

## CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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| <b>Project Name:</b>        | Daniels Memorial Hospital Wastewater Main Easement Extension       |
| <b>Proposed</b>             | Extend the sewer and water main 2638.36 ft through the State Land. |
| <b>Implementation Date:</b> | FALL 2026                                                          |
| <b>Proponent:</b>           | City of Scobey Mayor Morgan Lekvold                                |
| <b>Location:</b>            | 35N, 48E, 16 NE1/4 NE1/4                                           |
| <b>County:</b>              | Daniels                                                            |
| <b>Trust:</b>               | Common Schools                                                     |

### I. TYPE AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

The purpose of this proposed action is to extend water and sewer lines for the new hospital construction within the City of Scobey. The proponent is extending the 6-8" sewer line, North of the State Land. The proposed pipeline will run North to South through State Land 30 feet wide and extend 2638.36. feet. It runs along the east edge of the Ag Field in section 16.

### II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

#### 1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED:

*Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.*

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
Northeastern Land Office (NELO) & Glasgow Unit Office  
Proponent: City of Scobey  
Surface Lessees: Tande Ranch Inc.  
Other:

#### 2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:

DNRC and NELO have jurisdiction over this proposed project.

#### 3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

**Alternative A (No Action)** – Under this alternative, the Department does not grant this request.

**Alternative B (the Proposed Action)** – Under this alternative, the Department does grant this request.

### III. IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

- *RESOURCES potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.*
- *Explain POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS following each resource heading.*
- *Enter "NONE" if no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.*

**10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:**

*Identify and determine effects on historical, archaeological or paleontological resources.*

A Class I (literature review) level review was conducted by the DNRC staff archaeologist for the area of potential effect (APE). This entailed inspection of project maps, DNRC's sites/site leads database, land use records, General Land Office Survey Plats, and control cards. The Class I search results revealed only a segment of abandoned Great Northern Railroad (24DN136) is at the south margin of the APE, but it will not be affected.

Because the portion of the subject state tract in the APE is actively cultivated, proposed developments will have *No Effect on Antiquities*. No additional archaeological or palaeontologic investigative work will be conducted. However, if previously unknown cultural or paleontological materials are identified during project related activities, all work will cease until a professional assessment of such resources can be made.

**11. AESTHETICS:**

*Determine if the project is located on a prominent topographic feature or may be visible from populated or scenic areas. What level of noise, light or visual change would be produced? Identify cumulative effects to aesthetics.*

No significant impacts on the aesthetics of the area are anticipated.

**12. DEMANDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES OF LAND, WATER, AIR OR ENERGY:**

*Determine the amount of limited resources the project would require. Identify other activities nearby that the project would affect. Identify cumulative effects to environmental resources.*

No limited environmental resources will be significantly impacted because of this project. This project will also not add any significant cumulative demands on environmental resources.

**13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA:**

*List other studies, plans or projects on this tract. Determine cumulative impacts likely to occur as a result of current private, state or federal actions in the analysis area, and from future proposed state actions in the analysis area that are under MEPA review (scoped) or permitting review by any state agency.*

There are no other projects or plans being considered on the tracts listed in this EA Checklist.

**IV. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION**

- *RESOURCES potentially impacted are listed on the form, followed by common issues that would be considered.*
- *Explain POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATIONS following each resource heading.*
- *Enter "NONE" if no impacts are identified or the resource is not present.*

**14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY:**

*Identify any health and safety risks posed by the project.*

There will be a brief increase in equipment usage along this corridor. There is minimal potential for individual harm to occur.

**15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION:**

*Identify how the project would add to or alter these activities.*

This project simply is piping in an extension to the sewer main and water across State Land. This project will not add to or deter from other industrial, agricultural, or commercial activities in the area.

**24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES:**

*Estimate the return to the trust. Include appropriate economic analysis. Identify potential future uses for the analysis area other than existing management. Identify cumulative economic and social effects likely to occur as a result of the proposed action.*

The proposed project will not have any significant cumulative economic or social effect.

**V. FINDING****25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:**

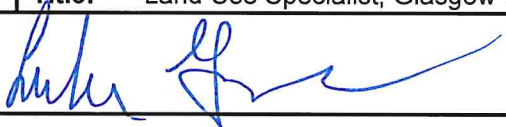
**Alternative B (the Proposed Action)** – Under this alternative, the Department recommends that this Sewer Pipeline be approved.

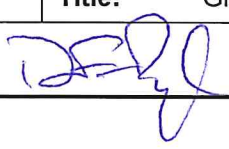
**26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:**

I have evaluated the potential environmental effects and have determined no significant impact to the environment because of this project.

**27. NEED FOR FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

☐ EIS      ☐ More Detailed EA      ☒ No Further Analysis

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