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**SOUTH CULLINAN PIPELINE
Range Improvement Project**

Location: Dawson County

T. 17 N., R. 57 E. Section 32

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Worksheet
Documentation of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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Case File/Project No: GR 2502891
RIPs No. 018459

Proposed Action Title/Type: South Cullinan Pipeline

Location/Legal Description: Dawson County
T. 17 N., R. 57 E. Section 32. See map.

A: Description of the Proposed Action: Authorize approximately 2,000 feet of existing pipeline on public land. A water trough was installed at the end of the line. The pipeline is needed to help distribute livestock in accordance with MTFWP management plan (signed in 2004). HDPE pipe was used in the construction of the pipeline. This is a summer pipeline and varies in depth from the surface to several feet in depth. An escape ramp will be installed in the stock tank located on public lands. This is to reduce the potential for mortality of avian and small mammal species.

Applicant: Cullinan Ranch, LLC

County: Dawson

DNA Originator: Jeff Gustad

B. CONFORMANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAND USE PLAN

This proposed action is in accordance with the BLM 2015 Miles City Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan (ARMP), The ARMP states on page 3-11, Livestock Grazing Authorization, MD LG 7 “Approximately 2,700,000 acres and an estimated 546,496 animal unit months (AUMs) are available for livestock grazing; and page 3-10, MD LG 2: “The BLM will follow the BLM’s 1997 Record of Decision for Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Final Environmental Impact Statement for Montana and north and South Dakota.”.

LUP Name* Miles City Field Office Resource Management Plan Record of Decision, Date Approved September 22, 2015

Other document** The Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing for

**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

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

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 decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions) This proposed action is in conformance with the Miles City Field Office Resource Management Plan Record of Decision, approved on September 22, 2015 and the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota ROD approved in 1997. The Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota ROD states on page 11 “guidelines are best management practices, treatments and techniques, and implementation of range improvements...” Page 14 of the Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing for Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota ROD says “guidelines are provided to maintain or improve resource conditions in uplands and riparian habitats available to livestock grazing.”

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

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

*150202Knight Pipeline EA ..\..\MCFO EA Final\RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
NEPA\PIPELINES\150202 Knight Pipeline DavidJ.doc
Cullinan MTFWP ([DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2004-0196-EA](#))*

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation and monitoring report).

The C - M Allotment had Standard and Guidelines assessment in 2013 which it was determined that all assessment categories “met” standards for rangeland health.

Cultural Report MT-020-15-124

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 similar to the proposed action in the 150202 Knight Pipeline EA#MT-C020-2013-0018 and Cullinan MTFWP EA#MT-020-2004-0196.***

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, 150202 Knight Pipeline EA#MT-C020-2013-0018 and Cullinan MTFWP EA#MT-020-2004-0196 analyze the proposed action and considered a No Action alternative. Those alternatives are appropriate because this is a non-controversial project.*

3. **Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstance would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?** *The C - M Allotment had an "in-house" Standard and Guidelines assessment in which it was determined that all assessment categories "met" standards for rangeland health. Subsequent allotment visits confirmed this assessment and good range condition.*

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?** *Yes, the impacts analyzed in the 150202 Knight Pipeline EA#MT-C020-2013-0018 and Cullinan MTFWP EA#MT-020-2004-0196 are the same as for the current proposed action. The 150202 Knight Pipeline EA#MT-C020-2013-0018 and Cullinan MTFWP EA#MT-020-2004-0196 analyzed site specific impacts on the similar allotments as the proposed action. The cumulative impacts are unchanged from those identified in the 150202 Knight Pipeline EA#MT-C020-2013-0018 and Cullinan MTFWP EA#MT-020-2004-0196.*

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

E. Interdisciplinary Analysis: Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | Resource Represented | Initials & Date |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---|
| CJ Truesdale | Archaeologist | Cultural | <i>CJT 09/28/2016 MT-020-15-124</i> |
| Kent Undlin | Wildlife Biologist | Wildlife | <i>KU 7/10/15</i> |
| Reyer Rens | Supervisory RMS | Review | RR 11/20/2015 |
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/s/ Kathy Bockness

12/1/2015

Environmental Coordinator

Date

F. Mitigation Measures: List any applicable mitigation measures that were identified, analyzed, and approved in relevant LUPs and existing NEPA document(s). List the specific mitigation measures or identify an attachment that includes those specific mitigation measures. Document that these applicable mitigation measures must be incorporated and implemented.

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 NEPA.

Note: If one or more of the criteria are not met, a conclusion of conformance and/or NEPA adequacy cannot be made and this box cannot be checked

/s/ Shane Findlay, Acting

Eric Lepisto
Acting Field Manager
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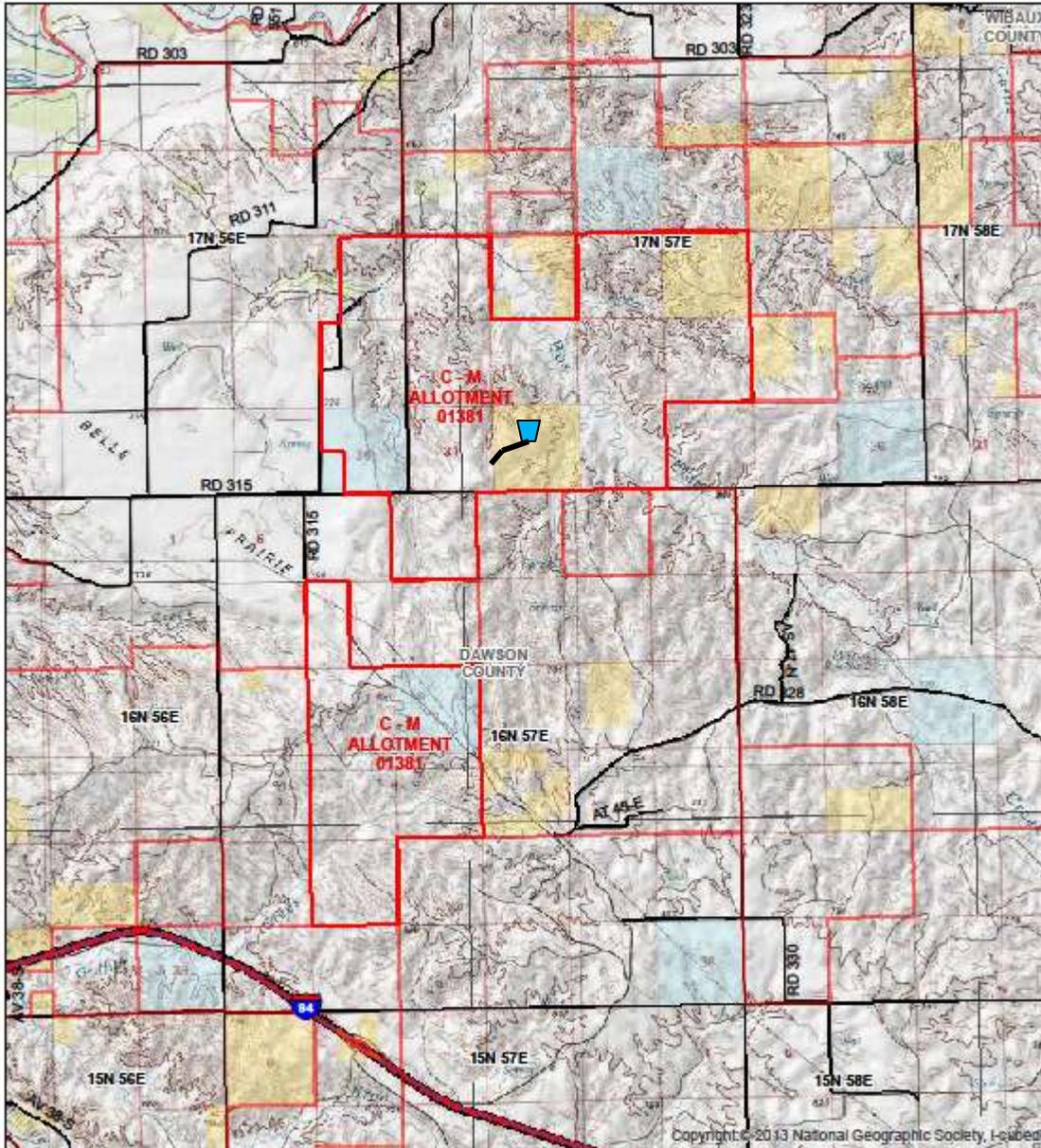
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Legend

- Grazing Allotment Polygons
- BLM

Private

State

Projected Coordinate System: NAD 1983 Albers
Geographic Coordinate System: GCS North American 1983
Datum: D North American 1983

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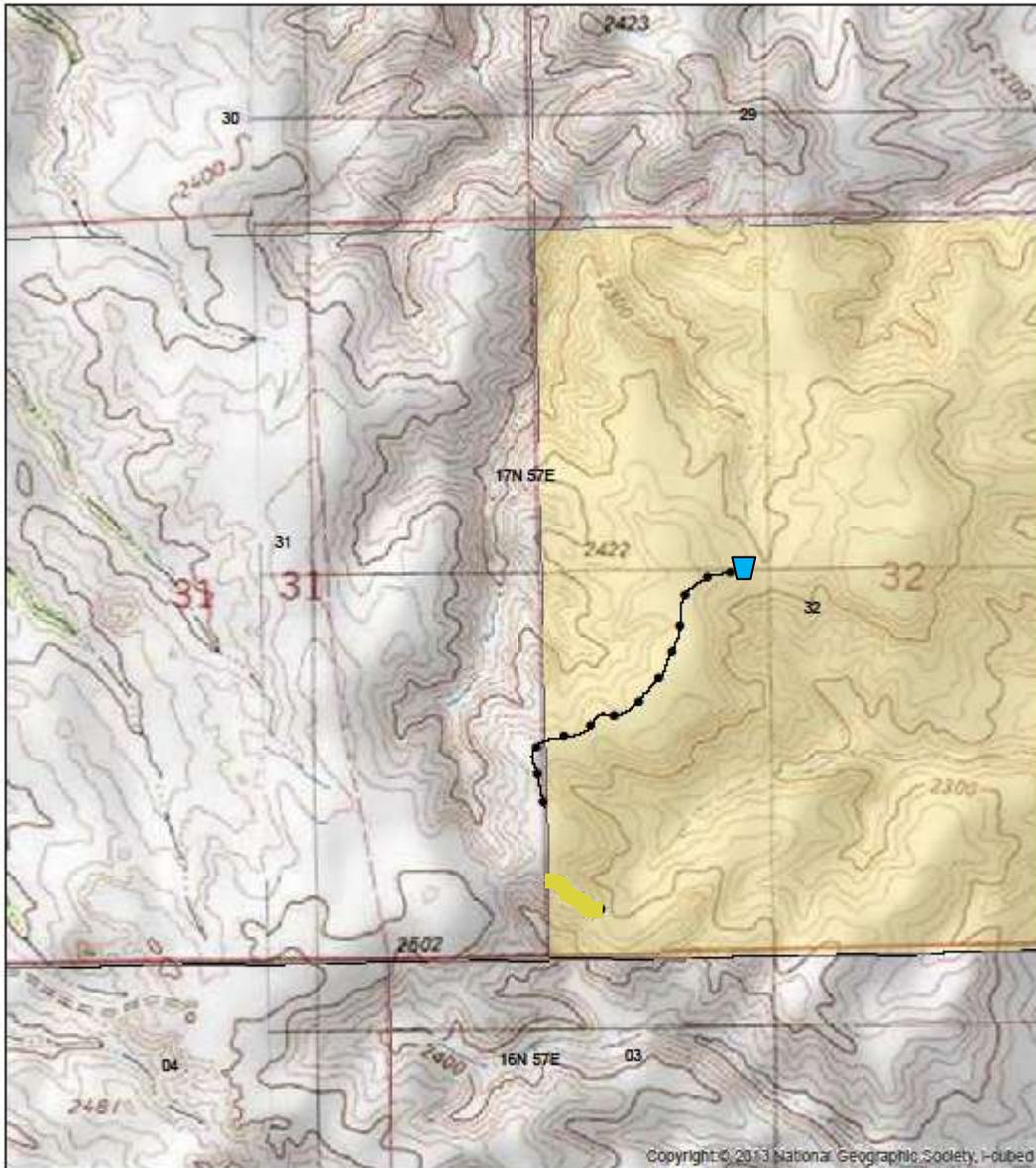
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