

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
SEGMENT W4-A1 (CONRAD TO BRADY) PIPELINE PROJECT**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Date: February 5, 2013
Action: Water System Improvements Project
Location of Project: Pondera and Toole Counties, Montana
DEQ Funding: \$ 100,000
Total Project Cost: \$ 4.5 Million

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding construction of drinking water facilities, including transmission pipelines, a pump station and a standpipe (storage tank), in Pondera and Teton Counties of Montana. The purpose of the project is to bring safe drinking water from the city of Conrad to the town of Brady. The project is sponsored by the North Central Montana Regional Water Authority (NCMRWA). NCMRWA will buy water from Conrad and convey and sell it to Brady.

The proposed action consists of the construction of a transmission pipeline including approximately 73,600 feet of 10-inch PVC pipeline; 1,400 feet of 6-inch PVC pipeline; a booster pump station, and a 79,000 gallon storage tank.

The affected environment will primarily be a corridor beginning at the City of Conrad going east and then south to Brady. A project map will be available on the DEQ website and is available by contacting the persons listed below.

The DEQ utilized the following references in completing its environmental review of this project: 1) the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System, dated December 2004 (the lead agency for the EA was the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Reclamation, also, cooperating agencies in preparation of the EA were: the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation); 2) an Engineering Report, Project Manual and Project Drawings for Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water System Project Segment W4-A1: Conrad to Brady, dated January 2013, prepared by Kadrmas Lee & Jackson (KLJ) and Advanced Engineering and Environmental Solutions (AE2S); 3) A Class III Cultural Resources Inventory Report prepared by KLJ, dated January 2013; 4) A Biological Resources Report, prepared by

KLJ, October 2012; 5) a Wetland Delineation Report, prepared by KLJ, December 2012; 6) a Noxious Weed Management Plan, prepared by KLJ, October 2012; and 6) a Preliminary Environmental Review Segment W4-A, prepared by KLJ, November 2011. These references are available for review upon request by contacting:

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Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ will revise the EA or determine if an EIS is necessary. Otherwise, this finding of no significant impact will stand if no substantive comments are received during the comment period or if substantive comments are received and evaluated and the environmental impacts are still determined to be non-significant.

Signed,



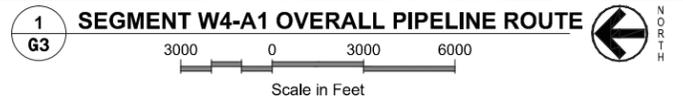
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