

DECISION RECORD
Bureau of Land Management
Rock Springs Field Office
DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2016-0101-DNA

Alkali Gulch 5-17
WYW167918 - Pipeline

Summary

QEPM Gathering I, LLC has proposed to construct to a four and one half (4½) inch buried natural gas pipeline in T. 13 N., R. 100 W., 6th P.M., Sweetwater County, Wyoming, section 17: SW¼NW¼ and section 18: SE¼SE¼. The proposed pipeline would consist of 1,604.03 feet with a 50 foot width for a total of 1.84 acres of which all will be located on public lands.

Decision

Based upon the analysis of the potential environmental impacts described in the Environmental Assessment for Alkali Gulch 5-17 access road and wellpad, and supporting documents in the case file, it is my decision to approve the proposed action to construct an access road and pipeline for the Alkali Gulch 5-17 Well Connect.

1. **Compliance with applicable laws:** The proposed action and alternatives were evaluated under the following authorities:

The grant will be made under the authority of section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 185) and be subject to the terms and conditions in 43 CFR 2881. The grant also should be subject to the mitigation set forth in the application/plan of development.

43 C.F.R. 2800

Green River Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (signed August 8, 1997) as amended by the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Rocky Mountain Region, Including the Greater Sage-Grouse Sub-Regions of Lewistown, North Dakota, Northwest Colorado, and Wyoming (signed September 21, 2015).

2. **Selected Alternative:** The proposed action to construct a pipeline was selected.
3. **FONSI:** I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan. I have reviewed this determination of NEPA adequacy (DNA) including the analysis of potentially significant environmental impacts found in EA 13-132. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures as identified in this DNA is not outside the scope of the analysis conducted in the previously mentioned EA, and it will therefore not have any significant impacts on the human

environment so that an EIS is not required. It is my decision to implement the proposed action.

4. **Public Involvement:** The proposed action has been reviewed by BLM specialists. There was no public involvement due to the limited scope to the project. BLM specialists determined no additional mitigation and/or stipulations were necessary to reduce or minimize effects.

5. **Rationale for Alternative Selected:**

The proposed action was selected as the most reasonable because it would allow for the development of the Alkali Gulch 5-17 pipeline and, fulfill the purpose and need, and be in conformance with the GRRMP as amended.

6. **Appeal Procedures:**

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. 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 pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) or 43 CFR 2800 for a stay 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.



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Date