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CHECKLIST ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project Name: Stockwater Pipeline	Proposed Implementation Date: December 20, 2003
Proponent: Richard Engellant	
Type and Purpose of Action: To hook onto an existing water pipeline in Section 26, Tee off into state land in Sec.22 & Sec. 24 and into deeded lands beyond.	
Location: Sec. 23 & 26, T22N, R11E	County: Chouteau

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

1. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT, AGENCIES, GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS CONTACTED: Provide a brief chronology of the scoping and ongoing involvement for this project.	Mt.DNRC, USDA-FSA & NRCS, Richard Engellant, Gary and Evelyn Sande, Lessees of State Lease #496 & #1455, Dan Van Voast, Pam Linker, Stuart Lomax, and Damon Murdo of the NRCS, Gordon Muir, pipeline partial owner
2. OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES WITH JURISDICTION, LIST OF PERMITS NEEDED:	None. JAN 0 7 2004
3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:	The "No Action" alternative The alternative to put in the pipeline project.

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IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

4. GEOLOGY AND SOIL QUALITY, STABILITY AND MOISTURE: Are fragile, compactible or unstable soils present? Are there unusual geological features? Are there special reclamation considerations?	[N] Silty and sandy soils are present. There are no unusual geologic features. There are no special reclamation considerations.
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?	[Y] The existing well and pipeline system is owned and shared by three parties. It is very important to all. There is no potential for water degradation with this newly proposed project.

IMPACTS ON THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

6. AIR QUALITY: Will pollutants or particulate be produced? Is the project influenced by air quality regulations or zones (Class I airshed)?	[N] Pollutants and particulates will not be produced.
7. VEGETATION COVER, QUANTITY AND QUALITY: Will vegetative communities be permanently altered? Are any rare plants or cover types present?	[N] There are no rare plants or cover types present.
8. TERRESTRIAL, AVIAN AND AQUATIC LIFE AND HABITATS: Is there substantial use of the area by important wildlife, birds or fish?	[N] There is some use, but it is not substantial.
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?	[N] There are no species of special concern that use this area that I am aware of.
10. HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: Are any historical, archeological, or paleontological resources present?	[N] There are no historical, paleontological or archaeological resources present. Damon Murdo, cultural records manager, NRCS states: "Site #24CH0986 is a historic site in the local...None of these sites mentioned will be impacted." Dan Van Voast & Pam Linker filed a NRCS Negative Findings Report, SHPO #2003100611.
11. AESTHETICS: Is the project on a prominent topographical feature? Will it be visible from populated or scenic areas? Will there be excessive noise or light?	[N] This project will not be visible from populated or scenic areas.
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?	[Y] Water is a limited resource that this project will capitalize on. There are no other activities nearby.
13. OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS PERTINENT TO THE AREA: Are there other studies, plans or projects on this tract?	[N] None.

III. IMPACTS ON THE HUMAN POPULATION

<p>14. HUMAN HEALTH AND SAFETY: Will this project add to health and safety risk in the area?</p>	<p>[N] This proposed pipeline is at the end of an existing pipeline that feeds two homesites and associated livestock tanks. There should be no risk to human health or safety.</p>
<p>15. INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCTION: Will the project add to or alter these activities?</p>	<p>[Y] This project will increase livestock production and health, thereby effecting agricultural and commercial activities.</p>
<p>16. QUANTITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT: Will the project create, move or eliminate jobs? If so, estimated number.</p>	<p>[N] New jobs will not be created.</p>
<p>17. LOCAL AND STATE TAX BASE AND TAX REVENUES: Will the project create or eliminate tax revenue?</p>	<p>[N] There should be no change to taxes.</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>[N] Other services will not be needed.</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>[Y] This water system is owned and shared by three parties: Gordon Muir, Gary & Evelyn Sande and Richard Engellant, all State of Montana Lessees.</p>
<p>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 within the tract?</p>	<p>[N] Wilderness or recreational areas are not accessed through the project area.</p>
<p>21. DENSITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION AND HOUSING: Will the project add to the population and require additional housing?</p>	<p>[N] Additional housing will not be required.</p>
<p>22. SOCIAL STRUCTURES AND MORES: Is some disruption of native or traditional lifestyles or communities possible?</p>	<p>[N] Disruption is not likely.</p>
<p>23. CULTURAL UNIQUENESS AND DIVERSITY: Will the action cause a shift in</p>	<p>[N] There should be no shift.</p>

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some unique quality of the area?	
24. OTHER APPROPRIATE SOCIAL AND ECONOMICAL CIRCUMSTANCES:	[N] None.

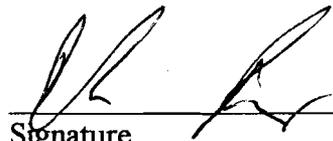
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Date: November 24, 2003

IV. FINDING

25. ALTERNATIVE SELECTED:	The alternative to put in the pipeline project.
26. SIGNIFICANCE OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS:	Minimal negative impacts are expected with this stockwater pipeline project.
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:
CLIVE ROONEY, Area Manager, Northeastern Land Office


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Date: 12/01/03