

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.: WYW142598

CX Number: DOI-BLM-WY-D040-2016-0160-CX

Right-of-Way Applicant/Holder: Questar Gas Company

Proposed Action Title/Type: Amendment

Location of Proposed Action: T. 19 N., R. 105 W., section 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, 6th P.M., Sweetwater County

Description of Proposed Action: Amendment of an existing right-of-way grant. See attached Exhibit A.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: 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 Lewiston, North Dakota, Northwest Colorado, and Wyoming.

Date Approved/Amended: August 8, 1997 and 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 RMP

"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..."

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, E.16.

"Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes."

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 DM2 apply.

D. Stipulations

The amended ROW grant is subject to the terms and conditions of the original ROW.

E: Preparer/s

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EXHIBIT A
PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT
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The Proposed Action is an amendment of an existing right-of-way (ROW) granted on September 22, 1997. The initial ROW grant was for 748 feet in length, with widths of 30 feet along Hillcrest road and 50 feet along Yellowstone road, containing a four inch diameter buried pipeline and a regulator station. The ROW contains .57 acres, more or less. The regulator station was subsequently removed from this location and relocated to private land to the south of the ROW.

The location of the ROW is in a developed area of Rock Springs, with several other utility and road ROWs (see attached master title plat) within the boundaries of, or adjacent to, the Proposed Action.

The amendment will increase the size of the ROW through the addition of an 86.73' x 125' x 141.73' x 137' parcel containing .33 acres, more or less, and an additional 650' x 30' parcel which will extend across Yellowstone road and run parallel along the east side of the road, containing .45 acres, more or less.

The .33 acre parcel will be encompassed by eight foot tall chain link fence. The regulator station will be relocated from private land back to public land, and within this .33 acre parcel.

A six inch diameter buried pipeline totaling 930 feet will be installed, 280 feet of which is within the .33 acre parcel described above, and 650 feet within the expanded ROW along Yellowstone road.

An eight inch diameter pipeline will be installed totaling 466 feet, of which 275 feet will replace an existing pipeline (4 inch diameter), the remainder being new construction. This pipeline will be within the existing ROW boundary.

All surface disturbances related to the project will be reclaimed and returned to as close to the current condition as possible and re-seeded with a mix recommended by the BLM.

The amendment will add .78 acres to the existing ROW, for a total of 1.35 acres.

