

Ormat (Jersey Valley Pipeline)

A. Background

DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2016-0039-CX

BLM Office: NV - Mount Lewis Field Office

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Lease/Serial/Case File No.: N-94692

Proposed Action Title/Type:

Location of Proposed Action: Pershing County; specifically as follows: MDM T. 27N., R. 40E., sec. 21, NWNE, SWNE, SENW, NESW, and SESW; sec. 28, NWNW, SWNW, and NWSW; sec. 29, NESE and SESE

Description of Proposed Action: Ormat (a/k/a, ORNI 15, LLC) submitted a ROW application to install a 2-mile long pipeline along the east side of the Jersey Valley road starting at a water well (MP-12) travelling to the Jersey Valley Hot Springs.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: NV - Shoshone-Eureka RMP

Date Approved/Amended: February 26, 1986

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): Not applicable

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): Management actions not expressly addressed by the resource management plan, Shoshone-Eureka Resource Area Record of Decision Part 11 E and the Nevada and Northeastern California Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (ARMPA) (BLM 2015).

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 2, Appendix 2, or 516 DM 11.9, E.

(12) Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.

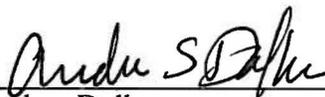
This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM 2 apply.

I considered that the facilities already exist and are designed for the intended purpose. This Right-of-Way is being granted for administrative purposes and does not authorize additional surface disturbance outside of the existing ROW or change in management; and therefore, would not result in an adverse environmental impact.

D. Approval and Contact Information

 6-30-2016

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	<i>Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances: Will this project...</i>	Yes	No
1.	have significant adverse effects on public health or safety?		X
2.	adversely affect such unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, flood plains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department of Interior's National Register of Natural Landmarks?		X
3.	have highly controversial environmental effects?		X
4.	have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X
5.	establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?		X
6.	be related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?		X
7.	have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places?		X
8.	have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Threatened or Endangered Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species?		X
9.	require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act?		X
10.	threaten to violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X
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?		X
12.	contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species?		X

All of the above questions must be answered negatively before the Categorical Exclusion may be approved. This checklist is taken from 516 DM 2, Appendix 2.

Reviewed by

Initials

Date

Steven Highland, Cultural Resource Specialist

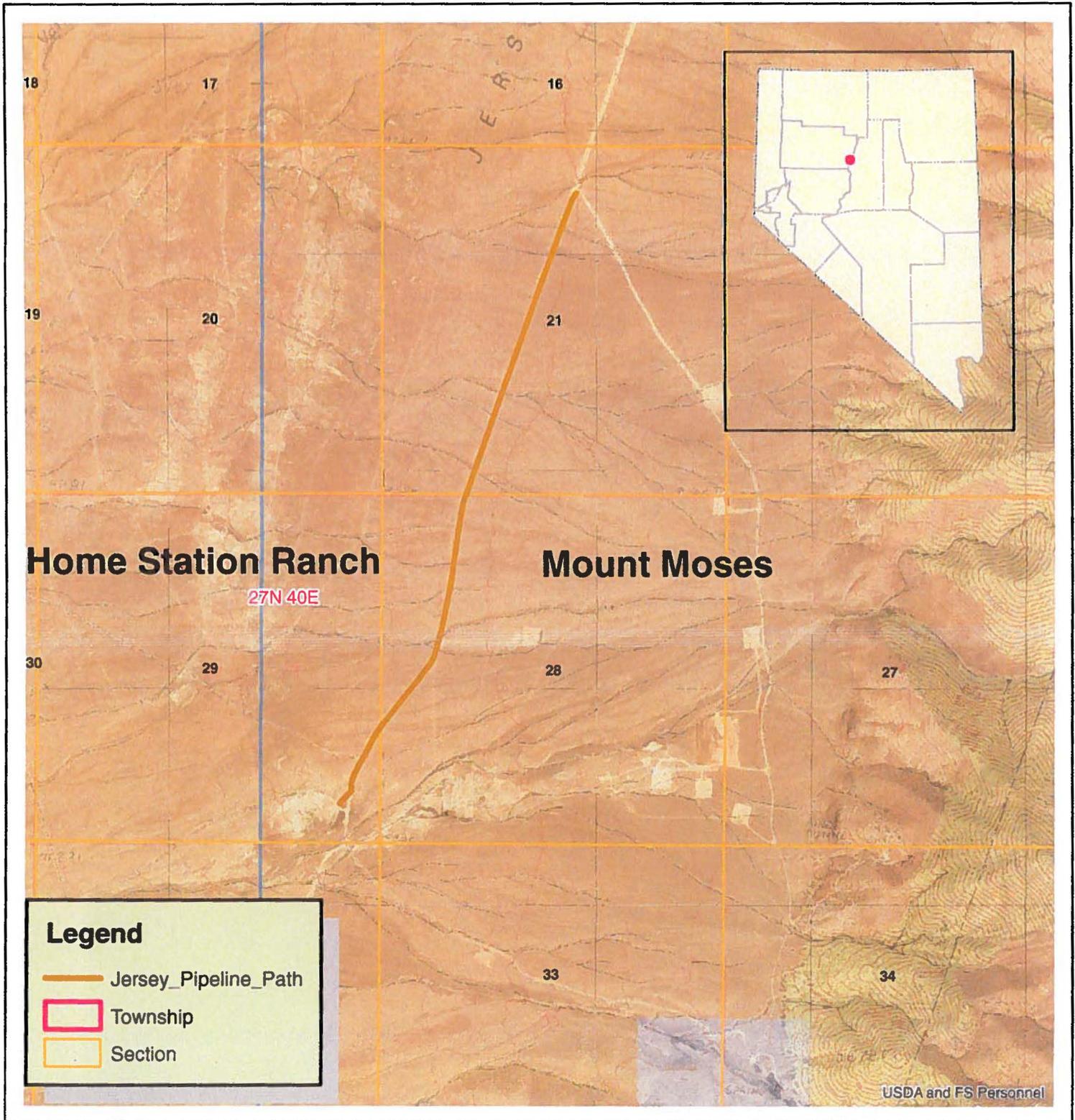
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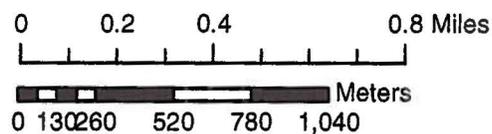
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