

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
White River Field Office
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Meeker, CO 81641**

DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY (DNA)

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-110-2013-0105-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: Amend COC73102 (NWP Cable & Rectifier for CPS 1855)
Amend COC0102645D (Moon Lake Power Line)
COC76228 (NWP Access Road)
COC76229 (NWP Temporary Use Permit)
COC76230 (Moon Lake Temporary Use Permit)

PROJECT NAME: CPS 1855 Power Line and Access Road

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado
T. 1 S., R. 101 W.,
sec. 20, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

APPLICANT: Northwest Pipeline and Moon Lake Electric Association Inc

ISSUES AND CONCERNS: Canyon Pintado Historic District and East Fourmile Visitor's Center

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Northwest Pipeline (NWP) proposes to install a cathodic protection site (CPS) rectifier, cable, and access road to serve the existing CPS 1855 deepwell along the existing Ignacio-Sumas pipeline. The access road would be 126 ft long, 40 ft wide, and contain approximately 0.12 acres. The access road would be graveled to the pole location and around the rectifier pole for ease of access and turning around. The positive cable would be plowed into the ground, within the existing 50 ft wide pipeline ROW (COC011243). The cable would be 1,020 ft long, 10 ft wide, and contain approximately 0.23 acres. The temporary area for workspace to construct the access road would be 10 ft on either side of the access road, and the area for workspace to install the rectifier and power pole would be 50 ft by 50 ft within the existing pipeline right-of-way (ROW). The ROW (COC73102) for CPS 1855 would be amended to include the cable and rectifier.

In addition to the cathodic protection work, some minor ROW erosion repair would be completed at the time the cable is plowed in. The temporary work area (within the existing Ignacio-Sumas pipeline ROW) needed to repair the erosion would be 270 ft long, 50 ft wide, and contain approximately 0.31 acres. The ROW repair would consist of excavating the line where it is partially exposed, installing drainage (perforated pipe with cloth filter) and a trench breaker

(sand bags around the pipe), backfilling the pipe and restoring the ROW. Construction is planned for October 2013.

Moon Lake Electric Association (Moon Lake) would install an overhead single phase 7.2/12.4-kV distribution power line to the CPS 1855 rectifier. The power line would be 350 ft long, 20 ft wide, and contain approximately 0.16 acres. An additional 30 ft width would be needed for temporary work space during construction of the power line. Moon Lake would install 35-40 ft tall single wooden poles, and no excavation or blade work would be needed except for where the poles and anchors would be placed. The power line would be designed with adequate clearances for raptor protection. Raptor deterrents could be added if required. The construction crew would consist of four to eight men using bucket trucks, digger trucks, and smaller crew trucks, as well as a backhoe. Construction would take approximately 1 to 2 days.

Decision to be Made: The BLM White River Field Office (WRFO) will decide whether or not to grant the rights-of-way for the power line, access road, rectifier and cable, and the temporary use permits for the temporary work areas and, if so, under what conditions.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW:

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."

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: June 1996

Name of Document: DOI-BLM-CO-110-2009-221-EA (Northwest Ignacio Sumas maintenance/Moon Lake power extensions)

Date Approved: June 25, 2010

NEPA ADEQUACY CRITERIA:

1. Is the new Proposed Action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document? 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? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

The Proposed Action is similar in location and nature to what has been previously analyzed. The Proposed Action is to construct a power line and access road to the re-located rectifier for CPS 1855 and construction of the cable to the CPS 1855 deepwell. Also included in the Proposed Action are temporary work areas associated with pipeline repair along the Ignacio-Sumas natural gas pipeline, installation of the cable to the CPS 1855 deepwell, and installation of the power line. The existing NEPA document (DOI-BLM-CO-110-2009-0221-EA) analyzed maintenance and repair of the Ignacio-Sumas pipeline, construction of CPS 1855, and installation of electrical power connections.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document appropriate with respect to the new Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Two alternatives (Proposed Action and No Action Alternative), covering a reasonable range of alternatives, were analyzed in DOI-BLM-CO-110-2009-0221-EA. No reasons were identified to analyze additional alternatives, and these alternatives are considered to be adequate and valid for the Proposed 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?

Review by BLM WRFO specialists in this document (DOI-BLM-CO-110-2013-0105-DNA) did not indicate recent endangered species listings or updated lists of BLM-sensitive species that would be affected by 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?

Review by BLM WRFO specialists in this document (DOI-BLM-CO-110-2013-0105-DNA) did not indicate there would be any direct, indirect, and cumulative effects from the Proposed Action that were not adequately addressed in DOI-BLM-CO-110-2009-0221-EA.

5. Is the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA documents adequate for the current Proposed Action?

Internal scoping was initiated when the project was presented to the White River Field Office (WRFO) interdisciplinary team on 7/23/2013. External scoping was conducted by posting this project on the WRFO's on-line NEPA register on 7/29/2013. As of 11/14/2013, no comments or inquiries have been received.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the White River Field Office interdisciplinary team on 7/23/2013. A complete list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the White River Field Office. The table below lists resource specialists who provided additional remarks concerning cultural resources and special status species.

Name	Title	Resource	Date
Michael Selle	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns	11/14/2013
Ed Hollowed	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Wildlife Species	7/23/2013
Heather Woodruff	Range Management Specialist/Ecologist	Special Status Plant Species	7/24/2013

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: The proposed development and installation of the proposed CPS rectifier, cable, and access road, and associated power line has been inventoried by at least five Class III (100 percent) pedestrian inventories and monitoring efforts (Conner 1996, compliance dated 5/3/1996; Collister and Rood 2012, compliance dated 11/13/2012; Hadden 1997, compliance dated 9/22/1997; Peterson 2010, compliance dated 5/14/2010; and Peterson et al. 2009, compliance dated 4/8/2010). In addition, to address concerns about visual impacts to sites and the recreation area at the site, Williams Northwest Pipeline GP (Northwest) has agreed to undertake measures to minimize the visual impacts to the area by limiting structures to no more than three (3) feet in height and paint all above ground structures covert green (Northwest 2011). Consultation with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) (History Colorado 2010) resulted in an agreement to minimize impacts to the National Register-listed Canyon Pintado National Historic District.

The Proposed Action appears to be in full compliance with all of the above cited consultation and visual management plans, and though having been determined to result in an adverse impact the National Register Historic District, meets all the agreed upon mitigation measures provided that the measures are strictly adhered to.

Native American Religious Concerns: Native American Groups, in consultation with the BLM (Bowen 2010), have expressed concerns about visual impacts to cultural sites, particularly rock art sites. Mitigation measures included in the Cultural Resources section above that address the

visual impacts, including the plan provided by Northwest and consultation with History Colorado, are designed address Native American concerns.

Threatened and Endangered Wildlife Species: The Proposed Action presents no wildlife-related issues. Although the site is encompassed by big game severe winter range and lies beneath a cliff series offering potential substrate for cliff-nesting raptors, the narrow corridor of shrubland subtending the cliffs immediately adjacent to State Highway 139 offers no effective utility as big game range. No historic raptor nest records exist for this site, and the work is scheduled to be conducted outside the raptor nesting season. Any above-ground electric transmission facilities must be designed to prevent electrocution of large perching birds.

Threatened and Endangered Plant Species: The Proposed Action presents no special status plant species issues. However, the surrounding site could have BLM sensitive plants growing in the area. Since disturbance for this project will be along State Highway 139, the chances of plants growing alongside the highway are limited.

REFERENCES CITED:

Bowen, Kristin

2010 Personal communication in White Rive Field Office, Meeker, Colorado.

Collister, Rachel, and Ronald J. Rood

2012 A Class III cultural Resource Inventory for Northwest Pipeline GP Vernal District CPS 1855, Culverts, and Recoat Locations 254.9 and 266.13, Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Cardno Entrix, Salt lake City, Utah. (12-174-02: SHPO # RB.LM.R1298)

Conner, Carl E.

1996 Cultural Resources Monitor Report on the State Highway 139 Construction Office/Yard in Rio Blanco County, Colorado for Corn Construction Company. Grand River Institute, Grand Junction, Colorado. (96-11-04: SHPO # RB.LM.R3040)

Hadden, Glade

1997 Cultural Resource Monitoring of Trenching Activities in the East Fourmile Draw Locality of Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Archeological Environmental Research Corporation (AERC), Bountiful, Utah. J(97-38-10: OAH # RB.LM.NR981)

History Colorado

2010 Programmatic Agreement between Colorado State Historic Preservation Office and BLM for CPS 1855 (CHS #57327).

Peterson, Marcia, Craig Smith, Lance McNeese, Zachary Nelson, and Brenda Hill

2009 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of 85 Anomaly and Recoat Locations, Williams Northwest pipeline, Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Entrix, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah. (10-174-03: SHPO # RB.LM.R1146)

Peterson, Marcia

2010 A Class III Cultural Resource Inventory for Williams Northwest Pipeline GP's CPS 1855 Revised Location, Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Entrix, Inc., Salt Lake City, Utah. (10-174-01: RB.LMM.R1161)

Williams Northwest Pipeline GP

2010 Site Specific Restoration Plan for CPS Site 1855, Rio Blanco County, Colorado. Submitted to bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, Meeker, Colorado.

MITIGATION:

The following applicable mitigation from DOI-BLM-CO-110-2009-0221-EA has been carried forward:

Soil, Water, Air

1. All construction and drilling activity shall cease when soils or road surfaces become saturated to a depth of three inches unless there are safety concerns or activities are otherwise approved by the Authorized Officer (AO).
2. If salt is observed on the surface of soils during reclamation activities the AO will be notified and a plan will be developed with approval of the BLM to improve reclamation on the site.
3. If erosion features such as riling, gulying, piping and mass wasting occur on disturbed surfaces subject to reclamation, the erosion features will be addressed immediately after observation by contacting the AO and submitting a plan to assure successful soil stabilization with BMPs to address the erosion problems.
4. The holder should provide for erosion-resistant surface drainage by adding necessary drainage facilities and armoring prior to fall rain or snow. When erosion is anticipated, sediment barriers shall be constructed to slow runoff, allow deposition of sediment, and prevent it from leaving the site. In addition, straining or filtration mechanisms may also contribute to sediment removal from runoff.

Solid or Hazardous Waste

5. The release of any chemical, oil, petroleum product, produced water, or sewage, etc. must be contained immediately, cleaned up as soon as possible, and reported by the project proponent to the Bureau of Land Management.

Vegetation and Invasive, Non-Native Species

6. For Cathodic Protection Stations and repair segments located along State Highway 139, promptly re-vegetate all disturbed areas using standard seed mix #2 in the White River ROD/RMP listed below.

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7. The holder shall achieve a reclamation success rate of sufficient vegetative ground cover from reclamation plant species within three growing seasons. The reclamation shall be comparable of that of the nearby undisturbed plant communities at a Potential Natural Community (PNC) state in relation to the seed mix as deemed appropriate by the BLM.

8. Construction and/or support equipment shall be cleaned before entering the work areas to reduce the possible introduction of non-native and invasive plant species.

9. The holder shall monitor the disturbed and reclaimed areas for the presence of invasive, non-native, and/or noxious plant species that have become established as a result of the Proposed Action. The holder is responsible for controlling noxious weeds, and/or problem weeds should they occur and/or increase in density as a result of the Proposed Action.

10. Upon detection of noxious, non-native, and/or invasive plant species, the holder will control their presence before seed production using materials and methods as outlined in the RMP and/or authorized in advance by the White River Field Office Manager. Application of herbicides must be under field supervision of a certified pesticide applicator and herbicides must be registered by the EPA. Pesticide Use Proposals must be submitted to the BLM and approved by the authorized officer before herbicide can be applied on public lands.

Wildlife, T&E Species,

11. The rural electric power provider has committed to designing and installing all above-ground power line facilities with adequate clearances or shielding for raptor electrocution protection.

Wild Horses and Livestock

12. Prior to surface-disturbing activities, the holder and/or their contractors should determine if wild horses are present in the vicinity of proposed development sites. During the spring foaling period, between March 1 and June 15, if BLM determines wild horses are in the vicinity of proposed development, development activities may be delayed for a specified 60-day period from within the window of March 1 through June 15, as outlined by the White River ROD/RMP, to reduce impacts during this sensitive time period.

13. The holder may also be required to perform special conservation measures within this area including: a) habitat improvement projects in adjacent areas, if development displaces wild horses from critical habitat; b) replacement of disturbed watering sites with an equal source of water having equal utility; and c) activity/improvements providing for unrestricted movement of wild horses between summer and winter ranges.

14. Should the Proposed Action occur simultaneously with a wild horse gather, all project-related traffic would need to be coordinated with the BLM and the contractor for the gather if within an area being gathered.

15. To minimize the incidents of young foals becoming dislocated from their mares, drilling and receiving crews would be required to slow or stop when wild horses are encountered, allowing bands to move away at a pace slow enough so that the foals can keep pace and are not separated.

16. Access gates along the project will be kept closed so that wild horses are not allowed to gain access to State Highway 139.

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18. Any livestock control facilities and/or rangeland improvements impacted during this operation will be replaced or repaired to their prior condition. If work coincides with the authorized grazing period, gates shall be closed along highway 139 to prevent livestock from accessing the highway.

Cultural, Paleontology, Visual Resources

19. All excavations located within the boundaries of the Canyon Pintado Historic District must have an archaeological monitor present during the excavations, whether for anomaly and recoating or placement of CPS stations except for auger holes for poles or deep well anode rods.

20. The holder is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing archaeological sites or for collecting artifacts.

21. If any archaeological materials are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, activity in the vicinity of the discovery will cease, and the BLM WRFO Archaeologist will be notified immediately. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The holder will make every effort to protect the site from further impacts including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage until BLM determines a treatment approach, and the treatment is completed. Unless previously determined in treatment plans or agreements, BLM will evaluate the cultural resources and, in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), select the appropriate mitigation option within 48 hours of the discovery. The holder, under guidance of the BLM, will implement the mitigation in a timely manner. The

process will be fully documented in reports, site forms, maps, drawings, and photographs. The BLM will forward documentation to the SHPO for review and concurrence.

22. Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g), the holder must notify the AO, by telephone and written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), the holder must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the AO.

23. If it becomes necessary to excavate into the underlying rock formation, with the exception of the auger hole for the anode bed and power pole, there is the potential to impact scientifically important fossil resources. Augured holes for anodes and power poles do have the potential to impact fossil resources but identification and evaluation are not possible under these circumstances.

24. All above ground structures will be painted "Covert Green" from the Munsell Soil Color Chart of Standard Environmental Colors. The painting will be completed within six months after the completion of the project.

Forestry, Fire, and Fuels

25. When clearing vegetation, do not windrow brush and trees and keep separate from top soil piles.

26. Operators are not to engage in any fire suppressing activities outside of the right of way. Any fire ignited by during construction by equipment and/or personnel may be suppressed within the right of way if it is safe to do so. Any fire, man caused or natural ignition, will be called into Craig Interagency Dispatch Center at (970-826-5037), so that qualified fire personnel may assess the situation and determine actions needed.

27. The holder will only remove trees that will have an adverse impact on the operations. Any tree removed will be cut with a maximum stump height of 6 inches prior to any heave equipment work. For safety clearances under the power lines any tree that is removed will also be cut with a maximum stump height of 6 inches. Because it is uncertain which trees will be removed, the holder will document location and number of trees removed for this project. This documentation will be sent to the BLM White River Field Office for review and proper billing of resources removed. Enough woody material will be retained for reclamation purposes and stored separate from topsoil. Once the project is complete, the woody material will be placed within the area from which it was removed to a maximum surface cover of 20 percent and not to exceed a height of 24 inches. Any materials not required for reclamation and not removed for company use, will be cut into 4 foot sections down to 4 inches in diameter and place along areas for public access that do not impact Colorado Highway 139.

Transportation and Access

28. Damage to existing roads as a result of the Proposed Action will be repaired to a condition that is similar to the original state or better than what existed prior to the commencement of construction or recoating. Access off of existing roads through vegetation to the pipeline route

will be reclaimed in its entirety to as close as possible to the preexisting condition. Any travel deterrents established on the pipeline ROW removed for access reasons will be replaced to continue to deter off road traffic along the pipeline ROW. If dust becomes an issue along the Proposed Action due to traffic, access routes may require watering or some form dust abatement.

Additional Mitigation (Updated Conditions of Approval for Paleontological Resources)

29. The holder is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for disturbing or collecting vertebrate fossils, collecting large amounts of petrified wood (over 25lbs./day, up to 250lbs./year), or collecting fossils for commercial purposes on public lands.

30. If any paleontological resources are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, the holder or any of his agents must stop work immediately at that site, immediately contact the BLM Paleontology Coordinator, and make every effort to protect the site from further impacts, including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The BLM or designated paleontologist will evaluate the discovery and take action to protect or remove the resource within 10 working days. Within 10 days, the operator will be allowed to continue construction through the site, or will be given the choice of either (a) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for stabilizing the fossil resource in place and avoiding further disturbance to the fossil resource, or (b) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for mitigating impacts to the fossil resource prior to continuing construction through the project area.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: On-going compliance inspections and monitoring will be conducted by the BLM White River Field Office staff during and after construction. Specific mitigation developed in this document will be followed. The operator will be notified of compliance related issues in writing, and depending on the nature of the issue(s), will be provided 30 days to resolve such issues.

NAME OF PREPARER: Stacey Burke

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Heather Sauls

CONCLUSION

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to 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.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:


(Acting) Field Manager

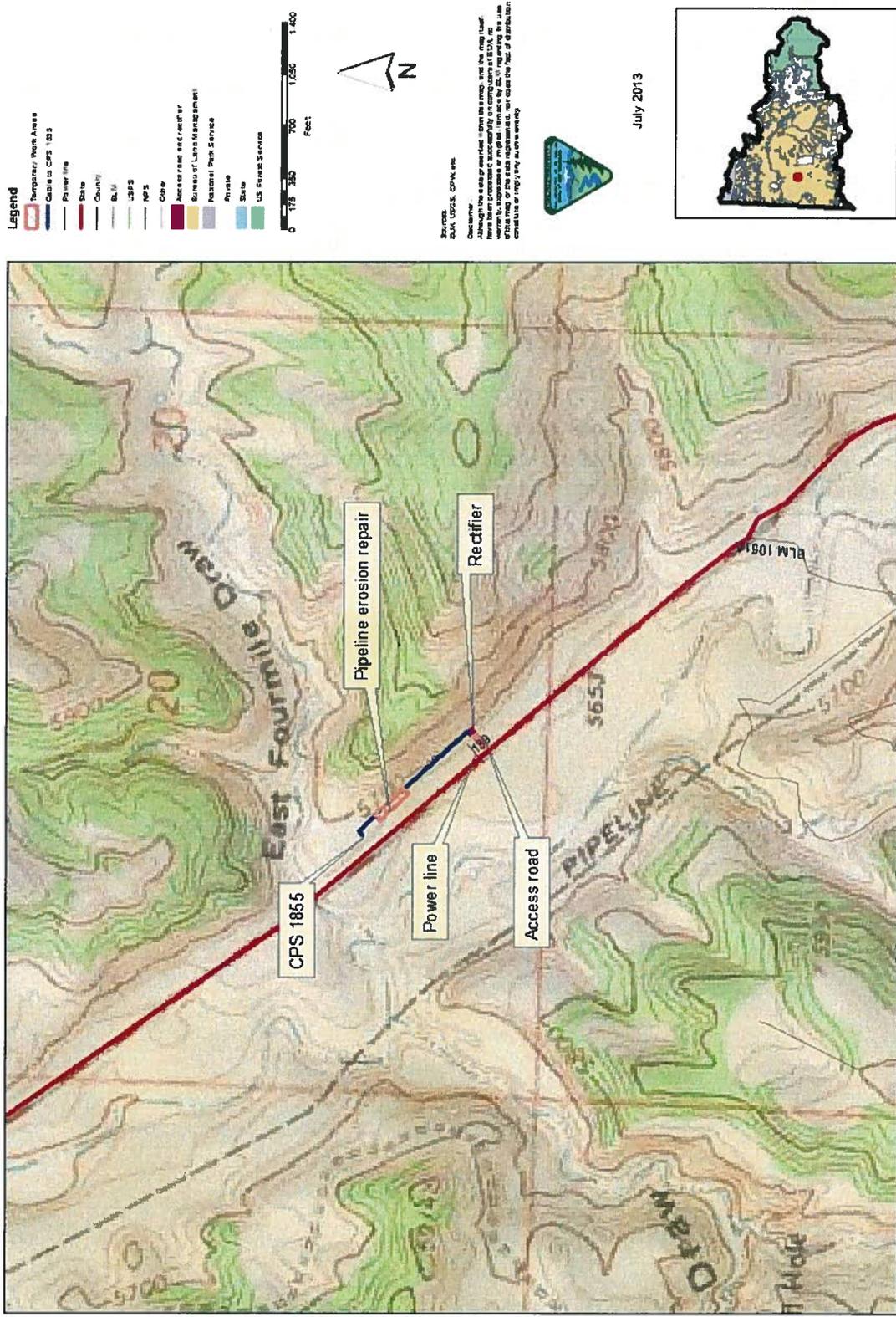
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ATTACHMENTS: Exhibit A – Map of Proposed Action

Note: The signed Conclusion in this DNA 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.

Cathodic Protection Site 1855 Power line and Access Road to Rectifier, Cable to CPS 1855, and Ignacio-Sumas Pipeline Repair

Exhibit A



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DECISION RECORD

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DECISION

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27. The holder will only remove trees that will have an adverse impact on the operations. Any tree removed will be cut with a maximum stump height of 6 inches prior to any heave equipment work. For safety clearances under the power lines any tree that is removed will also be cut with a maximum stump height of 6 inches. Because it is uncertain which trees will be removed, the holder will document location and number of trees removed for this project. This documentation will be sent to the BLM White River Field Office for review and proper billing of resources removed. Enough woody material will be retained for reclamation purposes and stored separate from topsoil. Once the project is complete, the woody material will be placed within the area from which it was removed to a maximum surface cover of 20 percent and not to exceed a height of 24 inches. Any materials not required for reclamation and not removed for company use, will be cut into 4 foot sections down to 4 inches in diameter and place along areas for public access that do not impact Colorado Highway 139.

Transportation and Access

28. Damage to existing roads as a result of the Proposed Action will be repaired to a condition that is similar to the original state or better than what existed prior to the commencement of construction or recoating. Access off of existing roads through vegetation to the pipeline route will be reclaimed in its entirety to as close as possible to the preexisting condition. Any travel deterrents established on the pipeline ROW removed for access reasons will be replaced to continue to deter off road traffic along the pipeline ROW. If dust becomes an issue along the Proposed Action due to traffic, access routes may require watering or some form dust abatement.

Additional Mitigation (Updated Conditions of Approval for Paleontological Resources)

29. The holder is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the project operations that they will be subject to prosecution for disturbing or collecting vertebrate fossils, collecting large amounts of petrified wood (over 25lbs./day, up to 250lbs./year), or collecting fossils for commercial purposes on public lands.

30. If any paleontological resources are discovered as a result of operations under this authorization, the holder or any of his agents must stop work immediately at that site, immediately contact the BLM Paleontology Coordinator, and make every effort to protect the site from further impacts, including looting, erosion, or other human or natural damage. Work may not resume at that location until approved by the AO. The BLM or designated paleontologist will evaluate the discovery and take action to protect or remove the resource within 10 working days. Within 10 days, the operator will be allowed to continue construction through the site, or will be given the choice of either (a) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for stabilizing the fossil resource in place and avoiding further disturbance to the fossil resource, or (b) following the Paleontology Coordinator's instructions for mitigating impacts to the fossil resource prior to continuing construction through the project area.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAND USE PLAN

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the 1997 White River Record of Decision/Approved Resource Management Plan.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The BLM informed the public about this project by listing it on the online WRFO NEPA Register on July 29, 2013 and a copy of the completed Determination of NEPA Adequacy will be posted on the WRFO website.

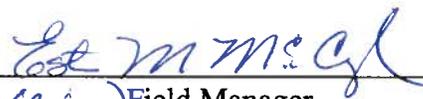
RATIONALE

The proposal for a rectifier, cable, power line, access road, and pipeline repair, in concert with the applied mitigation, conforms to the land use plan. The NEPA documentation previously prepared fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

This decision shall take effect immediately upon the date it is signed by the Authorized Officer and shall remain in effect while any appeal is pending unless the Interior Board of Land Appeals issues a stay (43 CFR 2801.10(b)). Any appeal of this decision must follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 4. Within 30 days of the decision, a Notice of Appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at White River Field Office, 220 East Market St., Meeker, CO 81641 with copies sent to the Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, 755 Parfet St., Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215, and to the Department of the Interior, Board of Land Appeals, 801 North Quincy St., MS300-QC, Arlington, VA, 22203. If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the Interior Board of Land Appeals at the above address within 30 days after the Notice of Appeal is filed with the Authorized Officer.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:



(Acting) Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 11/15/13