

CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT	
Project Name: Conversion from LUL #4114 to a Right of Way for Oneok Rockies Midstream	Proposed Implementation Date: Spring 2016
Proponent: Oneok Rockies Midstream, 120N. 3 rd Street, Suite 30, Bismarck, North Dakota 58501	
Type and Purpose of Action: Oneok Rockies Midstream has made a Right of Way Easement application for an existing six inch DDR-11 poly gas pipe line across State lands. The gas pipeline will be used to move gas from an oil well in Sheridan county to other facilities. The gas pipeline is a six inch poly pipeline buried sufficiently below the soil frost line for year round use. The gas pipeline length on the State land will be 41.04 rods, consisting of 0.31 acres.	
Location: SE4NE4, Section 16 Township 34 North Range 57 East	County: Sheridan

I. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	
1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED: Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.	Oneok Rockies Midstream contacted the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Glasgow Unit Office and has completed a Right of Way Easement application for an existing buried 6 inch poly gas pipeline on State land. The surface lessee of the State land involved with this project has been contacted. The surface lessee has determined that there are no surface damages. There may be other agencies or groups that have involvement with this project that the writer of this document is not aware of.
2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:	Other government agencies that may have jurisdiction for this type of project are Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Oil and Gas Division, United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, and Natural Resource and Conservation Service, Montana Department of Environmental Quality, United States Army Corp. of Engineers, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, and other entities that the writer of this document may not be aware of.

<p>3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:</p>	<p>Action Alternative: Grant a Right of Way Easement to Oneok Rockies Midstream for an existing gas pipeline on State land.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Deny a Right of Way Easement to Oneok Partners for an existing gas pipeline on State land.</p>
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II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	
RESOURCE	POTENTIAL IMPACTS
<p>4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compatible or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: This type of project will alter the silty loam and clay soils on the State land. The top soil was removed for the installation of the gas pipeline. The topsoil was replaced after the pipeline installation was completed. The soils will continue to produce native rangeland plant species.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative, there will be no impacts to the silty and clay soils on the State land.</p>
<p>5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION: Are important surface or groundwater resources present? Is there potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The project will move gas from an existing oil well located in Sheridan County Montana to a gas facility location or gathering line.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative, there will be no impacts to water quality, quantity or distribution.</p>
<p>6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The gas pipeline will have no impacts to the air quality on the State land.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there will be no impacts to the air quality.</p>
<p>7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The vegetative plant community on the area of impact</p>

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<p>communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?</p>	<p>is native rangeland. The area of impact will continue to produce native plant species.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there will be no impacts to any type of native rangeland vegetation.</p>
<p>8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The State land contains some habitat resources for wildlife and upland birds. The Montana National Heritage Programs identified the following species of birds found in this portion of Sheridan county, Nelson's sparrow, Black Turn and Whooping crane. These are species of concern in this area.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there would be no impacts to the habitat resources associated with the State land.</p>
<p>9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES: Are any federally listed threatened or endangered species or identified habitat present? Any wetlands? Sensitive Species or Species of special concern?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The area of impact contains no known unique, endangered, fragile or limited environmental resources. The State land contains no wetlands or sensitive animal or plant species.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there would be no impacts to the unique, endangered, fragile or limited environmental resources.</p>
<p>10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The area of impact contains no known historical or archaeological sites. Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation personnel found no historical or archaeological sites on or near project area.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there will be no impacts to the historical or archaeological sites.</p>
<p>11. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographic feature?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: This type of project will have no impacts to the</p>

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Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light?	<p>aesthetics associated with the State land. The pipeline construction was visible to the general public from a county road.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there will be no impacts to the aesthetics of the State land.</p>
12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY: Will the project use resources that are limited in the area? Are there other activities nearby that will affect the project?	<p>Action Alternative: This type of project will place no demands on environmental resources of land, water, air, or energy.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there will be no impacts to the land, water air or energy.</p>
13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?	<p>Action Alternative: This type of project will have no impact to other studies, plans or projects that Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation may have in place on the State land.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there will be no impacts to the other projects that may be occurring on the State land.</p>

III. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION	
RESOURCE	POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES
14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY: Will this project add to health and safety risks in the area?	<p>Action Alternative: The installation of a gas pipelines has various human health and safety risks. The risks are understood by the employer and employee as occupational hazards. The impacts will be mitigated by the use of professional employees in the pipeline construction business.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: There would be no impacts on human health and safety under this alternative.</p>
15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND	Action Alternative: The project will have no impact to the current

<p>PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?</p>	<p>activities that may be occurring on the State land. The production of native plant species will continue upon pipeline completion.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: There will be no impacts to the native rangeland grass production activities that are occurring on the State land.</p>
<p>16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so, estimated number.</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The project may create jobs for pipeline construction companies that will construct the gas pipeline.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: There would be no impacts to the employment of the area under this alternative.</p>
<p>17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The project may have impacts on the local and state tax base and tax revenues. The writer of this document is not aware of what types of taxable values can be placed on a gas pipeline.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: Under this alternative there will be no impacts to the local and state tax base.</p>
<p>18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Will substantial traffic be added to existing roads? Will other services (fire protection, police, schools, etc) be needed?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The project will place no additional demands for government services.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: There will be no demands for government services under this alternative.</p>
<p>19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS: Are there State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, etc. zoning or management plans in effect?</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The project will have no impacts on environmental plans or goals. There are no other management plans on this project other than those implemented by Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.</p> <p>No Action Alternative: There will be no impacts to locally adopted environmental plans or goals under this alternative.</p>
<p>20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS</p>	<p>Action Alternative: The area of impact has minimal recreational values, of</p>

IV. FINDING	
25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	Action alternative
26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	No impacts are anticipated as the pipeline already has been installed and authorized under a Land Use License.
27. Need for Further Environmental Analysis:	
<input type="checkbox"/> EIS <input type="checkbox"/> More Detailed EA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Further Analysis	

EA Checklist Approved By: Matthew Poole Glasgow Unit Manager
Name Title

s/Matthew Poole\s Date: March 15, 2016
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