

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
 BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
 Rock Springs Field Office
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Extraordinary Circumstances Checklist

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WYW101918

CX Number: DOI-BLM-D040-2016-0120CX

Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: Sweetwater County

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right-of-way renewal for an existing snow fence.

Review the proposed action against each of the 12 “extraordinary circumstances” listed below. Any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine whether it meets any of the extraordinary circumstances, in which case, further analysis and environmental documents must be prepared for the action. Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page. **DO NOT ANSWER “N/A” TO THE QUESTIONS BELOW.** You must be able to answer “No” to each question. If that is not possible, a CX may not be the correct NEPA document for the project.

Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes/ No	Staff Specialist	Comments
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	No	SMM	No adverse effects on public health or safety were identified. The snow fence provides a valuable function in retaining snow drifts which could occur along a portion of County Road 4-55.
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action would have no significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national natural monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas. The footprint for the snow fence is relatively small, approximately .23 acres.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant. No

	involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA, Sec. 102(2)(E)]			controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources would result from the Proposed Action.
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No	SMM	Because the Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant, the environmental effects are not highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant, and would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. Any future realty actions in this area would entail the appropriate level of NEPA analysis.
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant for a snow fence along County Road 4-55. The environmental impacts were previously reviewed in the Categorical Exclusion # 045-CX7-12, dated October 15, 1986. In addition, the snow fence is an action conducted in conformance with the August 8, 1997 Green River Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision.
7.	Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant and will not have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.
8.	Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant and will not have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.
9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant and does not violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on	No	SMM	The project area is in an uninhabited area of Sweetwater County and has had no

	low income or minority populations (EO 12898).			disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations. All users of the road will benefit from the snow fence.
11.	Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007).	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant, and would not limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.
12.	Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112).	No	SMM	The Proposed Action is a renewal of an existing right-of-way grant; no additional disturbance will be done. The renewal grant will stipulate that the holder shall be responsible for weed control on disturbed areas within the exterior limits of the right-of-way, and that the holder is responsible for consultation with the authorized officer and/or local authorities for acceptable weed control methods (within limits imposed in the grant stipulations).