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Bureau of Land Management  
White River Field Office  
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Meeker, CO 81641**

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-110-2011-0105-CX

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: COC74899

PROJECT NAME: Office Trailer at CTF (Central Treating Facility)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 2 S., R. 97 W.,  
sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ . } Office Trailer Site

T. 2 S., R. 97 W.,  
sec. 28, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
sec. 29, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
sec. 32, lots 1, 7, and 8 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ . } Access Road

APPLICANT: Redi Services, LLC

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Redi Services, LLC (hereafter Redi) proposes to place a 12 feet by 56 feet wheeled office trailer on the west end of the Central Treating Facility (CTF). The site would be within Exxon Mobil's ROW COC69157 and outside the fence, which is around the perimeter of Enterprise Gas Processing ROW COC74452. Redi requests a 150 feet by 30 feet site for the white rental trailer, small generator, and portable disposal facilities. Electrical power from the CTF will be run primarily within the CTF fenced boundary; however a 12 feet by one foot trench may be required from the transformer (inside the fenced boundary) to cross the secondary roadway to complete the power connection to the trailer. Redi requests a permit for 2 years, and the site would require grading and gravelling for a level surface to place the trailer. There would be 2 to 3 people using the trailer daily and parking would be within the CTF boundary.

Environmental Assessment [CO-110-2005-219-EA](#) analyzed the CTF site as part of the Piceance Development Project.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM 1617.3) the following plan:

Name of Plan: White River Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (ROD/RMP).

Date Approved: July 1, 1997

Decision Number/Page: Page 2-49

Decision Language: “To make public lands available for the siting of public and private facilities through the issuance of applicable land use authorizations, in a manner that provides for reasonable protection of other resource values.”

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW:** The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, Number (E-12) “*Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatible developed rights-of-way*”.

The Proposed Action has been reviewed with the list of extraordinary circumstances described in the table below. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. None of the following exceptions in 43 CFR 46.215, apply.

<b>Exception</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1. Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.		X
2. Have adverse effects 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, floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		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 directly related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the		X

Exception	YES	NO
National Register of Historic Places.		
8. Have adverse effects on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X
9. Have the potential to violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
10. Have the potential for a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations.		X
11. Restrict access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites by Indian religious practitioners or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
12. Significantly, 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.		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by the White River Field Office interdisciplinary team on May 3, 2011. A list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the White River Field Office.

REMARKS:

*Cultural Resources:* The proposed location for the office trailer has been inventoried at the Class III (100% pedestrian) level (Brogan 2006 compliance dated 3/13/2006). There were no cultural resources recorded in the location proposed for the trailer. The project would not result in any additional impacts to the area archaeological data base. (MRS 5/12/2001)

*Native American Religious Concerns:* No Native American Religious Concerns are known in the area, and none have been noted by Northern Ute tribal authorities. Should recommended inventories or future consultations with Tribal authorities reveal the existence of such sensitive properties, appropriate mitigation and/or protection measures may be undertaken. (MRS 5/12/2011)

*Paleontological Resources:* The proposed location for the trailer is located in an area generally mapped as the Uinta Formation (Tweto 1979) which the BLM, WRFO has classified as a PFYC 4/5 formation meaning it is known to produce scientifically noteworthy fossil (Armstrong and Wolny 1989). Should trenching for the proposed power line involve excavation into the underlying sedimentary rock formation there is the potential to impact important fossil resources. (MRS 5/12/2011)

*Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species:* There are no threatened or endangered wildlife species that are known to inhabit or derive important use from the project area. The nearest known raptor nest (active 2010) is just over 0.25 miles from the project area. The Proposed Action involves the placement of a trailer and potential minor earthwork on a previously disturbed site and is not anticipated to have any effective influence on local wildlife populations. (LRB 5/24/11)

*Threatened and Endangered Plant Species:* No threatened plant populations are known to occur within 600 meters of the Proposed Action. Because the minor amount of surface disturbance occurs within a previously disturbed area, the Proposed Action is expected to have no impact on threatened plant populations or habitats. (MET 5/16/2011)

#### REFERENCES:

Armstrong, Harley, J., and David G. Wolny

1989 Paleontological Resources of Northwest Colorado: A Regional Analysis. Museum of Western Colorado, Grand Junction, Colorado.

Brogan, John

2006 Exxon-Mobil Corporation's Proposed Piceance Tight Gas Project (Phase I) Class III Cultural Resource Inventory in Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc., Eagle, Colorado. (06-54-02: SHPO number RB.LM.R1120)

Tweto, Ogden

1979 Geologic Map of Colorado. United States Geologic Survey, Department of the Interior, Reston, Virginia.

MITIGATION: The permit will be a new authorization, therefore the following terms and conditions will apply:

1. The holder is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing paleontological sites, or for collecting fossils. If fossil materials are uncovered during any project or construction activities, the operator is to immediately stop activities in the immediate area of the find that might further disturb such materials, and immediately

contact the Authorized Officer (AO). Within five working days the AO will inform the operator as to:

- whether the materials appear to be of noteworthy scientific interest
- the mitigation measures the operator will likely have to undertake before the site can be used (assuming in situ preservation is not feasible)

If the holder wishes, at any time, to relocate activities to avoid the expense of mitigation and/or the delays associated with this process, the AO will assume responsibility for whatever recordation and stabilization of the exposed materials may be required.

Otherwise, the operator will be responsible for mitigation cost. The AO will provide technical and procedural guidelines for the conduct of mitigation. Upon verification from the AO that the required mitigation has been completed, the operator will then be allowed to resume construction.

2. The holder is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing historic or archaeological sites, or for collecting artifacts. If historic or archaeological materials are uncovered during any project or construction activities, the operator is to immediately stop activities in the immediate area of the find that might further disturb such materials, and immediately contact the Authorized Officer (AO). Within five working days the AO will inform the operator as to:

- whether the materials appear eligible for the National Register of Historic Places
- the mitigation measures the operator will likely have to undertake before the site can be used (assuming in situ preservation is not necessary)
- a timeframe for the AO to complete an expedited review under 36 CFR 800-11 to confirm, through the State Historic Preservation Officer, that the findings of the AO are correct and that mitigation is appropriate.

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3. The holder shall monitor the project area for the life of the project and eradicate all noxious and invasive species which occur on site using materials and methods approved in advance by the Authorized Officer.
4. The holder shall post the authorization number COC74899, the name, and phone number of the holder in an exterior location visible to the entrance of the building.
5. The site shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at the site shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. "Waste" means all discarded matter including human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.

6. The holder shall promptly reclaim all disturbed areas not needed for operation with Native Seed Mix #3 to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer and will use seed that is certified and free of noxious weeds.

<b>Native Seed Mix # 3</b>	
Plant Species	PLS/Lb
Western wheatgrass (Rosana)	4
Bluebunch wheatgrass ( Whitmar)	3.5
Needle and thread	2.5
Indian ricegrass (Rimrock)	3
Lewis Flax (Maple Grove)	0.5
Utah sweetvetch	1

\*Seeding rates in the WRFO Reclamation Protocol and proposed table are shown as pounds of Pure Live Seed (PLS) per acre and apply to drill seeding. For broadcast application, double the seeding rate and then harrow or rake into the soil surface to insure seed coverage.

7. For the purpose of determining joint maintenance responsibilities, the holder shall make road use plans known to all other authorized users of the access road. Upon request, the Authorized Officer shall be provided with copies of any maintenance agreement entered into.
8. Three months prior to termination of the right-of-way, the holder shall contact the Authorized Officer to arrange a joint inspection of the right-of-way. This inspection will be held to agree to an acceptable termination (and rehabilitation) plan. This plan shall include, but is not limited to, removal of facilities, drainage structures or surface material, recontouring, topsoiling, and seeding (as applies to this action). The Authorized Officer must approve the plan in writing prior to the holder's commencement of any termination activities.
9. There will be no additional surface disturbance, and the facility will be placed within the existing Exxon Mobil Corporation right-of-way COC69157.
10. The holder shall at all times keep the BLM WRFO informed of his address, and, in the case of corporations, the address of its principal place of business and the names and addresses of its principal officers.
11. All activities shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, statutes, regulations, standards, and implementation plans. This would include acquiring all required State and Rio Blanco County permits, effectively coordinating with existing facility ROW holders, and implementing all applicable mitigation measures required by each permit. Construction and use of the site must not negatively impact existing facilities.

**COMPLIANCE PLAN:** On-going compliance inspections and monitoring will be conducted by White River Field Office staff. Specific mitigation developed in the associated Categorical Exclusion and the right-of-way terms and conditions will be followed. The holder will be

notified of compliance related issues and will be provided an appropriate period to resolve such issues.

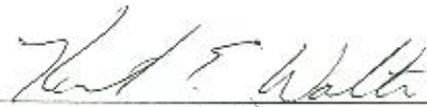
NAME OF PREPARER: Stacey Burke

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Heather Sauls

DECISION AND RATIONALE: I have reviewed this CX and have decided to approve the Proposed Action.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action relative to the 12 criteria listed above and have determined that it does not represent an exception and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:



Field Manager

DATE SIGNED:

06/06/11

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A: Redi Office Trailer at Enterprise Central Treating Facility

Redi Office Trailer at Enterprise Central Treating Facility  
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EXHIBIT A



- State
- County
- BLM
- USFS
- NPS
- Other



Sources:  
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