

PRO-FONSI-13-003

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Environmental Assessment

Steinaker Service Canal Modification Project

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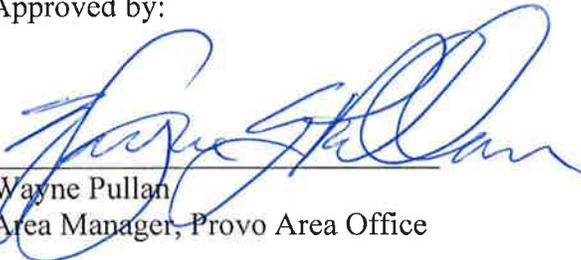


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FINDING

The Bureau of Reclamation has found that implementing the proposed action analyzed in the Environmental Assessment (EA), will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This decision was based on a thorough review of the EA. This decision is in accordance with the NEPA of 1969 (Public Law 91-90), as amended, and both the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508) and the Department of the Interior regulations implementing NEPA (43 CFR Part 46).

DECISION

Reclamation has decided to authorize the Uintah Water Conservancy District to modify the existing Steinaker Service Canal into a pressurized pipeline.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and decision to authorize this revocation is based on the following:

1. Public Health and Safety was evaluated and no significant effects were identified.
2. The effects on the quality of the human environment are not likely to be highly controversial because there is no known scientific controversy over the impacts of the project.
3. No past, present, or reasonably foreseeable actions are expected to result in cumulative effects.
4. The action, by mitigation and compliance with SHPO, will have no significant adverse effect on sites, highways, structures, or objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The action will also not cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.
5. The action, by compliance with the USFWS Biological Opinion, will not adversely affect any endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
6. The action will not violate Federal, state, and local laws or requirements for the protection of the environment. Applicable laws and regulations were considered.

7. The proposed action will have no significant effect on such unique characteristics as wilderness areas and wetlands.

Reclamation has analyzed the environmental effects and the Action Alternative in detail. Reclamation believes that the Action Alternative best meets the purpose and need described in the EA.