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Mr. Ron Wenker
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RE: Bureau of Land Management Case File Number **2880 NVN-084650**

Dear Mr. Wenker:

This letter is in reference to the BLM's Record of Decision (ROD) and issuing of a Right-of-Way grant (ROW) and stipulations for the Ruby Pipeline Project. My staff, over the last three years has cooperated with FERC, BLM and El Paso Natural Gas Company in the environmental analysis and Plan of Development for the Ruby Pipeline Project. The 675-mile long 42 inch diameter pipeline will carry Natural Gas liquids from facilities in Opal, Wyoming to Malin, Oregon for distribution to customers on the West Coast. The proposed route will cross 1.2 miles of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest.

Pursuant to 43 CFR2881.11 and Subpart 2884.26, The BLM issues ROW grants when such ROW cross federal lands under the jurisdiction of two or more federal agencies. However, BLM must have concurrence for their decision from any other federal agencies with jurisdiction prior to making a decision to grant a ROW across federal lands administered by other federal agencies. Rather than duplicate National Environmental Policy Act processes and paperwork by considering the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on NFS Lands in a separate environmental analysis, the Forest participated in the preparation of the FERC Environmental Impact Statement as a cooperating agency.

My staff has reviewed the ROD and ROW grant and stipulation as it pertains to the Ruby Pipeline proposed action within the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. I am satisfied the ROD addresses resource and social issues raised during the analysis and reflects resource management requirements of the 2003 Revised Wasatch-Cache National Forest Plan.

I concur with the BLM's decision to grant Rights-Of-Way across National Forest System lands for the Ruby Pipeline project.

It is my decision to allow the construction of the Ruby Natural Gas Pipeline through the Monte Cristo area of the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest as indentified on the attached Map.



I also request that the following conditions of approval accompany my decision:

- 1) Road Use Permits will be obtained prior to any construction or road upgrade activities on the UWC NF. All access roads, if improved or upgraded, will be required to be restored to pre-existing conditions after construction.
- 2) If minor route variation occurs, and is approved by the Authorized Officer, additional surveys for threatened, endangered or sensitive species, raptors or cultural surveys may be required of the Proponent.
- 3) Prior to reclamation on the UWC NF, the seed mix must be approved by either the Forest Range Specialist or Forest Botanist.

Please advise me if there are any proposed changes to the ROD or Right-of-Way grant affecting the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this project.

If you have any question please contact David Ream at 801-236-3445 or dream@fs.fed.us. We look forward to continuing cooperation with you on this project.

Sincerely,

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