

6.0 - CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations under NEPA require an “early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying significant issues related to a Proposed Action” (40 CFR 1501.7). In order to satisfy this CEQ requirement, the BLM requested input from other agencies and the public to determine the concerns and issues associated with this EA.

6.1 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

The persons and agencies coordinated in preparation of this EA are identified in Table 6.1 along with the purpose and authorities for the consultation, and findings/conclusions.

Table 6-1. List of All Persons and Agencies with Whom Coordination Took Place

Name	Purpose & Authorities for Consultation or Coordination	Findings and Conclusions
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)	Section 7 Consultation under the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1531)	To address depletion issues, on January 21-22, 1988, the Secretary of the Interior; the Governors of Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah; and the Administrator of the Western Area Power Administration were cosigners of a Cooperative Agreement to implement the Recovery Implementation Program for Endangered Fish Species in the Upper Colorado River basin (USFWS 1987). In order to further define and clarify the process in the Recovery Program, a Section 7 agreement was implemented on October 15, 1993 by the Recovery Program participants. Incorporated into this agreement is a Recovery Implementation Program Recovery Action Plan (Plan) which identifies actions currently believed to be required to recover the endangered fishes in the most expeditious manner. Activities and accomplishments under the Recovery Program provide the reasonable and prudent alternatives which avoid the likelihood of jeopardy to the continued existence of the endangered Colorado River fishes and to avoid the likely destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat in Section 7 consultations on all impacts (except the discharge of pollutants such as trace elements, heavy metals, and pesticides) associated with historic water projects in the Upper Basin. Depletion charges or other measures will not be required from historic projects. Additional consultation is not required.

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Utah State Historical Preservation Office	Section 106 Consultation.	Section 106 consultation with the SHPO is pending and will be finalized prior to the signing of the Decision Record for this EA.
Piney Valley Ranches Trust (Dennis Winn)	Grazing permittee (Olsen AMP Allotment)	Coordination on issues relative to the proposed project and possible mitigation measures.
Alameda Corporation (Neal George Jackson)	Private land owner and grazing permittee (Sand Wash, Sunday School and Sweet Water Allotments)	Coordination on issues relative to the proposed project and possible mitigation measures involved with private lands involved with the proposed project.
The Nature Conservancy (Chris Montague)	Grazing Permittee (Sunday School Allotment).	Coordination on issues relative to the proposed project and possible mitigation measures
Christy DeLambert	Private land owner	Coordination on issues relative to the DeLambert's private land involved with the proposed project
Scott Chamberlain	Range Conservationist, SITLA	Coordination on livestock grazing issues on SITLA lands from proposed improvements to the Seep Ridge Road; coordination on existing rangeland improvements projects located on SITLA lands within the Project Area.

6.2 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public participation was initiated with the posting of the proposed project on the BLM's Environmental Notice Bulletin Board (ENBB) on December 1, 2008. A 30-day Public Comment Period is pending.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2807.14, existing ROW holders affected by the Proposed Action were informed of the pending ROW application (refer to Table 3.9-1). A letter, dated March 17, 2009, was sent via certified mail, to each of the holders requesting their comments as to how the Proposed Action would affect the integrity of, or the ability to sustain, existing operations and/or facilities contained in the ROW. To date, XTO Energy has responded in a letter dated April 14, 2009.

6.3 EA PREPARATION AND REVIEW

This EA was prepared by CIVCO Engineering, Inc., and reviewed by the BLM VFO Staff. The preparers and BLM reviewers are provided in Table 6-3.

Table 6-3. List of Reviewers and Preparers of the EA

BLM Reviewers		
Name	Title	EA Responsibilities
Stephanie Howard	Environmental Coordinator	Air Quality, Socio-Economics, Environmental Justice, Farmlands Wild Horses and Burros, Wastes
Mark Wimmer	Environmental Coordinator	BLM Project Lead, Livestock Grazing, Rangeland Health Standards and Guidelines
Jason R. West	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Special Designations (Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wild and Scenic Rivers, Wilderness, Wilderness Study Areas), Recreation, Visual Resource Management
Gabrielle Elliot	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns
Dusty Carpenter	Natural Resource Specialist/Wild Horse and Burro Specialist	Livestock and coordination with involved grazing permittees
Mike Cutler	Rangeland Management Specialist	Livestock and coordination with involved grazing permittees
Karl Wright	Natural Resource Specialist	Floodplains, Water Quality, Wetlands/Riparian Zones
Jessie Salix	Botanist	Invasive, Non-native Species, T&E Plant Species, Vegetation, Special Status Plant Species
Brandon McDonald	Wildlife Biologist	T&E Animal Species, Wildlife, Special Status Animal Species
Steven Strong	Natural Resource Specialist	Fuels/Fire Management, Reclamation, Soils
Robin Hansen	Geologist	Geology/Mineral Resources, Paleontology
David Palmer	Forester	Woodland/Forestry
Kyle Smith	GIS Specialist	Cartography and GIS Data Manager
CIVCO Engineering, Inc., Preparers		
Name	Title	EA Responsibilities
Troy D. Ostler	CIVCO Engineering, Vernal, Utah, Engineer	Project Management
Dave Alvarez	CIVCO Engineering, Vernal, Utah, NEPA Specialist	Overall project coordination
Bret Reynolds	CIVCO Engineering, Vernal, Utah Engineer	Proposed Road Alignment, Typical Drawings
Tanya Johnson	SWCA Consulting, Salt Lake City, UT, Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Paleontology
Adam Jacobson	Morrison-Maierle, Inc., South Jordan, UT, GIS Specialist	GIS, Spatial Analysis, Cartography
Paul McGuire	Morrison-Maierle, Inc., Missoula, MT,	Wildlife, including Special Status Wildlife Species; Vegetation, including Noxious Weeds and Special Status Plant Species; Soils; Floodplains
Erik Nyquist	Morrison-Maierle, Inc., Bozeman, MT	Wildlife, including Special Status Wildlife Species; Soils, Vegetation, including Noxious Weeds and Special

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Name	Title	EA Responsibilities
		Status Plant Species; Floodplains and Wetlands; Rangelands
Tish Stultz	The Stultz Group, LLC, Lehi, UT, Economist	Socio-economics
Jean Sinclear	Buys and Associates, Inc., Vernal, UT, NEPA Manager	Project Coordination, Recreation, Visual Resources