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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Background

BLM Office: _Kremmling

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: COC-30197

Number: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0021-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Mountain Parks Electric, Inc. Power Line Renewal

Location of Proposed Action: T. 9 N., R. 78 W., Section 24, SW1/4

Description of Proposed Action: Mountain Parks Electric Inc. (MPEI) was issued a ROW for a power line on October 3, 1980, and expires October 2, 2010. MPEI has applied for a renewal of this ROW for an existing overhead single phase distribution power line. The power line serves the private property to the north. The access comes off of Jackson County Road 12E for 3039.77 feet and is 20 feet wide. No new ground disturbance would occur.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD).

Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

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

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Objective Language: Provide the opportunity to utilize public lands for development of facilities which benefit the public, while considering environmental and agency concerns.

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 1, No. (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 DM2 apply.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Peter McFadden	Associate Field Manager	NEPA	1/7//10
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E	1/4/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air	1//07/2010
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural and Native American Consultation	1/4/2010
Peter Torma	Rangeland Management Specialist	Invasive, Non-native Species, Vegetation, Range Management	1/7/2010

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: /s/ Peter McFadden Date: 1/7/10
(Signature)

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DECISION RECORD
CX # DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0021-CX

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The proposed action to renew Mountain Parks Electric power line was chosen because the line is existing and in compliance with the laws and regulations. No new ground disturbance would occur.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Peter McFadden

DATE SIGNED: 1/7/10