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Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute  
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June 2016

## Renewal of 5 Rights-of-Way for Gas Pipelines

### ***Locations:***

UTU-144448: SLM, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., sec. 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  & sec. 30, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  & sec. 31, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

UTU-148016: SLM, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., sec. 29, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

UTU-148017: SLM, T. 16 S., R. 25 E., sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  & sec. 23, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

UTU-148018: SLM, T. 16 S., R. 25 E., sec. 11, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  & sec. 14, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

UTU-148019: SLM, T. 16 S., R. 26 E., sec. 20, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  & sec. 21, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  & sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

***Applicant/Address:***      ***Red Rock Gathering Company***  
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**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DOCUMENTATION FORMAT WHEN USING  
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS NOT ESTABLISHED BY STATUTE**

**A. Background**

BLM Office: Moab Field Office      Lease/Serial/Case File No:  
UTU-144448, UTU-148016, UTU-148017,  
UTU-148018, UTU-148019

Proposed Action Title/Type:      Renewal of 5 Right-of-Way Grants

Locations of Proposed Action:

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Description of Proposed Action:

Right-of-Way (ROW) UTU-144448 was granted to Mountain Fuel Supply Company for a natural gas pipeline on February 18, 1966, under the authority of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 449), as amended. On December 12, 1986, it was decided that the ROW belonged to Mesa Pipeline Company. On November 8, 1985, the ROW was assigned to NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership. On August 28, 1996, NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership changed their name to Warren Energy Resources. On November 10, 1997, the ROW was assigned to KN Gas Gathering, Inc. On January 29, 1999, the ROW was assigned to Wildhorse Energy Partners, LLC. On March 28, 2001, the ROW was assigned to TBI Field Services, Inc. On November 6, 2001, the ROW was assigned to Canyon Gas Resources, Inc. On April 30, 2008, the ROW was assigned to ETC Canyon Pipeline, LLC due to a name change. On February 27, 2013, the ROW was assigned to Red Rock Gathering Company, LLC. The ROW grant expired on February 17, 2016.

Right-of-Way (ROW) UTU-148016 was granted to Mesa Pipeline Company (Mountain Fuel Supply Company) for a natural gas pipeline on March 15, 1966, under the authority of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 449), as amended. On December 12, 1986, it was decided that the ROW belonged to Mesa Pipeline Company. On November 8, 1985, the ROW was assigned to NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership. On August 28, 1996, NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership changed their name to

Warren Energy Resources. On November 10, 1997, the ROW was assigned to KN Gas Gathering, Inc. On January 29, 1999, the ROW was assigned to Wildhorse Energy Partners, LLC. On March 28, 2001, the ROW was assigned to TBI Field Services, Inc. On November 6, 2001, the ROW was assigned to Canyon Gas Resources, Inc. On April 30, 2008, the ROW was assigned to ETC Canyon Pipeline, LLC due to a name change. On February 27, 2013, the ROW was assigned to Red Rock Gathering Company, LLC. The ROW grant expired on March 14, 2016.

Right-of-Way (ROW) UTU-148017 was granted to Mesa Pipeline Company (Mountain Fuel Supply Company) for a natural gas pipeline on March 15, 1966, under the authority of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 449), as amended. On December 12, 1986, it was decided that the ROW belonged to Mesa Pipeline Company. On November 8, 1985, the ROW was assigned to NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership. On August 28, 1996, NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership changed their name to Warren Energy Resources. On November 10, 1997, the ROW was assigned to KN Gas Gathering, Inc. On January 29, 1999, the ROW was assigned to Wildhorse Energy Partners, LLC. On March 28, 2001, the ROW was assigned to TBI Field Services, Inc. On November 6, 2001, the ROW was assigned to Canyon Gas Resources, Inc. On April 30, 2008, the ROW was assigned to ETC Canyon Pipeline, LLC due to a name change. On February 27, 2013, the ROW was assigned to Red Rock Gathering Company, LLC. The ROW grant expired on March 14, 2016.

Right-of-Way (ROW) UTU-148018 was granted to Mesa Pipeline Company (Mountain Fuel Supply Company) for a natural gas pipeline on March 15, 1966, under the authority of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 449), as amended. On December 12, 1986, it was decided that the ROW belonged to Mesa Pipeline Company. On November 8, 1985, the ROW was assigned to NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership. On August 28, 1996, NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership changed their name to Warren Energy Resources. On November 10, 1997, the ROW was assigned to KN Gas Gathering, Inc. On January 29, 1999, the ROW was assigned to Wildhorse Energy Partners, LLC. On March 28, 2001, the ROW was assigned to TBI Field Services, Inc. On November 6, 2001, the ROW was assigned to Canyon Gas Resources, Inc. On April 30, 2008, the ROW was assigned to ETC Canyon Pipeline, LLC due to a name change. On February 27, 2013, the ROW was assigned to Red Rock Gathering Company, LLC. The ROW grant expired on March 14, 2016.

Right-of-Way (ROW) UTU-148019 was granted to Mesa Pipeline Company (Mountain Fuel Supply Company) for a natural gas pipeline on March 15, 1966, under the authority of the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 449), as amended. On December 12, 1986, it was decided that the ROW belonged to Mesa Pipeline Company. On November 8, 1985, the ROW was assigned to NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership. On August 28, 1996, NGC Energy Resources Limited Partnership changed their name to Warren Energy Resources. On November 10, 1997, the ROW was assigned to KN Gas Gathering, Inc. On January 29, 1999, the ROW was assigned to Wildhorse Energy Partners, LLC. On March 28, 2001, the ROW was assigned to TBI Field Services, Inc. On November 6, 2001, the ROW was assigned to Canyon Gas Resources, Inc. On April 30, 2008, the ROW was assigned to ETC Canyon Pipeline, LLC due to a name change. On February 27, 2013, the ROW was assigned to Red Rock Gathering Company, LLC. The ROW grant expired on March 14, 2016.

On February 23, 2016, Tracey Jensen, on behalf of Red Rock Gathering Company, LLC filed an application for renewal of rights-of-way UTU-144448, UTU-148016, UTU-148017, UTU-148018, and UTU-148019.

Under the authority that the rights-of-way were granted, the rights-of-way will be renewed if they continue to be needed and there are no problems with continued authorization.

## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

Land Use Plan Name: Moab Field Office RMP, Approved October 2008

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

Page 65 of the Moab Field Office RMP reads as follows: "Meet public needs for use authorizations such as rights-of-way, alternative energy sources, and permits while minimizing adverse impacts to resource values."

## **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, Appendix 5.4E(9) which states..."Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorization."

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 Part 46.215 applies.

## **D: Signature**

Authorizing Official: Beheca Doolittle acty Date: 6/29/2016

## **Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review contact:

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Moab Field Office  
82 E. Dogwood  
Moab, Utah 84532  
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The following BLM Specialists have reviewed the proposed action and have determined that none of the 12 exceptions below apply to this project:

Name	Title	Critical Element(s)
Ann Marie Aubry	Hydrologist	Air Quality, Floodplains, Water Quality (drinking or ground), Wetlands/Riparian Zones
Doug Rowles	NRS	Wastes (hazardous or solid)
Jordan Davis	Range Mgmt./Weed Spec.	Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds
David Williams	Range Mgmt. Specialist	Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Plant Species
Pam Riddle	Wildlife Biologist	Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Animal Species, Migratory Birds
Katie Stevens	Recreation Planner	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wild & Scenic Rivers
Bill Stevens	Recreation Planner	Wilderness, Environmental Justice
Don Montoya	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns
Judie Chrobak-Cox	Lead Visitor Services Information Assistant	Lead Preparer

Lead Preparer: J. Chrobak-Cox Date: 4-29-16

## Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion Documentation

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:

<b>Extraordinary Circumstances</b>		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Renewing the rights-of-way is not likely to result in significant impacts to public health or safety.
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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> The renewal of the rights-of-way should not have significant impacts on any of the above ecological significant or critical areas.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Renewing the rights-of-way would not have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Renewal of the rights-of-way would not have highly uncertain environmental effects or unknown environmental risks.
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> The proposed renewals would not set a precedent for future action with potentially significant environmental effects.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> Renewing the rights-of-way would not result in cumulatively significant environmental effects.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <b>X</b>	<b>Rationale:</b> The nature of the proposed action is such that no impact can be expected on significant cultural resources.

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.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> The renewals would not have impacts of this kind.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> No Federal, state, local or tribal laws would be broken.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> Renewal of the rights-of-way would not have an 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 (Executive Order 13007).		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> There are no known Indian ceremonial or sacred sites within the areas.
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 Executive Order 13112).		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Rationale:</b> Renewal of the rights-of-way should not result in introduction or spread of noxious weeds. Holder will consult with the authorized officer for planning acceptable weed control measures on all noxious weed infestations within the limits of the right-of-way. Prior to use of pesticides the holder will obtain from the AO a Pesticide Use Proposal.

Attachments:

Categorical Exclusion Review Record

**Categorical Exclusion Review Record**  
**DOI-BLM-UT-Y010-2016-0204-CX**  
**Renewal of 5 ROWs**  
**UTU-144448, UTU-148016, UTU-148017, UTU-148018, UTU-148019**  
**Red Rock Gathering Company**

The following elements are not present in the Moab Field Office and have been removed from the checklist:  
 Farmlands (Prime or Unique), Wild Horses and Burros.

Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	Ann Ahoy	6-29-16
Floodplains	No	Ann Ahoy	6-29-16
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	No	Ann Ahoy	6-29-16
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Ann Ahoy	6-29-16
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	K. Stevens	6/29/16
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	K. Stevens	6/29/16
Wilderness	No	K. Stevens	6-29-16
Native American Religious Concerns	No	D. Matyas	6/29/16
Cultural Resources	No	D. Matyas	6/29/16
Environmental Justice	No	D. Matyas	6-29-16
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	D. Paul	6/29/16
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Animal Species	No	D. Paul	6/29/16
Migratory Birds	No	D. Paul	6/29/16
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Plant Species	No	D. Williams	6/29/16
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	John Davis	6/29/16
Other:	No		

\*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator K. Stevens Date: 6/29/16

## Approval and Decision

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the Moab Field Office RMP, approved October 2008, and that no further environmental analysis is required.

It is my decision to renew the rights-of-way described below, under the authority of Section 28 of the Act of February 25, 1920 (U.S.C. 185), as amended by the Act of November 16, 1973 (87 Stat. 576), for an additional 30 years.

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### **Rationale for the Decision:**

The decision to allow the proposed action does not result in any undue and unnecessary environmental degradation. The following factors were considered:

◇The renewals are subject to the terms and conditions of the original grants which continue to apply and the additional stipulation: Holder will consult with the authorized officer for planning acceptable weed control measures on all noxious weed infestations within the limits of the right-of-way. Prior to use of pesticides the holder will obtain from the AO a Pesticide Use Proposal.

◇The proposed action is in conformance with the Moab Field Office RMP, approved October 2008. Page 65 of the Moab Field Office RMP reads as follows: "Meet public needs for use authorizations such as rights-of-way, alternative energy sources, and permits while minimizing adverse impacts to resource values."

◇The proposed action is consistent with the following objective found on page 48 of the 2004 Grand County General Plan Update: "promote management of public lands for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of Grand County and the nation."

◇The proposed action meets the objectives for lands and realty in the Moab Field Office for use authorizations issued under the authority of Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended.

This decision shall take effect immediately upon the date it is signed by the Authorized Officer and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay (43 CFR 2801.10). Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR, part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at 82 East Dogwood Moab Utah 84532. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal and shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of irreparable harm to the appellant or resources if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If a petition for stay is submitted with the notice of appeal, a copy of the notice of appeal and petition for stay must be served on each party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken, and with the IBLA at the same time it is filed with the Authorized Officer. A copy of the notice of appeal, any statement of reasons and all pertinent documents must be served on each adverse party named in the decision from which the appeal is taken and on the Office of the Regional Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 6201 Federal Building, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1180, not later than 15 days after filing the document with the Authorized Officer and/or IBLA.

Acting Field Manager: Becky Doolittle Date: 6/29/2016  
Becky Doolittle