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.: WYW130346

CX Number: DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2016-0146-CX

Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: QEPM Gathering I, LLC

Proposed Action Title/Type: Amendment – Install a condenser and combustor, and approximately 20 feet of four (4) inch surface pipe contained in the existing right-of-way.

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	CH	No public health or safety concerns were identified.
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	No	CH	The proposed action would not affect unique characteristics such as historic or cultural resources or properties of concern to Native Americans. There are no park lands, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers or ecologically critical areas present in the project area. Adherence to environmental mitigation measures and implementation of effective interim and final reclamation is expected to help maintain resources objectives for riparian, wetland, aquatic and terrestrial habitat.

	ecologically significant or critical areas.			
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA, Sec. 102(2)(E)]	No	CH	The Proposed Action is within existing disturbance within existing oil & gas development. No controversial effects on the human environment or unresolved conflicts would result from the Proposed Action.
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No	CH	Possible effects on the environmental effects are not highly uncertain and do not involve unique or unknown risks.
5.	Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	No	CH	The Proposed Action is to support existing actions and would not establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future action with significant environmental effects. All future actions would be subject to evaluation through the appropriate level of NEPA analysis.
6.	Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No	CH	No project specific or cumulative impacts associated with the Proposed Action have been identified that could not be avoided through the project's design or appropriate mitigation and avoidance measures. The impacts identified do not exceed the level of impacts outlined in the GRRMP.
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	CH	The Proposed Action does not have significant impact on properties listed, or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office since it is located within existing disturbance.
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	CH	The Proposed Action does not have significant impact on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat since the proposed is located within existing disturbance.

9.	Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No	CH	The Proposed Action does not violate any known federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.
10.	Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	No	CH	The Proposed Action is located approximately 85 miles from Rock Springs and is not anticipated to have high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.
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	CH	The Proposed Action is within existing disturbance and would not limit access to ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites 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	CH	The Proposed Action would be located in existing disturbance, so as with any disturbance there is a chance for introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species but this project have a minimum impact or contribution to the development site. The Proposed Action would adhere to a reclamation plan to ensure satisfactory reclamation.