UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
High Desert District, Kemmerer Field Office

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS NOT ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE

DOI-BLM-WY-D090-2016-0009-CX

A. Background

Bureau of Land Management Kemmerer Field Office

Case File No.: WYW-094375

Proposed Action Title/Type: Renewal

Applicant: Bridger Valley Electric Association, Inc.

Location of Proposed Action: Uinta County 6th Principal Meridian

T. 16 N. ,R. 116 W.,
Section 26: S½S½;
35: NE¼NE¼, N½NW¼.

Description of Proposed Action: Renewal of the 14.4kV powerline to the Williams Telecommunications repeater. Right-of-way is 15' wide and 2773' long for a total acreage of .95 acres more or less.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the following Land Use Plan (LUP):

- The Proposed Action is subject to the Approved Kemmerer Resource Management Plan/ Record of Decision (RMP/ROD), as approved on May 24, 2010 and amended by the Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments (ARMPA) for the Rocky Mountain Region, approved 9/22/2015 (BLM 2015). The Proposed Action is in conformance with the RMP as amended.

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Goal LR:3, Land Resources Objective LR:2:1.

C. Compliance with NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR Part 46.210 or 516 DM 11.9, Section E, Realty (9):

- Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

This Categorical Exclusion is appropriate in this situation as there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2, apply.

D: Signature/s

Prepared By: Jeanie Cattelan LLE — 2-25-16
Preparer/Title — Date

Reviewed By: Travis Chenning — 2-25-16
Reviewer/Title — Date

Reviewed By: [illegible] — 3/2/2016
Assistant Field Manager — Date

Authorizing Official: William A. Mee — 3/2/16
Field Manager — Date

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Attachments
CX Decision
Extraordinary Circumstance to Categorical Exclusions
Wildlife Clearance

Decision:

- Based on a review of the project described in the attached categorical exclusion documentation and Kemmerer Field Office staff recommendations, it is my decision to implement this action. I have determined that the project is in conformance with the Approved Kemmerer Resource Management Plan/ Record of Decision (RMP/ROD), as approved on May 24, 2010 and amended by the Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments (ARMPA) for the Rocky Mountain Region, approved 9/22/2015 (BLM 2015). The Proposed Action is in conformance with the RMP as amended.

Project authorization is subject to mitigation measures identified below:

- Greater Sage-grouse nesting/early brood rearing habitat March 15 through July 15.

Administrative Remedies:
Any person adversely affected by this decision may appeal it to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. If an appeal is taken, a notice of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days of this decision for transmittal to the Board.

In addition, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this decision you have the right to file a petition for a stay together with your appeal in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 4.21. Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of 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.

Authorizing Official: William A. Mier Date: 3/2/16
William A. Mier
Field Manager