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DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY (DNA)

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-110-2010-0240-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: Amend COC68206

PROJECT NAME: Expansion of Sagebrush Compressor

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 2 S., R. 99 W.,
sec. 27, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

APPLICANT: Bargath, LLC

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Bargath, LLC (Bargath) proposes to amend right-of-way COC68206 to include the 400 feet by 400 feet area that was granted on January 6, 2006 for a storage yard within the 10 acre Sagebrush compressor site (Exhibit A). The storage yard was built adjacent to and in addition to the previously authorized and disturbed 10 acres. Additionally, Bargath proposes to add equipment to the Sagebrush compressor site which would include additional fencing, stairways, structures, tanks, and buildings (Exhibit B). The expansion would add approximately 3.67 acres to the Sagebrush compressor facility bringing the entire disturbance to approximately 13.67 acres.

The environmental assessment CO-110-2004-198-EA analyzed the Riata/ROC processing plant and was signed December 10, 2004.

LAND USE PLAN (LUP) CONFORMANCE REVIEW:

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

Date Approved: July 1, 1997

X The Proposed Action is in conformance with the LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

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.”

REVIEW OF EXISTING NEPA DOCUMENTS:

List by name and date all existing NEPA documents that cover the Proposed Action.

Name of Document: White River Resource Area Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS).

Date Approved: July 1, 1997

Name of Document: CO-110-2004-198-EA

Date Approved: December 10, 2004

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes, the Proposed Action for the expansion of the Sagebrush compressor facility is adjacent to the existing compressor facility. The Proposed Action is a feature of and within the same analysis area as the compressor facility that was analyzed in CO-110-2004-198-EA.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: Two alternatives (Proposed Action and No Action Alternative) were analyzed in CO-110-2004-198-EA. No reasons were identified to analyze additional alternatives, and these alternatives are considered to be adequate and valid for the Proposed Action. Both the geographic extent and the scope of anticipated impacts to soil, air, cultural, recreation, vegetation, and terrestrial and aquatic resources, given the information provided by the applicant and included in the original Proposed Action, also apply to this action.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes, the existing analysis that is included in CO-110-2004-198-EA is valid using information collected as part of the Rangeland Health Standard Assessment. There have been no recent endangered species listings or updated lists of BLM-sensitive species that would affect the outcome of the analysis that was developed in CO-110-2004-198-EA.

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?

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes, the direct and indirect impacts as well as the cumulative effects remain unchanged from those identified and analyzed in the White River ROD/RMP and the site specific analysis in CO-110-2004-198-EA.

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

Documentation of answer and explanation: Yes. Public involvement and interagency review associated with the existing NEPA document is adequate for the Proposed Action.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by the White River Field Office interdisciplinary team on August 24, 2010. A list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the White River Field Office.

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: An expanded area around the original compressor and trespass area has been inventoried at the Class III (100 percent pedestrian) level (Davenport 2011, compliance dated 8/16/2011) with no new cultural resources identified during the inventory. There appears to be an extremely limited potential for unrecorded subsurface resources. There are no known significant sites within 1,010 feet (308 meters). The Proposed Action is not likely to result in a cumulative net loss of archaeological data for the regional archaeological database. (MRS 8/16/2011)

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 8/16/2011)

Paleontological Resources: The Proposed Action 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 resources (c.f., Armstrong and Wolny 1989). If it becomes necessary to do any excavation into the underlying sedimentary rock formations to excavate foundation footers for any structures or anything other than small fence post holes, there is a potential to impact scientifically noteworthy fossil resources. Impacts to the regional paleontological resource database from this action would be irreversible and irretrievable and result in an ongoing cumulative loss of data. (MRS 8/16/2011)

Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species: All wildlife-related issues and concerns are adequately addressed in the original environmental assessment. (LB 1/6/2011)

Special Status Plant Species: There are no known special status plants or associated habitats in the Proposed Action area. (JKS 9/8/2010)

REFERENCES CITED:

Armstrong, Harley J., and David G. Wolny

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

Davenport, Barbara

2011 Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for the Sagebrush Compressor Station in Rio Blanco County, Colorado for Williams Field Services. Grand River Institute, Grand Junction, Colorado. (11-11-24: SHPO # RB.LM.NR

Tweto, Ogden

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

MITIGATION: All terms, conditions, and stipulations of the original grant and any amendments will be carried forward and remain in full force and effect.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: On-going compliance inspections and monitoring will be conducted by White River Field Office staff. Specific mitigation developed in the associated DNA and that brought forward from the original grant will be followed.

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DATE: 9/15/2011

ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A –Map of Right-of-way
Exhibit B – Sagebrush Compressor facility diagram

COC68206 Sagebrush Compressor Expansion
T. 2 S., R. 99 W., sec. 27

EXHIBIT A



-  Sagebrush Compressor 04-198-BA
-  Sagebrush Compressor expansion
-  PLSS_Townships_0CDB2008

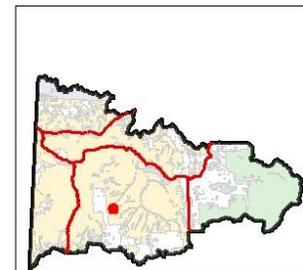


Sources:
BLM, USGS, CDOW, etc.

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SAGEBRUSH GAS PLANT TOPOGRAPHIC MAP

SITUATED IN SECTIONS 26 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 99 WEST,
COUNTY OF RIO BLANCO, STATE OF COLORADO

