CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name:	Glacier Peak Crude Oil Pipeline
Proposed:	Installation of a Crude Oil Pipeline on AG lease #4534
Implementation Date:	
Proponent:	ONEOK Rockies Midstream LLC
Location:	Section 16, Township 28N, Range 59 E
County:	Roosevelt
Trust:	Common Schools

I. TYPE AND PURPOSE OF ACTION

Glacier Peak Midstream LLC referred to as the Proponent, has applied for a 35' ROW Easement. That encumbers .318 acres and is 24 rods long on State Land. The purpose is to use and maintain a crude oil pipeline and separate waterline with in same easement going across the State of Montana property.

II. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

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

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

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
Northeastern Land Office (NELO) & Glasgow Unit Office
Proponent: Glacier Peak Midstream LLC
Surface Lessees: John Nyquist
Other:

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

The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Real Estate Management Bureau has jurisdiction over this proposed project.

The proponent is responsible for acquiring all necessary permits for the proposed project and settling all surface damages with the surface lessee.

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Alternative A (No Action) – Deny Permission to proponent to install crude oil pipeline and a waterline across School Trust Lands.

Alternative B (the Proposed Action) – Grant Permission to proponent to install the Crude pipeline and waterline across School Trust Land.

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.*

4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE:
Consider the presence of fragile, compactable or unstable soils. Identify unusual geologic features. Specify any special reclamation considerations. Identify any cumulative impacts to soils.

There will be some temporary soil disturbance during the installation of the pipeline. This disturbance will not remove or displace any soil. Anticipate slight soil compaction to a limited area due to vehicle and equipment usage.

5. WATER QUALITY, QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION:
Identify important surface or groundwater resources. Consider the potential for violation of ambient water quality standards, drinking water maximum contaminant levels, or degradation of water quality. Identify cumulative effects to water resources.

No significant impacts to local or regional water resources are anticipated.

6. AIR QUALITY:
What pollutants or particulate would be produced? Identify air quality regulations or zones (e.g. Class I air shed) the project would influence. Identify cumulative effects to air quality.

No significant impacts to air quality are anticipated.

7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY:
What changes would the action cause to vegetative communities? Consider rare plants or cover types that would be affected. Identify cumulative effects to vegetation.

The acreage within the impact consists of native range vegetation.
If re-seeding is necessary the proponent will acquire certified, weed free seed and refer to the Plant Materials Tech Note No. MT-46 (Rev. 4) dated September 2013 for seeding rates.

No rare plants or cover types are present. No significant impacts to vegetation are anticipated.

8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS:
Consider substantial habitat values and use of the area by wildlife, birds or fish. Identify cumulative effects to fish and wildlife.

No significant impacts to terrestrial, avian, or aquatic habitats are anticipated.

9. UNIQUE, ENDANGERED, FRAGILE OR LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES:
Consider any federally listed threatened or endangered species or habitat identified in the project area. Determine effects to wetlands. Consider Sensitive Species or Species of special concern. Identify cumulative effects to these species and their habitat.

No significant impacts to unique, endangered, fragile or limited environmental resources are anticipated, though temporary displacement of local wildlife may occur during the project.

10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES:
Identify and determine effects to 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 that no cultural or paleontological resources have been identified in the APE. Much of the APE has been inventoried to Class III standards.

Because the extent of past disturbance suggests a low to moderate likelihood of the presence of cultural or palaeontologic resources. Proposed activities are expected to have No Effect on Antiquities. No additional archaeological investigative work will be conducted in response to this proposed development. 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 number 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.

The operation and movement of equipment and vehicles have inherent risks that are not impacted by access across School Trust Lands. There is the possibility of an increased risk of wildfire during the construction phase due to this activity.

15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION:
Identify how the project would add to or alter these activities.

This project will not add to or deter from other industrial, agricultural, or commercial activities in the area.

16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT:
Estimate the number of jobs the project would create, move or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to the employment market.

Temporary employment on the project is possible during construction. No major effects on the employment market are expected.

17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES:
Estimate tax revenue the project would create or eliminate. Identify cumulative effects to taxes and revenue.

While not directly related to this pipeline easement, there will be a positive impact on the local and state tax base and tax revenue.

18. DEMAND FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES:
Estimate increases in traffic and changes to traffic patterns. What changes would be needed to fire protection, police, schools, etc.? Identify cumulative effects of this and other projects on government services

There will not be any significant increases in traffic, school attendance, or the need for fire and police protection if this project is approved.

19. LOCALLY ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS AND GOALS:
List State, County, City, USFS, BLM, Tribal, and other zoning or management plans, and identify how they would affect this project.

There are no zoning or other agency management plans affecting this project.

20. ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF RECREATIONAL AND WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES:
Identify any wilderness or recreational areas nearby or access routes through this tract. Determine the effects of the project on recreational potential within the tract. Identify cumulative effects to recreational and wilderness activities.

This tract is not legally accessible. There will be no significant direct or cumulative effects on access to or quality of recreation and wilderness activities because of this project.

21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING:
Estimate population changes and additional housing the project would require. Identify cumulative effects to population and housing

The proposed project does not include any changes to housing or developments.

22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES:
Identify potential disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities.

There is no native, unique or traditional lifestyles or communities in the vicinity that would be significantly impacted by the proposal.

23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY:
How would the action affect any unique quality of the area?

The proposed project will have no significant impact on any culturally unique quality of 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, it is recommended that the proponent be granted permission to install this pipeline across School Trust Land.

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	X	No Further Analysis

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MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

LAND USE LICENSE
FEE EVALUATION WORKSHEET

(PR-TLMD-REMB-005)

For License # _____

Licensee: Diamond Resources Co. (Glacier Peak Midstream LLC)_____

Completed By: Luke Gunderson Date 8/20/25

In order to document the method used for determining rental fees and to assure that such rental represents the full market value for the use of the land, a *Land Use License Fee Evaluation Worksheet* must be completed and included in the license file. A copy shall also be included in the license file sent to the Real Estate Management Bureau in Helena.

License fees shall be determined by analyzing at least **two** of the three following fee structure methods:

- Land Value Rate: a fee as a percentage of the land value, per a limited valuation.
- Market Based Rate: a fee based on comparable fees for similar uses on other land
- Fee Schedule: a fee based on the Land Use License Procedure Fee Schedule

These methods may also be considered if applicable. Provide supporting documentation:

- Percent of Gross: a fee based on a percentage of gross revenues; "revenue sharing"
- Competitive Bid: a fee based on competitive bidding
  (the minimum bid is set through one of the above methods)

Fee Determined: One-Time: Amount: $18000
(highest of the methods analyzed)

Comments: **24 Rods $750 a rod = $18000 ($750 a rod is going rate on private land)**

Fill out the supporting data for your selected fee structure methods on the back page.

FEE WORKSHEET DATA

Land Value Rate

Land Value *(As determined through limited valuation form or appraisal)*	**Rate** *(as determined by current commercial lease rate minimum)*	**Resulting Fee** *Value x Rate*

Market Based Rate		
Identify the Comparables and Location	**How is fee Determined?**	**Comparable Fee**
$750 per rod/ 24 rods	Market rate of neighbors	
		Resulting Fee $18,000

Land Use License Procedure Fee Schedule		
Use proposing to License	**Fee Schedule Item**	**Resulting Fee**

Other Method Options if Applicable:		
Percentage of Gross	**How would this be calculated?**	**Proposed Resulting Fee**
Competitive Bidding	**What is the minimum bid?**	**Proposed Resulting Fee**