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6.0 COORDINATION AND CONSULTATION

6.1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter identifies the issues and concerns associated with the proposed project. **Chapter 4.0** of this EIS provides a detailed analysis of the environmental impacts of the four alternatives. **Appendix A** provides a record of the Interdisciplinary Team (IDT) checklist and identifies issues and resources that were considered and dismissed from further analysis. The issues identified through the public and agency involvement process are described below.

6.2 COORDINATION

The following list contains agencies, organizations, and individuals that were contacted and consulted, and/or responded to the public scoping process and/or preparation of the EIS. Coordination with the USFWS has been ongoing for the duration of document preparation. Formal Section 7 consultation under the authority of the ESA will be initiated and finalized following the public comment period and prior to the publication of the Final EIS. Section 106 consultation with Utah SHPO and any potentially affected Native American Tribes has been ongoing, and will be finalized during or following the public comment period.

Federal Offices

- Ashley National Forest
- United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Tribes

- Northern Ute Indian Tribe
 - Tribal consultation has not yet been initiated.

State Offices

- Utah Division of Air Quality (UDAQ)
- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)
- Utah Governor's Office
- Utah Governor's Public Lands Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO)
- Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)
- Utah State Office
- Utah State Office of Energy Development
- Utah State Historical Preservation Office
 - Section 106 Consultation was initiated and used to identify the APE for this project.

Local Offices

- Duchesne County
- Duchesne County Commissioner's Office
- Uintah County
- Uintah County Commissioner's Office
- Uintah County Public Lands

Private Sector Organizations

- Beatty & Wozniak, P.C.
- Kleinfelder, Inc.
- El Paso Corporation
- Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Corp.

Individuals

- Dale M. Rasmussen

6.3 COOPERATING AGENCIES

The following entities were invited to be Cooperating Agencies (CAs):

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),
- State of Utah, (via the Governor's PLPCO),
- Duchesne County,
- Uintah County,
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)-Uintah and Ouray Agency, and
- The Ute Indian Tribe

The EPA, PLPCO, Duchesne County, and Uintah County agreed to participate as CAs and have signed related memorandums of understanding (MOUs). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have been on-going cooperators under the BLM Energy Pilot Office program authorized by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The remaining agencies have yet to participate as formal CAs, but would likely participate as informal cooperators in a review capacity.

In addition, there was extensive coordination with the BLM Utah Air Resource Technical Advisory Group (RTAG). As required by the *NEPA Air Quality MOU for Federal Oil and Gas Decisions* (signed June 23, 2011), the RTAG met January 16, 2013 to discuss the air quality analysis for this EIS. Input was sought and received from EPA, National Park Service, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Utah Department of Environmental Quality, all of whom participated in the RTAG meeting.

6.4 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The BLM conducted public and internal scoping to solicit input and identify environmental issues and concerns associated with the proposed project. The public scoping process was initiated on August 25,

2010, with the publication of a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register. The BLM prepared a scoping information notice and provided copies to the public, other government agencies, and Tribes. These announcements included information on a public scoping meeting and open house, which was held at the County Commissioner's Office in Duchesne, Utah, on September 13, 2010, and at the Western Park Convention Center in Vernal, Utah, on September 20, 2010. The scoping meetings included participants from the BLM, Ashley National Forest, Uintah County Public Lands, Newfield, El Paso County, consultants, as well as local landowners. The official scoping period ended October 9, 2010.

Public response to the NOI and meetings included seven letters: two from federal agencies; one from a state agency; one from a county agency; and three from industry or private individuals. The following concerns were identified in the letters:

- Comprehensive air-quality analyses and region-wide air-quality modeling;
- Direct and indirect effects of water injection and hydrogen sulfide on gilsonite mining operations;
- Incorporation of operational flexibility into the Record of Decision and Final EIS;
- Recognition of valid existing lease rights within the Project Area by BLM;
- Explanation of the positive air quality impacts and reduction in emissions that would result from electrification;
- Limited BLM statutory or regulatory authority to regulate air quality or enforce air quality laws;
- Economic benefits to the local and state economies and SITLA;
- Conformance of the proposed project to the Vernal RMP;
- Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to Waters of the U.S.;
- Direct, indirect, and cumulative air quality impacts with an emphasis on fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), volatile organic compounds (VOC), and ozone;
- Protection of wetland, stream, and riparian resources;
- Alternatives for water treatment and produced water management;
- Protection of groundwater, drinking water, and irrigation water;
- Impacts of fugitive dust from construction and travel on unpaved roads;
- Impacts of noise from central facilities located near residences and wildlife in the MBPA;
- Analysis of proposed project development on water quality within Pariette Draw; and
- Potential introduction and expansion of noxious weeds in the MBPA.

A public comment period is being offered on this DEIS until the date announced in the Federal Register and public media. Public meeting dates and locations will be announced in the media.

Comments should be sent to:

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6.5 LIST OF PREPARERS

Table 6.5-1. List of BLM Preparers

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Table 6.5-2. List of Non-BLM Preparers

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