
Chapter 5 Consultation and Coordination

The following changes were made in Chapter 5 between the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement. Minor corrections, explanations and edits are not included in this list.

- An additional section titled “Consistency with Other Agency Plans and Programs” has been added to this chapter.

Introduction

This chapter describes aspects of consultation and coordination, including information regarding persons, agencies and methods involved with scoping, consultation and research for compilation of this EIS.

Initial scoping of this project was administered by the BLM management team following the County Commissioner’s initial meeting with BLM on April 28, 2000. The scoping identified environmental issues and alternatives appropriate for inclusion in this Environmental Impact Statement. All concerns received from the various meetings (listed below) were evaluated. This resulted in the list of specific impact topics for detailed analysis in this EIS.

Public scoping was accomplished by inviting the public to the various meetings listed below. The public comments or questions were taken into consideration for the EIS assessment. The general issues received from the public were concerning socio-economic impacts of the proposed action, fish and wildlife concerns, and future impacts of the proposed action in regard to potential industrial growth within the County. Public comments and questions are presented in Appendix G, G1- and G-2. No comments received by the public varied from issues already identified in the initial scoping process with the BLM management team and Coos County. All public concerns regarding potential human/environment impacts are addressed in this EIS.

Consistency with Other Agency Plans and Programs

General

BLM requires that projects be “consistent with officially approved or adopted resource-related plans and the policies and procedures contained therein of other federal agencies, state and local governments, and Indian tribes, so long as the guidance and projects are also consistent with the purposes, policies and programs of federal laws and regulations applicable to public lands...”. Consistency is construed as the absence of conflict. Based on BLM’s knowledge of the plans of such other agencies, the proposed project has been compared to the following agencies’ plans for consistency, and BLM has reached the conclusions stated.

The Coos Bay District of BLM received an application from Coos County to construct, operate, and maintain a natural gas pipeline from near Lookingglass in Douglas County to the Coos Bay area. The total length of the project is approximately 60 miles with approximately 3.0 miles located on lands administered by the BLM. Under the proposed action, the BLM would grant Coos County a ROW permit for construction of the pipeline on BLM administered lands. Additionally, COE and the Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL) would issue permits for crossing streams under their jurisdiction. Numerous other permits would be required of a variety of agencies to permit the construction and operation of the natural gas pipeline project. As the project proponent, Coos county, has the responsibility to obtain all local, state, and federal permits. Coos County prepared an Environmental Impact Statement for the BLM analyzing the effects of construction of the pipeline on the entire 60 miles covered by the proposed action. The draft EIS has been available for public review and comment. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) indicated satisfaction with the analysis conducted. The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DCLD) indicated the need to prepare a consistency determination. No other state agencies provided comments on the Draft EIS. The requested consistency determination is included as Appendix N.

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Technical matters related to this EIS (construction requirements, for example) were resolved with the help of specialists and consultants as listed in Table 36.

Table 36: Technical Consultations

Consultant	Contribution Role
Industrial Gas Services, Inc. Pipeline Solutions, Inc.	Project advisors; technical, permitting and construction requirements
ECONorthwest	Economic analysis
Dave Leonard	Geotechnical report
Heritage Research Associates, Inc.	Cultural Resources study of the proposed action
Biological Information Specialists, Inc.	EIS document and BAs

Organizations Consulted

BLM-Roseburg

BLM-Coos Bay

Coos County Commission

National Marine Fisheries Service

Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

U.S.Fish & Wildlife Service

Cow Creek Band of the Umpqua

Coquille Indian Tribe

Confederated Tribe of the Coos
 Army Corps of Engineers
 Oregon Public Utilities Commission
 Bonneville Power Administration
 NW Natural Gas
 PacifiCorp (Pacific Power & Light)
 Oregon National Historic Preservation Administration

Table 37: Pipeline Meetings

Date	Meeting
January 7, 1999	Work session - Natural Gas Pipeline - Commissioners' Courtroom, Coquille Courthouse
January 25, 1999	Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
February 22, 1999	Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
March 29, 1999	Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
April 21, 1999	Economic Forum on Natural Gas
April 26, 1999	Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
May 19, 1999	Work session - Natural Gas Pipeline - Commissioners' Courtroom, Coquille Courthouse
June 2, 1999	Work session - Tim Bishop Re: Pipeline Project - Commissioners' Courtroom, Coquille Courthouse
June 21, 1999	Review of RFQ's - Commissioners' Courtroom, Coquille Courthouse
June 28, 1999	Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
July 13, 1999	Radio Interviews KWRO
July 26, 1999	Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
July 26, 1999	Democratic Central Committee
July 28, 1999	Work session - Timing Issues Re Bond Measure for November Ballot - Commissioners' Courtroom, Coquille Courthouse
July 29, 1999	Rental Owners Association
August 19, 1999	Board of Realtors
September 1, 1999	Hearing - Bond Measure - Coquille Annex Planning Conference Room
October 1, 1999	McKinley Grange
October 5, 1999	Bay Broadcasting
October 5, 1999	Rotary - Natural Gas
October 12, 1999	Rotary - Natural Gas
October 13, 1999	FONSI Rally - North Bend Community Center

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Date	Meeting
November 4, 1999	Economic Development -- SWOCC
November 17, 1999	Economic Development Forum
November 22, 1999	Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee
December 8, 1999	Hearing - Supplemental Budget (To include bond funds and give authority to spend funds received for pipeline)
March 8, 2000	Commissioners interview Project Advisors, Courthouse.
April 12, 2000	Work session with Industrial Gas Solutions, Inc. and Pipeline Solutions, Inc.
April 12, 2000	OPUC hearing on NW Natural case - Coquille community center
April 28, 2000	* BLM staff meeting - North Bend BLM office
May 17, 2000	Open House - Pipeline - Coquille Annex Conference Room Public meeting on pipeline, Courthouse basement.
June 7, 2000	*Fed / State agency meeting, Coquille "War Room"
July 12, 2000	Pipeline Town Hall Meeting - Courthouse Conference Room
August 23, 2000	Pipeline Meeting - Courthouse Conference Room
October 3, 2000	OPUC staff meeting - Salem OPUC offices
October 23, 2000	* BLM Specialists Management Team - BLM offices, North Bend
November 29, 2000	Pipeline Update Meeting - Coos Bay Council Chambers
December 14, 2000	Work session - EA Public Comment Period - Commissioners' Courtroom, Courthouse, Coquille
January 30, 2001	* Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
April 4, 2001	Public Scoping meeting for EIS - Coos Bay Library
April 10, 2001	Public Scoping meeting for EIS - Courthouse Conference Room
April 18, 2001	Public Scoping meeting for EIS - McKinley Grange
September 6, 2001	Lookingglass School meeting
October 18, 2001	Lookingglass School meeting
November 7, 2001	BLM public meeting on Draft EIS - North Bend Library
February 19, 2002	BLM public meeting on Draft EIS - Coos Bay Library
February 19, 2002	Coos County Commission meeting
February 20, 2002	Coquille Rotary Club meeting
March 28, 2002	BLM open house on EIS public comment
March 28, 2002	Coos County Planning and Zoning public hearings

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Date	Meeting
April 4, 2002	Douglas County Planning and Zoning public hearing
April 7, 2002	Senator Wyden town meeting in Coos Bay
May 2, 2002	Coos County Planning and Zoning public hearing
May 7, 2002	Natural gas safety conference in Coquille

* Unless otherwise indicated by an asterisk, the meetings listed in Table 37 were open for public attendance.

Distribution List and Document Availability on the Internet

This Final Environmental Impact Statement is being sent to the following individuals, groups, and organizations.

In addition, the Final EIS will be available on the internet at: the BLM web site (www.or.blm.gov/coosbay), and the Coos County web site (<http://www.co.coos.or.us>).

Elected Officials

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Honorable Ron Wyden

Honorable Peter DeFazio

Governor's Office

Coos County Board of Commissioners

Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Curry County Board of Commissioners

Federal Agencies

USDI- Natural Resources Library

Director USDI BLM

Bureau of Mines

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Mineral Management Service

National Park Service

Environmental Protection Agency

Office of Environmental Compliance

Department of Transportation

U.S. Geological Survey

Department of Energy

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BLM Roseburg District
BLM Medford District

American Indian Tribes and Nations

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
Coquille Indian Tribe
Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Indians

State, County and Local Governments

Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife
Oregon Dept of Environmental Quality
Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries
Oregon Water Resources Department
Oregon Public Utilities Commission
Oregon Department of Economic Development
Oregon Department of Energy
Oregon Department of Transportation
Oregon Division of State Lands
Historic Preservation Office
Parks and Recreation Department
Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
Oregon International Port of Coos Bay
City of Coos Bay
City of North Bend
Bandon Public Library

Coos Bay Public Library
Coos County Library Service District - Extended Services Office
Coquille Public Library
Dora Public Library
Douglas County Library System
Flora M. Laird Memorial Library
Lakeside Public Library
Hazel M. Lewis Library
North Bend Public Library
Southwestern Oregon Community College Library

Businesses, Organizations and Individuals

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Association of Oregon Counties
Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
B. I. S. Inc.
Douglas Timber Operators
Fairview RFPD
Industrial Gas Services Inc.
Kalmiopsis Audubon Society
Klamath-Siskiyou Wildland Center
Native Plant Society of Oregon
Northwest Natural Gas
Oregon Natural Resources Council
PacifiCorp
Pinnacle Engineering
Pipeline Solutions Inc.
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