

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.: WYW152541
 CX Number: DOI-BLM-D040-2016-0141CX

Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: WPX Energy RM Company

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right-of-way assignment for an access road and well pad for the Greasewood Wash Unit 13-36 well.

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	The Proposed Action is an assignment of an existing access road and well pad ROW for the purpose of a corporate name change. A recent assignment for the same entity was done, assigning the ROW from Williams Production RMT Company to WPX Energy Rocky Mountain, LLC. This subsequent assignment will align BLM’s records for this ROW to the current organizational identity for the grantee. There will be no significant adverse effects on public health or safety that have not already been analyzed in EA# WY040-EA01-137, dated

				September 26, 2001.
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 an assignment of an existing authorization, with no new disturbance. It will have no significant impacts on 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.
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA, Sec. 102(2)(E)]	NO	SMM	The Proposed Action is an assignment of an existing right-of-way grant, with no new disturbance. No controversial environmental effects or 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	The Proposed Action is an assignment of an existing right-of-way grant for the purpose of a corporate name change. Consequently, the project does not involve highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. The environmental impacts were previously reviewed in EA# WY040-EA01-137, dated September 26, 2001.
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 an assignment 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 an assignment of an existing right-of-way grant for the purpose of a corporate name change. The environmental impacts were previously reviewed in EA# WY040-EA01-137, dated September 26, 2001. In addition, the project is 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 an assignment 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 an assignment 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 an assignment 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 low income or minority populations (EO 12898).	NO	SMM	The Proposed Action is an assignment of a right-of-way located in a remote area of Sweetwater County, and will not

				have a disproportionately 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	SMM	The Proposed Action is an assignment 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 an assignment of an existing right-of-way grant; no additional disturbance will be done. The terms and conditions of the existing grant to be assigned specify that the holder shall be responsible for weed control on disturbed areas within the 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.