

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Vale District Office

MALHEUR RESOURCE AREA

CX Number: DOI-BLM-OR-V040-2012-044-CX

Proposed Action: On October 29, 2010, Northwest Pipeline GP submitted a request to renew their existing natural gas pipeline OR-20112. This is a renewal of an existing line and no new construction is necessary. The line is 17.94 miles in length and crosses lands in Malheur, Baker, Grant and Union counties and there will be no changes in terms and conditions.

Project Leader *Trisha Skerjanec*

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.9: Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

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 11.9 apply. The approval of the renewal of this natural gas pipeline is an administrative action and authorizes no ground disturbing activities.

Decision Record

I have determined that the proposed action to renew this natural gas pipeline as identified above involves no significant impacts to the human environment and requires no further environmental analysis. It is my decision to authorize this action as proposed. For additional information concerning this project, contact Project Lead Trisha Skerjanec, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918. Phone (541) 473-6222.

Signature

Authorizing Official:



Date:

9/2/15

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