

# CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

<u>Project Name:</u> Oneok Rockies Midstream, LLC	<u>Proposed Implementation Date:</u> 01/19/2017
<u>Proponent:</u> Oneok Rockies Midstream, LLC., 896 25 <sup>th</sup> Street SE Sidney, MT 59270	
<u>Type and Purpose of Action:</u> Oneok Rockies Midstream, LLC. is requesting to convert the authorization of 3 existing pipelines from Land Use Licenses to Right of Ways across Trustland in Roosevelt County.	
<u>Location:</u> SW4NE4 of Sec. 2 - Twp. 26N - Rge. 59E and NE4NW4, NW4NW4, SW4NW4 of Sec. 36 - Twp. 27N - Rge. 59E	<u>County:</u> Roosevelt

## 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 was asked to submit applications to convert their existing pipelines (currently authorized under Land Use Licenses) to Right of Ways (ROWs).
2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:	The other government agencies with jurisdiction for this project are the Montana Board of Oil and Gas.
3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:	Action Alternative: Approve the ROW applications No Action Alternative: Deny the ROW applications.

## II. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

RESOURCE	POTENTIAL IMPACTS
4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactible or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geologic features? Are there special reclamation considerations?	Action: No impacts to the soils would occur as the pipelines have already been installed. No Action: No impacts to the soils would occur.
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?	Action: No impacts to the water quality, quantity and/or distribution would occur. No Action: No impacts to the water quality, quantity and/or distribution would occur.
6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?	Action: No impacts to air quality would occur. No Action: No impacts to air quality would occur.
7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?	Action: No disturbance to vegetation cover, quantity, and/or quality would occur. No Action: No impacts to vegetation cover, quantity, and/or quality would occur.
8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?	Action: No impacts to terrestrial, avian, and/or aquatic life and habitats would occur. No Action: No impacts to terrestrial, avian, and/or aquatic life and habitats would occur.

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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?	Action: No impacts to unique, endangered, fragile, and/or limited environmental resources would occur.  No Action: No impacts to unique, endangered, fragile, and/or limited environmental resources would occur.
10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archaeological or paleontological resources present?	Action: There are no known historical or archaeological sites within the proposed project area.  No Action: No impacts to historical and/or archaeological sites would occur.
11. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographic feature? Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light?	Action: No impacts to the areas aesthetics would occur.  No Action: No impacts to the areas aesthetics would occur.
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?	Action: No impacts to the demands of environmental resources such as land, water, air, and/or energy resources would occur.  No Action: No impacts to the demands of environmental resources such as land, water, air, and/or energy resources would occur.
13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?	Action: No impacts to studies, plans, and/or projects pertinent to this area would occur.  No Action: No impacts to studies, plans, and/or projects pertinent to this area would occur.

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?	Action: No impacts to human health and/or safety risks would occur.  No Action: No impacts to human health and/or safety risks would occur.
15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?	Nearby activities consist primarily of general farming and ranching operations. Commercial and industrial activities increased near the project area as a result of the Bakken oil field.  Action: No impacts to industrial, commercial, and/or agricultural activities in the area would occur.  No Action: No impacts to industrial, commercial, and/or agricultural activities in the area would occur.
16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so, estimated number.	Action: No impacts to quantity and/or distribution of employment would occur.  No Action: No impacts to quantity and/or distribution of employment would occur.
17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue?	Action: No impacts to the state tax base and/or tax revenues would occur.  No Action: No impacts to the state tax base and/or tax revenues would occur.
18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES: Will substantial traffic be added to existing roads? Will other services (fire protection, police, schools, etc) be needed?	Action: No impacts to the level of demand for road use or government services would occur.  No Action: No impacts to the level of demand for road use or government services would occur.
19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS: Are there State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, etc. zoning or management plans in effect?	Action: No impacts to local environmental plans and goals would occur.  No Action: No impacts to local environmental plans and goals would occur.
20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES: Are wilderness or recreational areas nearby or accessed through this tract? Is there recreational potential	Action: No impacts to recreational quality or recreational opportunities would occur.  No Action: No impacts to the quality of recreational and wilderness activities would occur.

within the tract?	
21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to the population and require additional housing?	Action: No impacts to the density and/or distribution of population and housing would occur. No Action: No impacts to the density and/or distribution of population and housing would occur.
22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES: Is some disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities possible?	Action: No impacts to the areas social structures, native/traditional lifestyles, or communities would occur. No Action: No impacts social structures, native/traditional lifestyles, or communities would occur.
23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the action cause a shift in some unique quality of the area?	Action: No impacts to the areas cultural uniqueness and/or diversity would occur. No Action: No impacts to the areas cultural uniqueness and/or diversity would occur.
24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES:	Action: The School Trust would receive a one-time payment for issuing these 3 ROWs rather than fees associated with the existing and future Land Use Licenses. No Action: The School Trust would continue to receive payments associated with the existing and future Land Use Licenses rather than a one-time payment for issuing these 3 ROWs.

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IV. FINDING	
25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	Action Alternative
26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	No significant impacts are anticipated.
27. Need for Further Environmental Analysis: <input type="checkbox"/> EIS <input type="checkbox"/> More Detailed EA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Further Analysis	

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