Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format When Using Categorical Exclusions Not Established by Statute

A. Background

BLM Office: Rock Springs Field Office Lease/Serial/Case File No.: WYW120929
CX Number: DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2016-0119-CX
Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: QEPM Gathering I, LLC
Proposed Action Title/Type: Amendment – Include a 500 gallon methanol tank for the Lateral 706 pipeline authorized under WYW120929.
Location of Proposed Action: T. 13 N., R. 100 W., sec. 10: NW¼SE¼, 6th P.M., Sweetwater County, Wyoming
Description of Proposed Action: Amendment – Install a 500 gallon methanol tank for the Lateral 706 pipeline

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name (LUP): Land Use Plan Name (LUP): Green River Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision(GRRMP/ROD) 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.
Date Approved/Amended: August 8, 1997, / 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): Page 9 of the GRRMP/ROD

" The objectives for the management of the land and realty program are to: 1) manage the public lands to support the goals and objectives of other resource programs; 2) respond to public demand for land use authorizations; and 3) acquire administrative and public access where necessary."

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): N/A

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, E13

"*Amendments to existing rights-of-way such as the upgrading of existing facilities which entail no additional disturbances outside the right-of-way boundary.*

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 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply.

D. Stipulations

No additional stipulations apply. Holder bound by the terms and conditions of the original right-of-way.

E. Preparer/s

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