

**Categorical Exclusion (CX) Documentation
Not Established by Statute
DOI-BLM-WY-030-2016-0082-CX
Union Telephone Company**

A. Background

BLM Office: Rawlins Field Office

Case file Serial Number: WYW-183000(0248306)

Proposed Action

Title/Type:

ROW-4686 Hanna Rural Line 5-F Buried Telephone Line.

Location of Proposed
Action:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Carbon County, Wyoming
T. 19 N., R. 81 W.,
sec. 14, SW1/4SE1/4;
sec. 26, W1/2NW1/4.

Description of Proposed
Action: Renewal of a buried telephone line.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan

Record of Decision and

Approved Rawlins

Name:

Resource Management

Date Approved/Amended:

December 24, 2008

September 21, 2015

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

This project is also in conformance with Section 2.3.5 Lands and Realty (page 2-16), *Management Objectives, 6 Respond to internal and external requests (e.g., pipelines, access roads) for land authorizations.*

X 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 decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions):

The Resource Management Plan was 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* (September 2015).

C. Compliance with NEPA

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

- (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 because 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 43 CFR 46.215 apply. These circumstances, and the rationale specific to this categorical exclusion, are listed and described in Table 1.

I considered the proposed ROW-4686 Hanna Rural Line 5-F Buried Telephone Line project and the project design features in my evaluation, and find that the Proposed Action would not have significant impacts to the human environment.

D. SIGNATURE

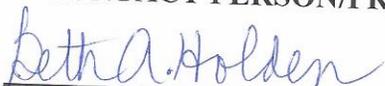
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