric identified the following items, to be corrected, before the renewal and amendment can be completed:

- Power line is only a 7.2 / 12.5 kV distribution line
- The length of the original power line is approximately 115 feet (GPS points of the line were taken on May 01, 2014 of the original power line)
- The (amended) portion of existing 7.2/12.5kV power line is approximately 985 feet in length
- The width will remain at 30 feet
- The total length of the renewed and amended 7.2/12.5kV overhead power line would be 1,100 feet in length, a 30 foot width, and encompass 0.758 acres more or less. (See Attached Exhibit A map)

MLEA is requesting the grant renewal for a 30 year period under the authority of Title V, FLPMA, 1976. Both the original and amended power line would be located on the following described lands:

SLM, UT

T. 6 S., R. 22 E.,

sec. 24, NW¼SW¼.

### Facility Design Factors

This power line meets 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. Raptor deterrents can be added if required by the BLM. 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.

### Government Agencies Involved

The BLM is the only government entity with property involved in this power line renewal and amendment.

### Facilities

This is an existing power line with seven (7) wood poles that extend 35 to 40 feet out of the ground. No toxic substances were used in the construction of any MLEA power lines.

### Resource Values and Environmental Concerns

All surface disturbances will be kept to a minimum and confined to the right-of-way. Rubber tired vehicles are used for all construction.

MLEA will keep all vehicle travel to existing roads and within the granted right-of-way.

The visual impacts are minimal. The existing wood poles were treated with PENTA and non-reflective conductors were used for this project.

Vegetation for this project consists mainly of sage brush and prairie grasses.

## **Stabilization and Rehabilitation**

### Wet Soil Conditions

Construction and maintenance activities will 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 will be postponed, if possible, until conditions are suitable for travel. If maintenance is required for immediate repair of the power line, MLEA will be responsible for the rehabilitation of disturbed areas.

### Weed Control

MLEA will control any noxious weed that appears in their right-of way, as a result of MLEA's construction activities. All weed control will be done upon written request from the BLM office. Any weed control that is required, will be completed according to the BLM specified methodology. If Herbicides are to be used, MLEA will 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 will be from existing roads and two tracks and along the granted rights-of-way.

### Reclamation Re-seeding

MLEA will re-seed any area's that are cleared as a result of MLEA construction activities.

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

MLEA will 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 will be done between August 15th and November 30th.

### Maintenance

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

No toxic substances were used in the construction of this existing power line.

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

MLEA will 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 right-of-way. Each vehicle used on the job site will be equipped with a radio and fire extinguisher. All litter will 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 will remove the power line at MLEA expense and will restore the right-of-way, as much as possible to its original condition.

## **2.2. Alternatives Considered but not Analyzed in Detail**

No other alternatives were analyzed where this is an existing 7.2/12.5kV overhead power line due for renewal.

## **2.3. Conformance**

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.

The proposed project is consistent with the Uintah County General Plan 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 such as the proposed action through the plan's emphasis on multiple-use public land management practices, responsible use and optimum utilization of public lands resources. The County, through the Plan, supports the development of natural resources as they become available, as new technology allows.

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## **Chapter 3. Affected Environment:**

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This chapter presents the potentially affected existing environment (i.e., the physical, biological, social, and economic values and resources) of the impact area as identified in the Interdisciplinary Team Checklist found in Appendix A. This chapter provides the baseline for comparison of impacts/consequences described in Chapter 4.

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# **Chapter 4. Environmental Effects:**

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This chapter describes the direct and indirect impacts that would be expected to occur upon the implementation of the considered alternative. 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.

Based on the ID Team Checklist there are no issues.

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# **Chapter 5. Tribes, Individuals, Organizations, or Agencies Consulted:**

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There were no individuals, organizations, or Agencies consulted as this is an existing power line due for renewal, and was originally authorized April 26, 1982.

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# Chapter 6. References

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NRCS. 2014. Soil Survey area: Uintah Area, Utah – Parts of Daggett, Grand and Uintah Counties  
Survey area data: Version 7, Oct 5, 2009. Query ran: August 20, 2014.

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# Appendix A.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM CHECKLIST

**Project Title:**

Moon Lake Electric Association Renewal and Amendment of an existing 7.2/12.5kV overhead power line to serve Deseret Generation & Transmissions (DG&T) Raw Water Plant

**NEPA Log Number:** DOI-BLM-UT-G010-2014-0230-EA

**File/Serial Number:** UTU-50500

**Project Leader:** Margo Roberts

**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 relevant impact that need to be analyzed in detail in the EA

NC = (DNAs only) actions and impacts not changed from those disclosed in the existing NEPA documents cited in Section D of the DNA form. The Rationale column may include NI and NP discussions.

Determination	Resource/Issue	Rationale for Determination	Signature	Date
<b>RESOURCES AND ISSUES CONSIDERED (INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES APPENDIX 1 H-1790-1)</b>				
NI	Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Emissions will occur from vehicles in the project area, but those impacts will be short term & transitory so they will not be detectable by monitors or models.  No standards have been set by EPA or other regulatory agencies for greenhouse gases. In addition, the assessment of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change is still in its earliest stages of formulation. Global scientific models are inconsistent, and regional or local scientific models are lacking so that it is not technically feasible to determine the net impacts to climate due to greenhouse gas emissions. It is anticipated that greenhouse gas emissions associated with this action and its alternative(s) would be negligible.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014
NP	BLM Natural Areas	The proposed project does not fall within the boundaries of a BLM Natural Area as per the Green River District, Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (2008) and the GIS layers database.	Margo Roberts	8/13/2014

<b>Determina- tion</b>	<b>Resource/Issue</b>	<b>Rationale for Determination</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NI	Cultural: Archaeological Resources	The power line is existing and there are no proposed land disturbances associated with the right-of-way renewal and amendment. The undertaking has no potential to affect historic properties	Cameron Cox	10/20/2014
NP	Cultural: Native American Religious Concerns	There are no Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) identified in or near the right-of-way. The proposed right-of-way renewal and amendment will not affect or hinder access to Native American Religious sites.	Cameron Cox	10/20/2014
NP	Designated Areas: Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	The proposed project does not fall within the boundaries of an ACEC per the Green River District, Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (2008) and the GIS layers database.	Margo Roberts	8/13/2014
NP	Designated Areas: Wild and Scenic Rivers	The proposed project is not in an Wild and Scenic Rivers area per the Green River District, Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (2008) and the GIS layers database.	Margo Roberts	8/13/2014
NP	Designated Areas: Wilderness Study Areas	No wilderness areas have been designated by the U.S. Congress on BLM lands in the VFO.  The proposed project is not in an Wilderness/WSA area per the Green River District, Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (2008) and the GIS layers database.	Margo Roberts	8/13/2014
NI	Environmental Justice	No minority or economically disadvantaged communities or populations would be disproportionately adversely affected by the proposed action or alternatives.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014
NI	Farmlands (prime/unique)	All prime farmlands in <b>Uintah County</b> are irrigated. All unique farmlands in Uintah County are orchards. No irrigated lands or orchards are located in the project area; therefore this resource will not be carried forward for analysis.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014
NI	Fuels/Fire Management	No Fuels/fire management projects or needs are present per VFO GIS data base.  The project is not located within a fuels/Fire Management zone per the Vernal Field Office GIS data layers.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014
NI	Geology/Minerals/Energy Production	This project would not adversely impact geology or minerals.	Elizabeth Gamber	9/17/2014
IP/NW: NI Soils: NI Veg: NI	Invasive Plants/Noxious Weeds, Soils & Vegetation	IP/NW: The applicant would be responsible for control and removal of invasive plants/noxious weeds along the power-line corridor through mechanical or chemical methods with an approved pesticide use application (PUP). An infestation of Utah Class B noxious weed perennial pepperweed ( <i>Lepidium latifolium</i> ) has been documented approximately 0.4 mi from the Project Area. Soils: Due to no new surface disturbance there would be no impact to soils and vegetation.	Christine Cimiluca	8/20/2014

<b>Determination</b>	<b>Resource/Issue</b>	<b>Rationale for Determination</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NI	Lands/Access	Current land uses, within the area identified in the proposed action, 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 implementation of the proposed action.  Master Title Plats have been checked for conflicts with Public Water Reserves. There are no PWR's in the project area.  Access to the power line is via a Uintah County Class B Road.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014
NP	Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC)	The proposed project is not located within an identified Land(s) with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC) area, as per the Green River District – Vernal Field Office GIS Data Layers.	Margo Roberts	8/13/2014
NI	Livestock Grazing & Rangeland Health Standards	The proposed project is on the Walker Hollow Grazing Allotment. Where the power line has been in place for approximately twenty years and there are no recent impacts, there would be no impact to livestock grazing from the proposed project	Alec Bryan	9/17/2014
NP	Paleontology	No paleo localities are present in the area.	Elizabeth Gamber	9/17/2014
NI	Plants:  BLM Sensitive	No individuals or populations of BLM sensitive plant species have been documented in the Project Area, per BLM GIS layer review. The potential habitat polygon for horseshoe milkvetch ( <i>Astragalus equisolensis</i> ) is located approximately 0.5 mi from the Project Area.	Christine Cimiluca	8/20/2014
NP	Plants:  Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, or Candidate	No individuals or populations of threatened, endangered, proposed or candidate plant species have been documented in the Project Area, and potential habitat is not present, per BLM GIS layer review.	Christine Cimiluca	8/20/2014
NP	Plants:  Wetland/Riparian	The project is not located within a wetlands/riparian zone per the Vernal Field Office GIS data layers.	Christine Cimiluca	8/20/2014
NI	Recreation	The right-of-way already exists and is being amended to include the existing power line. There are no recreation sites in the area.	Alec Bryan	9/17/2014
NI	Socio-Economics	No impact to the social or economic status of the county or nearby communities would occur from this project due to its small size in relation to ongoing development throughout the basin.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014
NI	Visual Resources	Proposed project is located within VRM Class III per VFO GIS data base, the action would be allowed under class III objectives	Dan Gilfillan	8/13/2014
NI	Wastes  (hazardous/solid)	No chemicals subject to reporting under SARA Title III in amounts greater than 10,000 pounds would be used, produced, stored, transported, or disposed of annually in association with the renewal and amendment of the existing power line.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014

<b>Determination</b>	<b>Resource/Issue</b>	<b>Rationale for Determination</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NI	Water: Floodplains	No floodplains are within the current proposed project area, however, the Walker Hollow 100 year floodplain is inside the proposed projects watershed area. No new surface disturbance is anticipated with the proposed project.	James Hereford II	8/27/2014
NI	Water: Groundwater Quality	Groundwater would not be adversely affected by this project.	Elizabeth Gamber	9/17/2014
NI	Water: Hydrologic Conditions (stormwater)	Hydrologic conditions in the area are conducive to a high desert ecosystem. The area consists of many dry ephemeral washes that exhibit flash tendencies during strong precipitation events. These events can carry tons of sediment and deposit those in downgradient environments. No new surface disturbance is anticipated with the proposed project.	James Hereford II	8/27/2014
NI	Water: Surface Water Quality	The current proposed project will not take place within areas that have surface water flow year round. Most of the area flows during runoff events, and during storm events. No new surface disturbance is anticipated with the proposed project.	James Hereford II	8/27/2014
NP	Water: Waters of the U.S.	No waters of the U.S. will be impacted by the current proposed action. As per GIS review and analysis of the current Vernal RMP.	James Hereford II	8/27/2014
NP	Wild Horses and Burros	The proposed project area is not within an identified Wild Horses and Burros herd management area per the Green River District, Vernal Field Office GIS Data Base.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014
NI	Wildlife: Migratory Birds (including raptors)	Migratory birds may be present near the project area; however, the proposed project is located adjacent to pre-disturbed areas. Migratory bird nesting habitat is located either up on the benches above the project area or within the main wash in the bottom of the draw. Project activities are not expected to disturb nesting or nuptial behavior. In addition the project area is located over a 1/2 mile of known raptor nests and is outside a Bird Habitat Conservation Area.	Brandon McDonald	8/14/2014
NI	Wildlife: Non-USFWS Designated	The BLM does not identify crucial big game habitat within the project area. There are a few scattered prairie dog burrows adjacent to the project area; however, the main prairie dog colony is located outside the proposed project. Project activities may temporarily displace individual wildlife but is not expected to effect wildlife so that analysis is further required.	Brandon McDonald	8/14/2014

<b>Determination</b>	<b>Resource/Issue</b>	<b>Rationale for Determination</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
NP	Wildlife: Threatened, Endangered, Proposed or Candidate	There are no threatened, endangered, proposed, or candidate wildlife species within the proposed project area. In addition, the BLM or UDWR do not designate the project area as containing important greater sage-grouse habitat.	Brandon McDonald	8/14/2014
NP	Woodlands/Forestry	The proposed project is not in an Woodland/Forestry area per Vernal Field Office RMP/ROD (2008) and the GIS layers database.	Margo Roberts	7/30/2014

<b>FINAL REVIEW:</b>			
<b>Reviewer Title</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Environmental Coordinator	/s/ Jessica Taylor	11/4/2014	
Authorized Officer	/s/ Jerry Kenzcka	11/7/2014	

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# Appendix B.

Map