UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Farmington District
Farmington Field Office
6251 N College Blvd., Ste. A
Farmington, NM 87402

DECISION RECORD

for the

Canyon #19H

NEPA No. DOI-BLM-NM-*FO-#0263*

I. Decision

I have decided to select the proposed action for implementation as described in the April 16, 2013, Canyon #19H Environmental Assessment (EA). Based on my review of the EA and project record, I have concluded that the proposed action was analyzed in sufficient detail to allow me to make an informed decision. I have selected this proposed action will provide Williams with access to BLM managed lands to construct a proposed pipeline which would transport fluid minerals produced from the Canyon #19H natural gas well to the Torre Alta gathering system.

II. Finding of No Significant Impact

I have reviewed the direct, indirect and cumulative effects of the proposed activities documented in the EA for the Canyon #19H. I have also reviewed the project record for this analysis. The effects of the proposed action and alternative is disclosed in the Proposed Action and Alternatives and Environmental Consequences sections of the EA. I have determined that constructing, operating and maintaining this approximately 1,808 feet of subsurface pipeline within a 40-foot-wide ROW would permit Williams to construct the proposed pipeline to transport fluid minerals, as described in the EA will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, I have determined that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not necessary.

III. Other Alternatives Considered

During scoping, there were no alternative routes, page 6 of the EA, that would have significantly fewer impacts or clear advantage over the proposed action. If an alternative were required, it would be essentially identical to the proposed action, with only minor differences in disturbance to natural resources.

IV. Rationale for the Decision

Regulations under 43 CFR 1610.5 required the proposed action to be in conformance with the terms and conditions of the RMP as approved by the ROD signed September 29, 2003 (BLM 2003b) and updated December 2003.

The proposed action area is located approximately 19 miles south of Bloomfield, NM and approximately 5 miles west of U.S. Highway 550.

I have determined that the activities described in the proposed action will not adversely affect or cause loss or destruction of scientific, cultural, or historical resources, including those listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historical Places (40 CFR 1508.27()(8)). **Cultural resource surveys were completed in BLM Report No.: 2013(II)025 F). Cultural resources**

were not identified within the project area and are not within Traditional Cultural Property or ACEC.

The proposed activities are not likely to adversely affect any endangered or threatened species of its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(9)). **The project area is not within any Sensitive Species or Threatened and Endangered habitat.**

V. Public Involvement

As outlined in the BLM NEPA Handbook, it is optional for the BLM to conduct external scoping on actions analyzed by an EA (USDI/BLM 2008, Section 6.3.2). External scoping was conducted through posting this project on the FFO's on-line NEPA log. The log is located on the BLM New Mexico website (http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/prog/planning/nepa_logs.html). The log contains a list of proposed and approved actions in the FFO. The public is encouraged to provide comments or request information on projects listed in the logs.

VI. Appeals

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4. Any appeal must be filed within 30 days of this decision. Any notice of appeal must be filed with the Office of the Secretary. Any appeal must be filed within 30 days of this decision. Any notice of appeal must be filed with This decision can be implemented immediately and remains in effect pending appeal according to 43 CFR 2881.10 (b).Gary Torres, Field Manager, Farmington Field Office, 6251 College Boulevard, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87402. The appellant shall serve a copy of the notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs on each adverse party named in the decision, not later than 15 days after filing such document (see 43 CFR 4.413(a)). Failure to serve within the time required will subject the appeal to summary dismissal (see 43 CFR 4.413(b)). If a statement of reasons for the appeal is not included with the notice, it must be filed with the IBLA, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U. S. Department of the Interior, 801 North Quincy St., Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22203 within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed Garry Torres, Farmington Field Office Manager.

Notwithstanding the provisions of 43 CFR 4.21(a)(1), filing a notice of appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 does not automatically suspend the effect of the decision. This decision can be implemented immediately and remains in effect pending appeal according to 43 CFR 2881.10 (b). If you wish to file a petition for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal.

A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

(1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied;
(2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits;
(3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted; and
(4) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

In the event a request for stay or an appeal is filed, the person/party requesting the stay or filing the appeal must serve a copy of the appeal on the Office of the Field Solicitor: United States Dept. of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Southwest Regional Office, 505 Marquette Avenue NW, Suite 1800, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

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4/19/2013
Date