

Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)

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A. Background

BLM Office: Wenatchee Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.:

NEPA Log Number: DOI-BLM-OR-134-2009-0025

Proposed Action Title: Pipeline Fence

Location of Proposed Action: The project is located approximately 12 miles north of Quincy, Washington in Grant County in T. 22 N., R. 24 E. section 9: S1/2S1/2. See the attached map.

Description of Proposed Action: Construct approximately 970 feet of barbed wire fence to create a livestock passage for movement of cattle to and from the Daniels pasture. Fencing will be flagged to improve visibility to wildlife. Disturbed areas will be seeded with native grass species.-

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Spokane Resource Management Plan

Date Approved/Amended: Approved 1987/Amended 1992

Option 1 (conforms with LUP): The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

OR

(Option 2: not explicitly provided for in the LUP) The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): The Spokane Resource Management Plan Record of Decision and Rangeland Program Summary (RPS) (1987) page 35 states, "Fences would be constructed to provide exterior allotment boundaries, divide allotments into pastures, protect streams and riparian zones, and control livestock."

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document(s) or other related document(s) that cover the proposed action

Name and date of NEPA document(s):

- Environmental Assessment and Allotment Management Plan for Billingsley Ranch Allotment OR-134-02-12 (January 2005)
- Spokane District Resource Management Plan (RMP)/Final EIS (August 1985)

Name and date of other relevant document(s):

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Yes the fence would be constructed within the area of disturbance of the pipeline that was addressed in the Environmental Assessment and Allotment Management Plan for Billingsley Ranch Allotment (Billingsley EA AMP). The general impacts for fence construction were analyzed in the Billingsley EA) and the specific impacts of disturbance and construction were analyzed for the construction of the pipeline.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

The proposed action is within the range of alternatives identified and analyzed in the Billingsley EA. The impacts of fence construction will be confined to the area of disturbance of the pipeline.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

An interdisciplinary team conducted a review for any new information, studies, and analyses that would materially differ from earlier analysis in the Billingsley Ranch EA

Along with the provision in the LUP for monitoring of allotments and implementing changes to grazing use as mitigations to minimize impacts to other resource values, the existing analysis is still considered adequate.

There is no new significant information regarding the proposed action.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Cumulative impacts are similar to, and within the parameters of, those identified and accepted for Allotment 00775 grazing use, since the proposed action will occur within the area of the existing pipeline.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

The Billingsley Ranch EA was distributed to all interested publics and other government agencies for review.

No specific public involvement, or interested public status (under the grazing regulations at 43 CFR 4100.0-5), has been requested for these allotments, except from the grazing lessee who has been involved in all planning processes pertaining to this allotment.

E. Persons/Agencies/Consulted (BLM Staff Consulted are listed on the coversheet attached to this document, or available at the BLM office identified in Section A, above).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
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F: Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

/S/ Karen Kelleher 10/27/09
(Signature of Responsible Official) (Date)

Name: Karen Kelleher
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G. Contact Person

For additional information concerning this DNA, contact Dana Peterson

Note: The signed Conclusion on this worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
For the Pipeline Fence Determination of NEPA Adequacy
(DOI-BLM-OR-134-2009-DNA-0025)

Based on the documentation provided in the Determination of NEPA Adequacy, OR-134-2009-DNA -0025, I have determined that the Proposed Action is not a major federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, individually or cumulatively with other actions in the general area. None of the environmental effects identified meet the definition of significance in context or intensity as defined in 40 CFR 1508.27. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared. This determination is based on the following rationale:

- 1) Beneficial, adverse, direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts discussed in the documentation for the DNA have been disclosed. *Identified impacts are not significant as determined by the DNA and supporting documents, Billingsley Ranch Allotment Management Plan Environmental Assessment (OR134-FY02-EA-12) and Spokane District Resource Management Plan.*
- 2) The physical and biological effects are limited to the site of the proposed action and adjacent lands. The pipeline fence would be constructed within the area of disturbance of a previously installed pipeline. The impacts of this disturbance were analyzed in the Billingsley Ranch Allotment Management Plan Environmental Assessment (OR134-FY02-EA-12)
- 3) Public health and safety would not be adversely impacted.
- 4) There would be no adverse impacts to areas with unique characteristics or areas of critical environmental concern.
- 5) The effects to air quality, riparian and water resources, cultural resources, wildlife and plants are negligible. No adverse impacts to any threatened or endangered species or their habitat that was determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act was identified.
- 6) There are no known effects that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risk.
- 7) This alternative does not set a precedent for other projects that may be implemented in the future.
- 8) Based on cultural resource surveys, no adverse impacts to cultural resources were identified or anticipated.

9) There are no highly controversial effects on the environment. This alternative is in compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local laws, regulations and requirements for the protection of the environment.

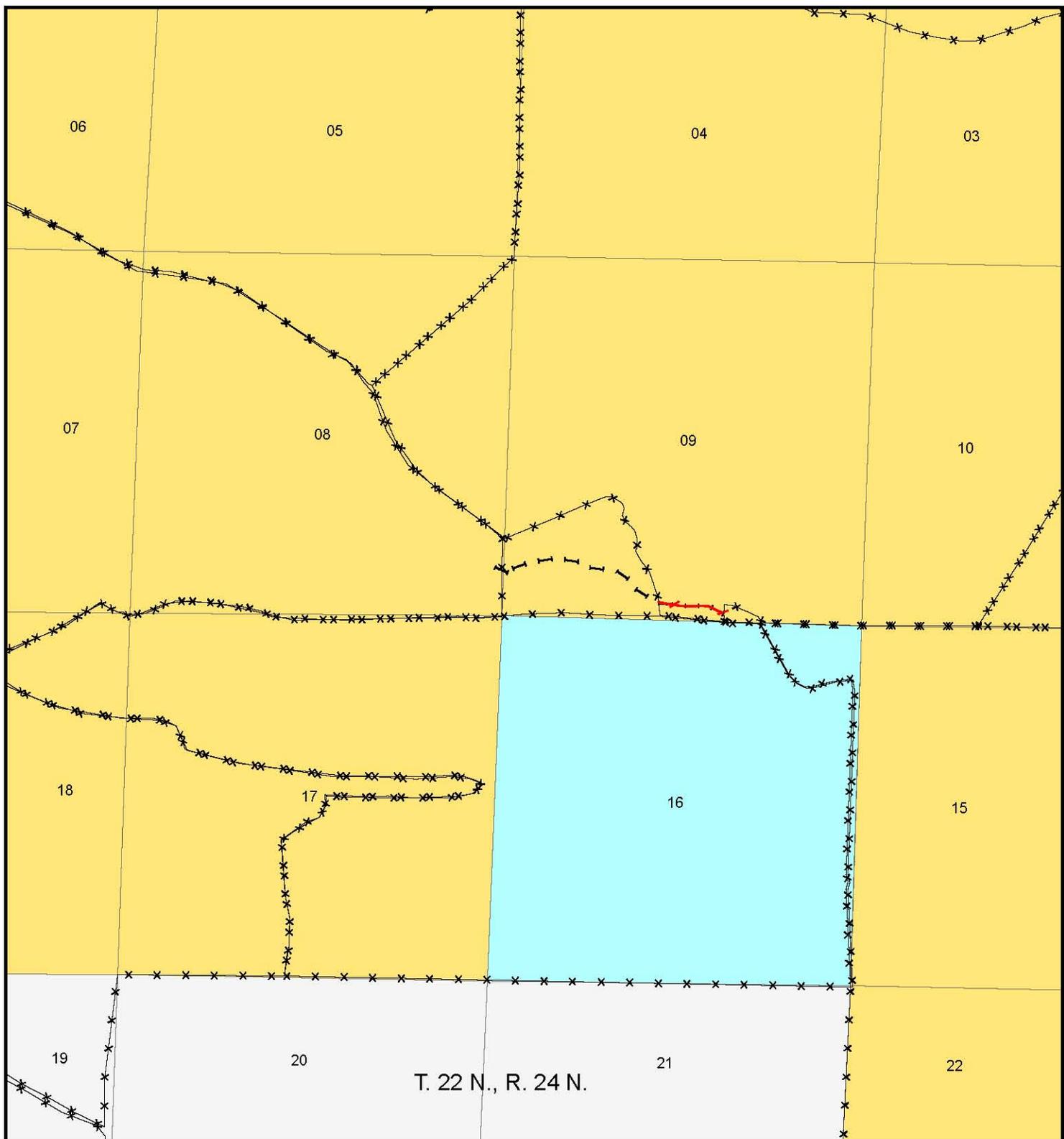
10) This alternative is in compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local laws, regulations and requirements for the protection of the environment

Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not necessary.

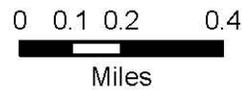
_____/S/ Karen Kelleher_____
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Wenatchee Resource Area
Spokane District

_____10/27/09_____
Date

Pipeline Fence



- x-x-x Fence
- Proposed Fence
- - - Seeding Pipeline
- DNR Lands
- BLM Lands



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