

**United States Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

**DECISION RECORD
DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2016-0007-DNA
12/1/2015**

**South Cullinan Pipeline
Range Improvement Project**

Location: **Dawson County
T. 17 N., R. 57 E. Section 32**

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DECISION

It is my decision to authorize the installation of approximately 2,000 feet of existing pipeline on public land as described in DOI-BLM-MT-C020-2016-0007-DNA. 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). The referenced EAs and the FONSI analyzed the same proposed action and found no significant impacts. All design features identified in the EA will be implemented. The selected alternative is in conformance with the BLM 2015 Miles City Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan.

ALTERNATIVES

In addition to the selected alternative, the EA considered 1 other alternative. The other alternative considered was the "No Action" alternative, and would carry out no management activities at this time.

RATIONALE FOR SELECTION

The purpose of the action is authorizing an existing pipeline to ensure there is an adequate water supply to all pastures in the C - M Allotment (#01381). The pipeline was installed adding the implementation of a Three Pasture Rotation Plan developed by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks which would enhance wildlife habitat with improved livestock distribution and utilization in three pastures. This action would aid the allotment in continuing to meet standards for rangeland health. The selected alternative would most effectively meet the purpose of the action ensuring a functional pipeline.

CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

Cullinan Ranch, LLC, permittees of the C – M Allotment #01381. The South Cullinan Pipeline DNA was made available online via the Miles City Field Office NEPA log.

IMPLEMENTATION

After the Decision Record is signed by the Authorized Officer, a Cooperative Range Improvement Agreement would be signed with the cooperator and the South Cullinan Pipeline would be authorized.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OPPORTUNITIES

Protest:

Any applicant, permittee, lessee, or other affected interest may protest a proposed decision under Sec. 43 CFR§4160.1. Any protest shall be made in person or in writing within 15 days after receipt of this proposed decision to:

Eric Lepisto, Acting Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management, Miles City Field Office
111 Garryowen Road
Miles City, MT 59301

The protest, if filed, should clearly and concisely state the reason(s) why the proposed decision is in error. In the absence of a protest, the proposed decision will become my final decision without further notice (43 CFR 4160.3(a)). A written protest electronically transmitted (e.g., email, facsimile, or social media) will not be accepted as a protest. A written protest must be on paper.

Appeal:

Any applicant, permittee, lessee, or other person whose interest is adversely affected by the final decision may file an appeal in accordance with 43 CFR 4.470 and 43 CFR 4160.4. The appeal may be accompanied by a petition for stay of the decision in accordance with CFR 4.21 and 43 CFR 4.471, pending final determination of an appeal. The BLM does not accept appeals by facsimile or email. The appeal and petition for stay must be filed in the office of the authorized officer, as noted above, within 30 days following receipt of the final decision, or within 30 days after the date the proposed decision becomes final (43 CFR 4160.4). The appeal, or the appeal and petition for stay, must be in writing and delivered in person, via the United States Postal Service mail system, or other common carrier, to the Miles City Field Office as noted above.

The appeal shall state the reasons, clearly and concisely, why the appellant thinks the final decision is in error and otherwise comply with the provisions of 43 CFR 4.470, which is available from the BLM office for your use in a BLM office. In accordance with 43 CFR§4.21(b)(1), a petition for stay, if filed, must 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.
- 4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

/s/ Shane Findlay, Acting
Eric Lepisto
Acting Field Manager
Miles City Field Office

12/1/2015
Date