

RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
23rd Navajo Nation Council --- Third Year, 2017

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING THE GRANT
OF RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE RAMAH NAVAJO UTILITY AUTHORITY TO
CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN WATER DISTRIBUTION LINES
AND ASSOCIATED APPURTANCES WITHIN RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER,
NAVAJO NATION CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section §501 (B)(2), The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to grant final approval for all land withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers, renewals, and terminations.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Ramah Navajo Utility Authority has submitted a Right-of-Way application to construct, operate and maintain water distribution lines, up to six (6) inches in diameter, and associated appurtenances on, over and across Navajo Nation Trust Lands within the Ramah Navajo Chapter, Navajo Nation, Cibola County, New Mexico. See Exhibit **"Exhibit A"**.

B. The proposed Right-of-Way on Navajo Trust Lands is 2,894.06 feet in length, and varies from fifteen (15) feet to forty (40) feet in width and covers 1.83 acres, located in Section 20, Township 9 North Range 15 West, SE 1/4, Cibola County, New Mexico. See Exhibit **"B"**.

C. The Navajo Nation is the only affected land user and has provided the necessary consent from the Ramah Navajo Land Board Member. See Exhibit **"C"**.

D. The application for the Right-of-Way as submitted by Ramah Navajo Utility Authority has been reviewed by the Navajo Land Department; Fish and Wildlife; Historic Preservation; Minerals; Navajo Nation Environmental Protection; Division of Natural Resources and the Department of Justice and "Approved" or found "Sufficient" by all. See **Exhibit "D"**.

E. The environmental and archaeological studies have been completed and are attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION THREE. APPROVAL

A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the Grant of Right-of-Way on Navajo Trust Lands, as described in Exhibit "B" to the Ramah Navajo Utility Authority to construct, operate and maintain water distribution lines across Ramah Navajo Chapter, Navajo Nation, Cibola County, New Mexico.

B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby approves the Right-of-Way subject to, but not limited to, the Terms and Conditions incorporate herein and attached as found at **Exhibit "E"**.

C. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby waives the requirements for a bond, insurance, or alternative form of security on part of the Grantee, based on the determination that the project benefits the Navajo Nation and such a waiver is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation, pursuant to Title 25 CFR § 169.103 (f)(2).

D. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute any and all documents necessary to affect the intent and purpose of this resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the following resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at NDOT Nataani Conference Room, Tse Bonito, (Navajo Nation) New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained on this 13th day of July, 2017.



Alton Joe Shepherd, Chairperson
Resources and Development Committee
of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Davis Filfred
Second: Honorable Walter Phelps



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November 18, 2016

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Email: m_halona@frontiernet.net
Submitted Via Email and FedEx



SMA Project No. 6923836



RE: Application for Right-of-Way for Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Distribution Project on TRIBAL TRUST LANDS

Dear Mr. Halona:

On behalf of the **Ramah Navajo Utility Authority (RNA) (APPLICANT)**, SMA is pleased to submit the enclosed application for right-of-way (ROW) for the Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Distribution Project across one section of TRIBAL TRUST LANDS (Ramah Navajo Chapter: Township 9N, Range 15W, Section 20). Below is a summary table of the ROW being requested across NAVAJO TRIBAL TRUST land:

ROW Area	ROW Length	ROW Width	County	Township	Range	Section	Quarter
1.83 Acres	2894.06 ft	40 ft	Cibola	T9N	R15W	20	SE ¼

Enclosed with this letter are the following:

1. Application form for ROW across Navajo Tribal Trust lands, signed by RNA (2 originals)
2. Project Map
3. BIA Finding of No New Significant Impact (FONSI), dated September 20, 2016
4. Cultural Resources Compliance Form (CRCF), signed by Navajo Historic Preservation Dept. dated June 6, 2016
5. Biological Resources Compliance Form (BRCF) from Navajo Fish and Wildlife Dept. dated November 30, 2015
6. Easement maps and legal descriptions for ROW across Navajo Tribal Trust lands
7. Permission to survey on Navajo Tribal Trust lands, from BIA, May 22, 2015
8. Ramah Navajo Chapter resolution supporting the project
9. Navajo Nation Tribal consent letter, with Resources and Development Committee resolution and Terms and Conditions.

As you know, this project will provide a safe, reliable supply of drinking water for the community. Once again, I thank you for your continuing support and respectfully request your further help in expediting approval of this application. We need ROW for this project as soon as possible so we can begin to utilize construction funding, which is at risk of being lost.

The enclosed application and supporting documentation should be complete. However, should you or your staff have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to call me anytime at 505-507-1306 (cell) or email me at george.mihalik@soudermiller.com so that we may resolve any issues quickly.

Sincerely,
Souder, Miller & Associates



George Mihalik, P.E.
Project Manager/Project Engineer

Enclosures:
Navajo Tribal Trust Lands ROW Application with Attachments

CC:
Gilbert Maria, Ramah Navajo Chapter
Elmer Yazzie, Ramah Navajo Utility Authority
Jason John, Navajo Department of Water Resources
Norman Begay, Council Delegate



THE NAVAJO NATION

RUSSELL BEGAYE PR I D I N I
JONATHAN NEZ V I E P R E S I D E N T

May 22, 2015

Lester Tsosie, Superintendent
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Eastern Navajo Agency
P.O. Box 328
Crownpoint, New Mexico 87313

Dear Mr. Tsosie:

Our office received a request for Permission to Survey from Souder, Miller & Associates, 3451 Candelaria Road NE, Suite D, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107-1948 to conduct a walk-on survey for maps, archaeological, environmental and ethnographic surveys and studies for the proposed Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Distribution Project on trust lands within the Ramah Chapter. The proposed survey is more particularly described on the attached survey map.

The request is hereby granted for Souder, Miller & Associates, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The rights of local Navajo people will be respected and protected.
2. Personnel with the Division of Natural Resources (DNR) will retain the right to monitor field survey.
3. The field survey will be conducted at your own risk. The Navajo Nation will not be liable for any personal injury or property damage that might occur during the course of the field survey.
4. Vehicles will be kept on existing roads and trails. Surface disturbance will be kept to an absolute minimum while conducting the field survey.
5. The Permittee will comply with all applicable Tribal and Federal laws and regulations.
6. Approval of right-of-way, business site lease or any actual construction is not implied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard Draper", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Howard Draper
Program & Project Specialist
Navajo Land Department/DNR

CC: Ramah Chapter
~~George Mihalik, SMA~~
Ivan Becenti, Dept. of Agriculture/NN
Project File

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

RIGHT-OF-WAY APPLICATION MUST IDENTIFY [§169.102(a)]:

1. Applicant Name and Address:
Ramah Navajo Utility Authority of P.O. Box 207, Pine Hill, NM 87357
2. Tract(s) or parcel(s) affected by the right-of-way:
Navajo Tribal Trust Land - Section 20, Township T9N, Range R15W, Cibola County, State of New Mexico
3. General location (easement description):
Easement approximately 2,894.06 feet in length, varies from 15 feet to 40 feet in width (see plat), and covering 1.83 acres
4. Purpose:
To Construct, Operate and Maintain water distribution lines, up to 6 inches in diameter, and associated appurtenances
5. Term (Renewal, if applicable):
perpetual
6. Identify ownership of permanent improvements associated with the right-of-way and the responsibility for constructing, operating, maintaining, and managing; or removal of permanent improvements under §169.105:
Ramah Navajo Utility Authority

REQUIRED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS [§169.102(b)]:

1. Accurate legal description of the right-of-way, its boundaries, and parcels associated with the right-of way;
2. A map of definite location of the right-of-way; (25 CFR 169.102((b)(2); survey plat signed by professional surveyor or engineer showing the location, size, and extent of the ROW and other related parcels, with respect to each affected parcel of individually owned land, tribal land, or BIA land and with reference to the public surveys under 25 U.S.C. § 176, 43 U.S.C. § 2 AND § 1764, and showing existing facilities adjacent to the proposed project.)
3. Bond(s), insurance, and/or other security meeting the requirements of §169.103;
4. Record of notice that the right-of-way was provided to all Indian landowners;
5. Record of consent that the right-of-way meets the requirements of §169.107, or a statement documenting a request for a right-of-way without consent under §169.107(b);
6. If applicable, a valuation meeting the requirements of §§ 169.110, 112, 114;

*Updated
Application*

7. With each application, if the applicant is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, or other legal entity, except a tribal entity, information such as organizational documents, certificates, filing records, and resolutions, demonstrating that:
 - a. The representative has authority to execute the application;
 - b. The right-of-way will be enforceable against the applicant; and
 - c. The legal entity is in good standing and authorized to conduct business in the jurisdiction where the land is located.
8. Current environmental and archaeological reports, surveys, and site assessments, as needed to facilitate compliance with applicable Federal and tribal environmental and land use requirements;
9. If required, a statement from the appropriate tribal authority that the proposed right-of-way is in conformance with applicable tribal law.

THE APPLICANT FURTHER STIPULATES AND EXPRESSLY AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

To conform and to abide by all applicable requirements with respect to the right-of-way herein applied for. The applicant agrees to conform to and abide by the rules, regulations, and requirements contained in the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Title 25 Indians, Part 169, as amended, and by reference includes such rules, regulations and requirements as a part of this application to the same effect as if the same were herein set out in full.

Applicant Point of Contact Information:

Name: Ramah Navajo Utility Authority - Elmer Yazzie Manager

Address: P.O. Box 207, Pine Hill

State: New Mexico Zip: 87357

Phone: 505-775-3061 Fax: 505-775-3062

Email: EYazzie@ramahnavajo.org

DATE: November 18th, 2016

APPLICANT: Elmer Yazzie (Signature)

Elmer Yazzie - Ramah Navajo Utility Authority Manager (Print Name)

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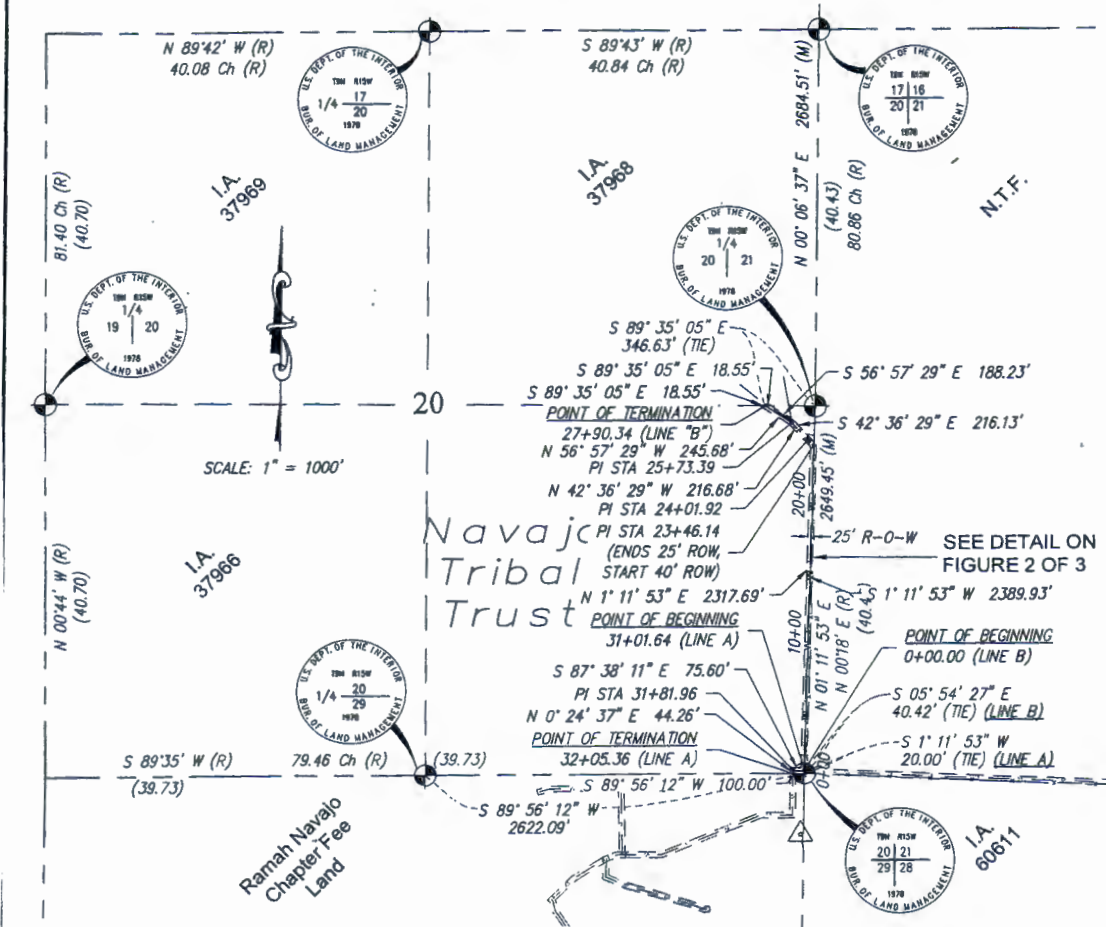
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APPLICANT:  (Signature)

Elmer Yazzie - Ramah Navajo Utility Authority Manager (Print Name)

CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

SEC - 20 T - 9 - N, R - 15 - W



APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT JOHN K. MELTON OF SOUDER, MILLER & ASSOCIATES, WHO SUBSCRIBED THE STATEMENT BELOW, IS THE PERSON ENGAGED BY THE UNDERSIGNED APPLICANT TO PREPARE THIS MAP AS THE FINAL LOCATION OF THE WATER PIPELINE THEREBY SHOWN, AND THAT THIS MAP IS FILED AS PART OF THE COMPLETE APPLICATION, AND IN ORDER THAT THE APPLICANT MAY OBTAIN THE BENEFITS OF THE ACT OF FEBRUARY 5, 1948 (62 STAT. 17 AND DEPT. REG. 25CFR 169) AS AMENDED, AND WE FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE RIGHT-OF-WAY(S) HEREIN DESCRIBED IS(ARE) DESIRED FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A WATER DISTRIBUTION FACILITY.

ATTEST:

JASON JOHN

NAVAJO NATION

WATER MANAGEMENT BRANCH

DATE

SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT

JOHN K. MELTON, STATES HE IS, BY OCCUPATION, A LAND SURVEYOR ENGAGED BY SOUDER, MILLER AND ASSOCIATES, TO MAKE THE SURVEY OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY SHOWN ON THIS MAP, THAT SAID SURVEY WAS MADE UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AND AUTHORITY ON THE 15TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016, AND THAT SUCH SURVEY CONFORMS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF 25 CFR 169.

BY:

JOHN K. MELTON

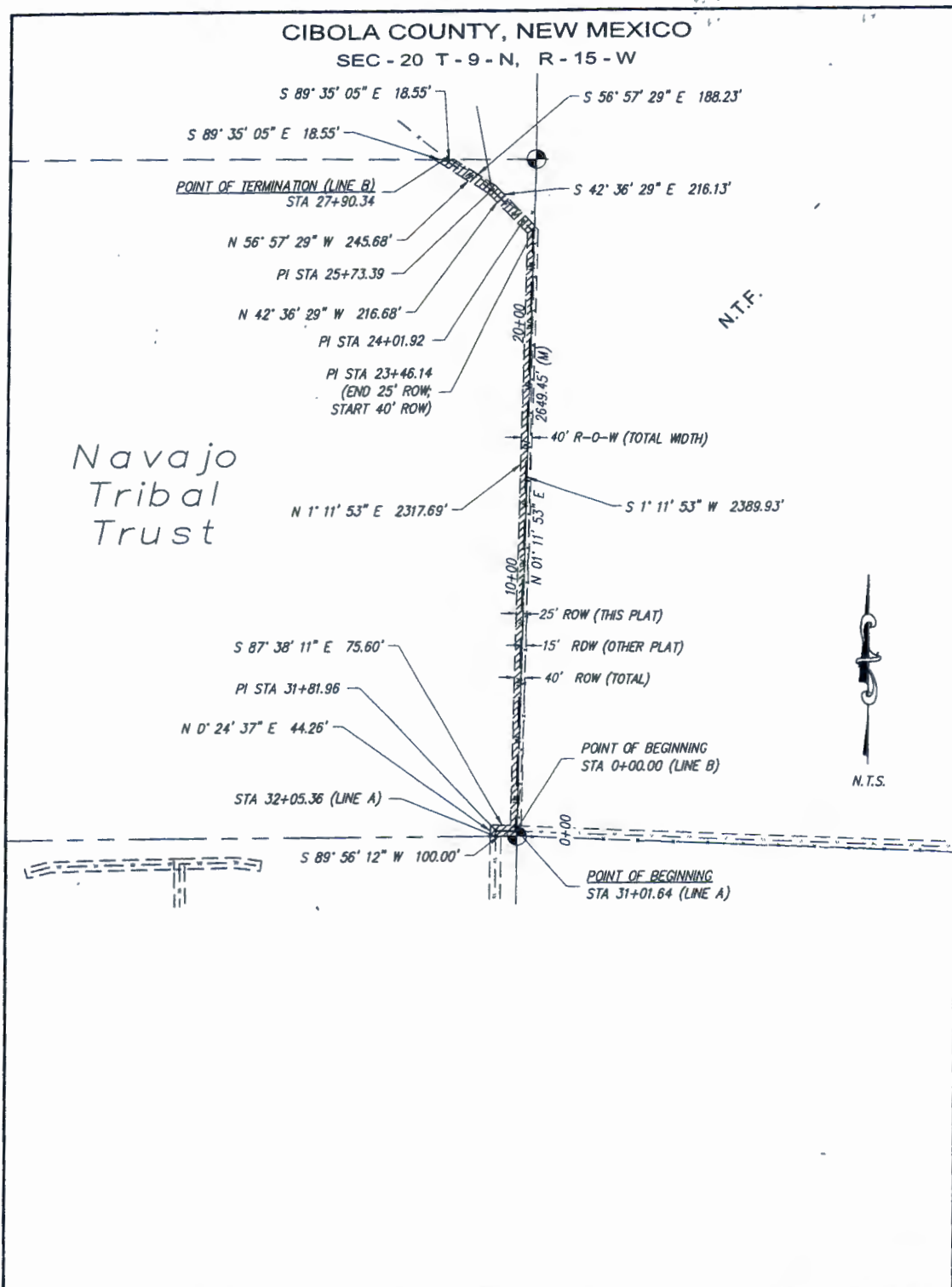
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SOUDER, MILLER AND ASSOCIATES



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RIGHT-OF-WAY (VARIED WIDTH)						
RAMAH MOUNTAIN VIEW ESTATES WATERLINE (LINES A & B)						
SE 1/4 SECTION 20						
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DESCRIPTION - WATER LINES "A" AND "B"

A TRACT OF LAND, FOR THE PURPOSES OF A WATER LINE, LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY (20), TOWNSHIP NINE (9) NORTH, RANGE FIFTEEN (15) WEST, N.M.P.M., CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AND BEING A PORTION OF THE NAVAJO TRIBAL TRUST, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT A BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT BRASS CAP AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER (SE) OF SECTION TWENTY (20) FROM WHICH A BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT BRASS CAP AT THE EAST QUARTER CORNER (E 1/4) OF SECTION TWENTY (20) BEARS NORTH 01° 11' 53" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2649.45 FEET;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, SOUTH 89° 56' 12" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 100.00' FEET;

THENCE LEAVING SAID SOUTH LINE, NORTH 00° 24' 37" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 44.26 FEET

THENCE SOUTH 87° 38' 11" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 75.60' FEET;

THENCE ALONG A LINE PARALLEL WITH AND 25.00 FEET WEST OF THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 20, NORTH 01° 11' 53" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 2317.69' FEET;

THENCE NORTH 42° 36' 29" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 216.68' FEET;

THENCE NORTH 56° 57' 29" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 245.68' FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER;

THENCE ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, SOUTH 89° 35' 05" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 18.55' FEET TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE WATERLINE HAVING A STATION OF 27+90.34;

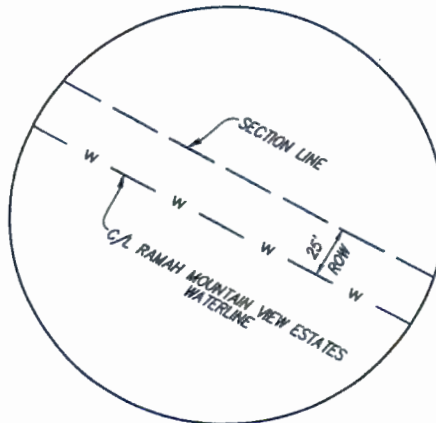
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THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE, SOUTH 56° 57' 29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 188.23' FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 42° 36' 29" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 216.13' FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID SECTION 20;

THENCE ALONG SAID EAST LINE, SOUTH 01° 11' 53" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 2389.93' FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINING 79,905 SQ. FT. OR 1.83 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.



TYPICAL DETAIL
25' WIDE R-O-W
N.T.S.

Basis of Bearings:

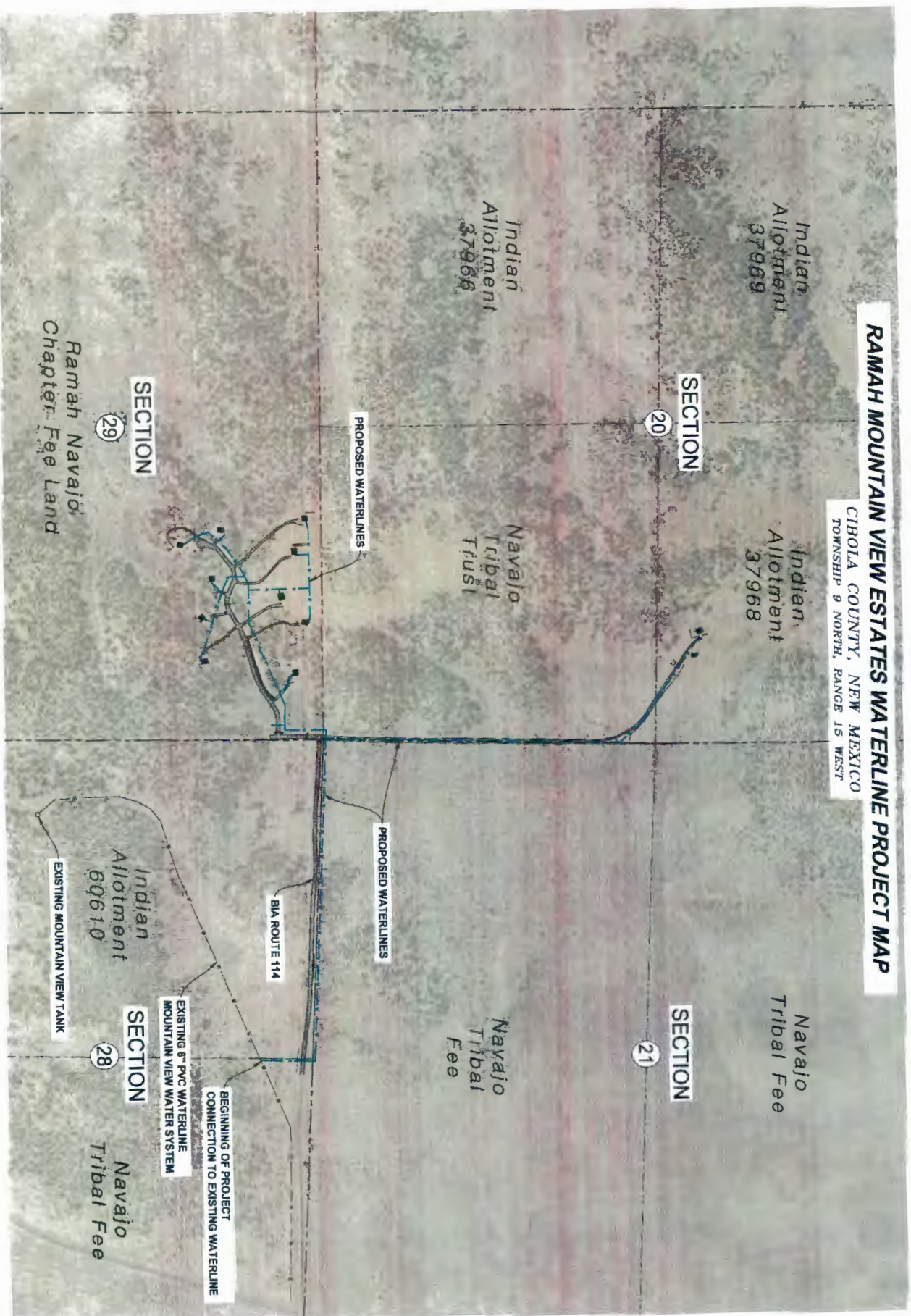
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Figure 3 of 3

RAMAH MOUNTAIN VIEW ESTATES WATERLINE PROJECT MAP

CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST





David Jos
President

RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER

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January 27, 2017

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DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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St. Michaels, AZ 86511
Ph: (928) 871-6401
Fax: (928) 871-7039

Dear General Land Development Department,

I am the Land Board Member representing the Navajo Trust Lands located within Ramah Navajo Chapter. I have been notified there is a water system improvements project, named "Ramah Navajo Mountain View Estates Water System Extension Project" for which Ramah Navajo Utility Authority (RNA) is pursuing right-of-way across Navajo Tribal Trust Land, particularly located within Ramah Navajo Chapter: Township 9N, Range 15W, Section 20. Below is a summary table of the ROW being requested across NAVAJO TRIBAL TRUST land:

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Please find attached a map showing the project area and land status for your reference.

I have confirmed there are not any grazing permittees within this section and as a result no grazing consents are required for this project's right of way and the package should continue on being processed for approval.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at 928-871-6944 (I am located in Window Rock).

Thank you very much,

Rodger Martinez
Ramah Navajo Land Board Member
Ramah Navajo Chapter

RAMAH MOUNTAIN VIEW ESTATES WATERLINE PROJECT MAP

CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST

Indian
Allotment
37969

Indian
Allotment
37968

Navajo
Tribal Fee

SECTION
20

SECTION
21

Indian
Allotment
37966

Navajo
Tribal
Trust

Navajo
Tribal
Fee

PROPOSED WATERLINES

PROPOSED WATERLINES

BIA ROUTE 114

SECTION
29

SECTION
28

Indian
Allotment
60610

Navajo
Tribal Fee

Ramah Navajo
Chapter Fee Land

BEGINNING OF PROJECT
CONNECTION TO EXISTING WATERLINE
EXISTING 6" PVC WATERLINE
MOUNTAIN VIEW WATER SYSTEM

EXISTING MOUNTAIN VIEW TANK

Document No. 007415Date Issued: 01/19/2017**EXECUTIVE OFFICIAL REVIEW**Title of Document: ROW Ramah Mountain View Estates Contact Name: YAZZIE, ELERINA BProgram/Division: DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCESEmail: michellehoskie@frontier.com Phone Number: 928-871-6447☐ **Business Site Lease** Sufficient Insufficient

- | | | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Division: _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Office of the Controller: _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (only if Procurement Clearance is not issued within 30 days of the initiation of the E.O. review) | | | |
| 3. Office of the Attorney General: _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

☐ **Business and Industrial Development Financing, Veteran Loans, (i.e. Loan, Loan Guarantee and Investment) or Delegation of Approving and/or Management Authority of Leasing transactions**

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| 1. Division: _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Office of the Attorney General: _____ | Date: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

☐ **Fund Management Plan, Expenditure Plans, Carry Over Requests, Budget Modifications**

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☐ **Navajo Housing Authority Request for Release of Funds**

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☐ **Five Management Plan of the Local Governance Act, Delegation of an Approving Authority from a Standing Committee, Local Ordinances (Local Government Units), or Plans of Operation/Division Policies Requiring Committee Approval**

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☐ **Relinquishment of Navajo Membership**

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☐ **Land Withdrawal or Relinquishment for Commercial Purposes**

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☐ **Land Withdrawals for Non-Commercial Purposes, General Land Leases and Resource Leases**

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2. F&W _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
3. HPD _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
4. Minerals _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
5. NNEPA _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
6. DNR _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
7. DOJ _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐

☐ **Rights of Way**

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2. F&W _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
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6. Office of the Attorney General: _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
7. OPVP _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐

☐ **Oil and Gas Prospecting Permits, Drilling and Exploration Permits, Mining Permit, Mining Lease**

1. Minerals _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
2. OPVP _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
3. NLD _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐

☐ **Assignment of Mineral Lease**

1. Minerals _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
2. DNR _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
3. DOJ _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐

☒ **ROW (where there has been no delegation of authority to the Navajo Land Department to grant the Nation's consent to a ROW)**

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2. F&W _____ Date: _____ ☐ ☐
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7. DOJ *-ic* *W. D. M.* Date: *5/4/17* ☒ ☐
8. OPVP *W. D. M.* Date: *5-12-17* ☐ ☐

☐ **OTHER:**

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Eugenia Quintana EPA (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Air and Toxics - Reviewer	Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	Approved	1. No technical comments.	1.	24-Jan-2017
Lee Anna Martinez EPA (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Water Quality - Reviewer	Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	Approved	1. Please consult with our office should your project impact/cross any waterways, ephemeral or perennial. A Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification may be needed. You may contact Navajo EPA at (928) 871-7690. Thank you.	1.	06-Feb-2017
Pam Kyselka F&W (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Technical Review	Fish and Wildlife	Approved	1. 15em106	1.	23-Jan-2017
Pam Maples EPA (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Storage Tanks Program - Reviewer	Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	Approved	1. Township and Range is TOO LARGE of an area. Where are the "raw data" we were told would be included? Ramah has leaking fuel station sites but if they are anywhere near where this ROW is it's hard to tell given the large area included in a township. So, again, not to hold up the packet, it is marked sufficient without really being cleared.	1.	24-Jan-2017
Patrick Antonio EPA (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Water Quality - Supervisor	Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	Approved	1. CONDITIONAL: If the project disturbs more than 1.0 acre of land surface, must comply with federal Construction General Permit for storm water discharges. A Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted to USEPA 14 days prior to earth-moving. A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan developed prior to NOI submission.	1.	20-Jan-2017
Robert Allan DNR (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Deputy Director DNR	DNR Administration	Approved	1. Needs Navajo Nation Terms and Conditions Form	1.	20-Jan-2017
Yolanda Barney EPA (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Public Water System Supervision Program	Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	Approved	no comments	No Reply	23-Jan-2017

Tier 2 Document Voting Results						
User Name (Facility)	Job Title	Department	Vote Cast	Comments	Replies	Vote Date
Bidtah N. Becker (FBFA)	FBFA Users	FBFA Action Team	Approved	no comments	No Reply	07-Mar-2017
Ronnie Ben EPA (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Underground Injection Control - Reviewer	Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency	Approved	1. any surface disturbance one acre or more requires a SWPPP.	1.	06-Feb-2017
Sam Diswood (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Technical Review	Fish and Wildlife	Approved	no comments	No Reply	07-Feb-2017
Steven Prince MIN (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Technical Reviewer	Navajo Nation Minerals Management	Approved	1. Approval by Mr. Zaman contingent on permanent inclusion of the uploaded Terms and Conditions in the document packet. slp	1.	08-Feb-2017
Tamara Billie NNHP (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	HPD Reviewer	Historic Preservation Department	Approved	1. HPD-16-051	1.	13-Feb-2017
W. Mike Halona (Navajo Land Title Data System - Windowrock AZ)	Manager III Navajo Land Department	NLD Administration	Approved	no comments	No Reply	06-Feb-2017



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THE NAVAJO NATION
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DEPARTMENT
PO Box 4950, Window Rock, Arizona 86515
TEL: (928) 871-7198 FAX: (928) 871-7886

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE FORM

ROUTE COPIES TO:	NNHPD NO.: HPD-16-051
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EMI	OTHER PROJECT NO.: EMI 1141

PROJECT TITLE: A Cultural Resource Survey of the Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Distribution Project, Cibola County, New Mexico

LEAD AGENCY: BIA/NR

SPONSOR: Navajo Nation, Water Management Branch, P.O. Box 9000, Window Rock, Arizona 86515

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Distribution Project is a waterline extension project to serve an existing residential subdivision within the Mountain View community (Mountain View Estates Subdivision). The water distribution project will bring first time water service to ten families who currently haul water for their daily needs. Additionally, the Chapter has plans to expand the subdivision, and having the water service in the community will allow for future growth. The proposed project will tie into the existing Mountain View Water System and includes approximately two miles of 6-inch, 4-inch, and 2-inch waterline and service connections to the homes. The project area is a 11,300 feet of waterline: 2869 feet on Navajo Tribal Fee Land, 931 feet on Indian Allotments, 2839 feet on Navajo Tribal Trust and 4661 feet on Ramah Band Fee Land. The area of potential effect (APE) is 10.38 acres (2.86 on Navajo Tribal Fee Land, 1.08 on Indian Allotments, 2.16 on Navajo Tribal Trust and 4.28 on Ramah Band Fee Land). The area surveyed consisted of the 40-foot right-of-way project area plus an additional 35 foot buffer on either side. The total area surveyed was 28.52 acres (7.31 on Navajo Tribal Fee Land, 4.7 on Indian Allotments, 4.77 on Navajo Tribal Trust and 11.74 on Ramah Band Fee Land). Ground disturbance will be intensive & extensive with the use of heavy equipment.

LAND STATUS:	Tribal Trust, Indian Allotment, Navajo Fee, Ramah Band Land
CHAPTER:	Ramah
LOCATION:	T.09N, R.15W – Sec. 20, 21, 28, 29 – Nicoll Lake Quadrangle, Cibola County, New Mexico NMPM

PROJECT ARCHAEOLOGIST:	Amalia Kenward
NAVAJO ANTIQUITIES PERMIT NO.:	B15048
DATE INSPECTED:	09/24/15 & 09/25/15
DATE OF REPORT:	12/2015
TOTAL ACREAGE INSPECTED:	28.52-ac Total
METHOD OF INVESTIGATION:	Class III pedestrian inventory with transects spaced 15 m apart.

LIST OF CULTURAL RESOURCES FOUND:	(1) Site (NM-U-5-55) (4) Isolated Occurrences (IO)
LIST OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:	(1) Site (NM-U-5-55)
LIST OF NON-ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:	(4) IO
LIST OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:	(1) Site (NM-U-5-55)

EFFECT/CONDITIONS OF COMPLIANCE: No Historic Properties affected with the following conditions:

Site: NM-U-5-55:

1. Site boundary will be flagged by a qualified archeologist prior to ground disturbing activities.
2. No heavy machinery or mechanical ground disturbing equipment should be operated within the site boundary.
3. The area of the site closest to the project should be fenced during waterline construction.
4. Ground disturbing activities within 50-ft of the site boundary will be monitored by a qualified archaeologist.
5. A monitoring report will be submitted to NNHPD within 30-days of the monitoring.

In the event of a discovery ["discovery" means any previously unidentified or incorrectly identified cultural resources including but not limited to archaeological deposits, human remains, or locations reportedly associated with Native American religious/traditional beliefs or practices], all operations in the immediate vicinity of the discovery must cease, and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department must be notified at (928) 871-7198.

FORM PREPARED BY: Tamara Billie

FINALIZED: May 24, 2016

Notification to Proceed
Recommended
Conditions:

☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Yes ☐ No


The Navajo Nation
Historic Preservation Office

5/27/16
Date

Navajo Region Approval

 ☒ Yes ☐ No


BIA - Navajo Regional Office

REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NAVAJO

6/16/16
Date

**BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE FORM
NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
P.O. BOX 1480, WINDOW ROCK, ARIZONA 86515-1480**

It is the Department's opinion the project described below, with applicable conditions, is in compliance with Tribal and Federal laws protecting biological resources including the Navajo Endangered Species and Environmental Policy Codes, U.S. Endangered Species, Migratory Bird Treaty, Eagle Protection and National Environmental Policy Acts. This form does not preclude or replace consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service if a Federally-listed species is affected.

PROJECT NAME & NO.: Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Distribution

DESCRIPTION: Proposed waterline distribution project to serve the Mountain View Estates Subdivision. The waterline system would encompass approximately 9.7 acres.

LOCATION: Sections 20, 21, 28, & 29, T09N, R15W, Ramah Chapter, Cibola County, New Mexico

REPRESENTATIVE: Matt Brooks, Ecosystem Management, Inc. for Souder, Miller and Associates

ACTION AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs and Navajo Nation

B.R. REPORT TITLE / DATE / PREPARER: BE-Proposed Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Distribution/NOV 2015/Ecosystem Management, Inc.

SIGNIFICANT BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES FOUND: Area 3.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS

NESL SPECIES POTENTIALLY IMPACTED: NA

FEDERALLY-LISTED SPECIES AFFECTED: NA

OTHER SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: NA


AVOIDANCE / MITIGATION MEASURES: [1] The NNDFW highly recommends that project activities avoid the migratory bird breeding season of 01 MAR-15 AUG

CONDITIONS OF COMPLIANCE*: NA

FORM PREPARED BY / DATE: Pamela A. Kyselka/24 NOV 2015

COPIES TO: (add categories as necessary)

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2 NTC § 164 Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval <input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Approval (with memo) <input type="checkbox"/> Disapproval (with memo) <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exclusion (with request letter) <input type="checkbox"/> None (with memo)	Signature  Gloria M. Tom, Director, Navajo Nation Department of Fish and Wildlife	Date 11/30/15
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*I understand and accept the conditions of compliance, and acknowledge that lack of signature may be grounds for the Department not recommending the above described project for approval to the Tribal Decision-maker.	
Representative's signature	Date



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Northern Pueblos Agency
P.O. Box 4269, Fairview Station
Española, New Mexico 87533



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

This FONSI was completed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Council of Environmental Quality Regulations, Department of Interior procedures and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) NEPA manual.

Proposed Project:

The Ramah Chapter proposed to construct and operate a waterline extension that would tie into the existing Mountain View Water System. The proposed waterline alignment is approximately 2 miles in length, located in sections 20, 21, 28, and 29 of Township 9 North, Range 15 West, Ramah Chapter, Navajo Nation, Cibola County, Ramah, New Mexico. The proposed project would provide water from an existing 54,000-gallon water tank to 10 residents.

BIA federal actions include Grant of Easement of Right-of-Way (ROW), temporary construction easements, and permits for (3) roadways for the proposed project.

Based on the analysis of the NEPA documents entitled "Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Extension Project" it has been determined that the proposed action will not constitute a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required. The reasons supporting these findings are as follows:


1. There will be no contamination of soils or water from the proposed project, erosion control/management strategies will be developed utilizing Best Management Practices (BMP). The Contactor will obtain a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) approval and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
2. BMP will be implemented to ensure that construction will limit impacts to meet federal air quality standards to reduce potential impacts to air quality.
3. Vegetation removal will be minimal and occur only within construction limits. BMP would be implemented to prevent establishment of noxious weeds in the proposed ROW.
4. Wildlife will be displaced during construction of proposed action, however there is adjacent suitable habitat available, and there will be no long-term impacts on non-avian wildlife. Pre-construction surveys for migratory birds will occur to avoid any nesting birds.
5. Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) has been completed and a **No Effect** determination had been made by a wildlife biologist for the federally-listed species with the potential to occur within the proposed project area.
6. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) has been completed with a **No Effect** determination by the Navajo Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office

(THPO). If undiscovered cultural resources are found during construction the THPO will be contacted immediately for consultation on the treatment of the discovery.

7. There would be short term benefits resulting from the creation of potential job opportunities during actual construction activities. Environmental Justice impacts would not result in disproportionate negative effects to minority or low-income populations. The residents would acquire access potable water, thereby resulting in long-term, beneficial impacts.
8. The contractor will provide adequate traffic control device and warning signs to alert local drivers of equipment and activities in or near roadway. A traffic safety plan will be submitted to BIA-Division of Transportation and included in final plans for the proposed project.
9. There will be short-term impacts to noise and visual aesthetics, upon completion of the proposed project base-line conditions will resume in the area.
10. There will be no impacts to Hunting, Fishing, Gathering, Timber Harvesting, Mineral Extraction and Recreation Resources.
11. Solid waste will be disposed at an approved sanitary landfill. There are no known hazardous waste sites within the proposed project. Any contaminated soils will be tested and disposed of as required by federal regulations.

For these reasons, I declare a Finding of No Significant Impact to the human environment resulting from the proposed project. The EA for the proposed project will be available for review upon request at the BIA-Ramah Navajo Agency, HC61, Box 14, Ramah, New Mexico 87321.

Comments may be submitted by writing to the BIA-Ramah Agency Superintendent at the address above. Your comments must be received no later than **October 24, 2016**.



Superintendent

9-20-2016
Date



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
BIA-Ramah Navajo Agency
HC61, Box 14
Ramah, New Mexico 87321



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

To review a copy of the "Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Ramah Mountain View Estates Waterline Extension Project" or the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) contact:

BIA-Ramah Navajo Agency
HC61, Box 14
Ramah, New Mexico 87321

NOTICE OF DECISION

It is my decision to proceed with the action described above. In accordance with 25 CFR 2.7, this decision may be appealed within 30 days of this notice being posted. An appeal to the decision to proceed with the proposed wastewater system improvements should be made in writing to the BIA-SWRO, Regional Director at the address above. An appeal must be received no later than **October 24, 2016**.



Superintendent

9-20-2016
Date

RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER

Tribal Office

HCR 61 Box 13, Ramah, New Mexico 87321

(505) 775-7130

FAX: (505) 775-7137

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RESOLUTION OF THE RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER

NO. 011202

Supporting the Ramah Navajo Chapter Community Planning and Development Department to coordinate with the Navajo Nation Water Resource Department to submit a funding proposal to upgrade the Ramah Waterline Extension Project located on Section 29, Mountain View Estates within the Ramah Navajo Community, Cibola County.

WHEREAS:

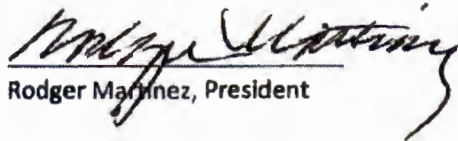
- 1. The Ramah Navajo Chapter is a certified and recognized Chapter of the Navajo Nation Pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55, to execute projects in the best interest of the local community people at large; and,**
- 2. The Navajo Nation has recognized the Ramah Chapter to be uniquely situated as a satellite community of the Navajo Nation and a recognized local government entity of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 3 and 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10; and,**
- 3. The Ramah Navajo Chapter delegates the Chapter officials the authority and responsibility to plan and implement community projects with the assistance of the Ramah Navajo Chapter P.L. 93-638 programs, which will benefit the entire community; and,**
- 4. The Ramah Navajo Chapter 638 Grants and Contracts/Department of Community Planning & Development Department administer various projects. A goal for the Ramah Navajo Chapter's Department of Community Planning and Development is developing community projects to benefit the Ramah Navajo Community people,**
- 5. The Ramah Navajo Chapter has the authority to address local, state, national and federal issues that may affect their livelihoods; and**
- 6. The current Ramah waterline is very insufficient, and increasing its capacity will enable more homes, businesses and other much needed facilities to be served; and,**
- 7. Improving the operation and increasing the capacity of this facility will help to enable broad community and economic development within the chapter.**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ramah Navajo Chapter hereby request and recommends that the Navajo Department of Water Resources, RNC Community Planning/Development and the Ramah Navajo Utility Authority work together to address the waterline's deficiencies and increase its capacity.
2. The Ramah Chapter also request and recommends that the Navajo Department of Water Resources, RNC Community Planning/Development and the Ramah Navajo Utility Authority attempt to secure funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Ramah Navajo Chapter at a duly called meeting in Ramah, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 11 abstained on this 23 day of January 2012.


Rodger Martinez, President


Frank E. Paul, Vice President


Dixie Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion: Joseph K. Martine
Second: Natasha Pino

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RESOLUTION OF THE RAMAH NAVAJO CHAPTER

NO. 011202

Supporting the Ramah Navajo Chapter Community Planning and Development Department to coordinate with the Navajo Nation Water Resource Department to submit a funding proposal to upgrade the Ramah Waterline Extension Project located on Section 29, Mountain View Estates within the Ramah Navajo Community, Cibola County.

WHEREAS:

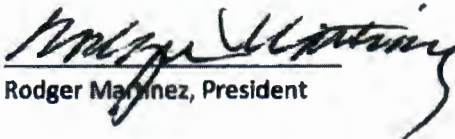
1. The Ramah Navajo Chapter is a certified and recognized Chapter of the Navajo Nation Pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. CJ-20-55, to execute projects in the best interest of the local community people at large; and,
2. The Navajo Nation has recognized the Ramah Chapter to be uniquely situated as a satellite community of the Navajo Nation and a recognized local government entity of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 26 N.N.C. Section 3 and 11 N.N.C., Part 1, Section 10; and,
3. The Ramah Navajo Chapter delegates the Chapter officials the authority and responsibility to plan and implement community projects with the assistance of the Ramah Navajo Chapter P.L. 93-638 programs, which will benefit the entire community; and,
4. The Ramah Navajo Chapter 638 Grants and Contracts/Department of Community Planning & Development Department administer various projects. A goal for the Ramah Navajo Chapter's Department of Community Planning and Development is developing community projects to benefit the Ramah Navajo Community people,
5. The Ramah Navajo Chapter has the authority to address local, state, national and federal issues that may affect their livelihoods; and
6. The current Ramah waterline is very insufficient, and increasing its capacity will enable more homes, businesses and other much needed facilities to be served; and,
7. Improving the operation and increasing the capacity of this facility will help to enable broad community and economic development within the chapter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ramah Navajo Chapter hereby request and recommends that the Navajo Department of Water Resources, RNC Community Planning/Development and the Ramah Navajo Utility Authority work together to address the waterline's deficiencies and increase its capacity.
2. The Ramah Chapter also request and recommends that the Navajo Department of Water Resources, RNC Community Planning/Development and the Ramah Navajo Utility Authority attempt to secure funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Ramah Navajo Chapter at a duly called meeting in Ramah, New Mexico, at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed, 11 abstained on this 23 day of January 2012.

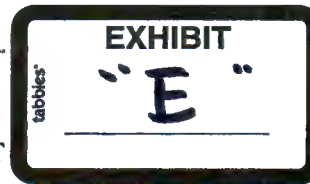

Rodger Martinez, President


Frank E. Paul, Vice President


Dixie Begay, Secretary/Treasurer

Motion: Joseph K. Martine
Second: Natasha Pino

EXHIBIT



NAVAJO NATION RIGHT-OF-WAY TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RAMAH NAVAJO UTILITY AUTHORITY

(GRANTEE)

(Ramah Mountain View Estates water connection lines)

1. The term of the right-of-way shall be for twenty (20) years, beginning on the date the right-of-way is granted by the Secretary of Interior.
2. Consideration for the right-of-way is assessed at \$ 62,961.19 and shall be paid in full to the Controller of the Navajo Nation, in lawful money of the United States, and a copy of the receipt for such payment provided to the Navajo Nation Minerals Department, or its successor, within 10 days of approval of and consent to the grant of the right-of-way by the Navajo Nation.

If consideration has been waived, the Navajo Nation contributes the amount listed above to the project because the project serves ~~a public purpose and will benefit~~ the Navajo residents.

3. The Grantee may develop, use and occupy the right-of-way for the purpose(s) of installation and maintenance of water distribution pipeline. The Grantee may not develop, use or occupy the right-of-way for any other purpose, nor allow others to use or occupy the right-of-way for any other purpose, without the prior written approval of the Navajo Nation and the Secretary of the Interior. The approval of the Navajo Nation may be granted, granted upon conditions or withheld in the sole discretion of the Navajo Nation. The Grantee may not develop, use or occupy the right-of-way for any unlawful purpose.
4. In all activities conducted by the Grantee within the Navajo Nation, the Grantee shall abide by all laws and regulations of the Navajo Nation and of the United States, now in force and effect or as hereafter may come into force and effect, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 169; subject to the terms of this right-of-way.
 - b. All applicable federal and Navajo Nation antiquities laws and regulations, with the following additional condition: In the event of a discovery all operations in the immediate vicinity of the discovery must cease and the Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Department must be notified immediately. As used herein, "discovery" means any previously unidentified or incorrectly identified cultural resources, including but not limited to archaeological deposits, human remains, or location reportedly associated with Native American religious/traditional beliefs or practices;
 - c. The Navajo Preference in Employment Act, 15 N.N.C. §§ 601 et seq., and the Navajo Nation Business Opportunity Act, 5 N.N.C. §§ 201 et seq.; and
 - d. The Navajo Nation Water Code, 22 N.N.C. § 1101 et seq. Grantee shall apply for and submit all applicable permits and information to the Navajo Nation Water Resources Department, or its successor.
5. The Grantee shall ensure that the air quality of the Navajo Nation is not jeopardized due to violation of applicable laws and regulations by its operations pursuant to the right-of-way.

6. The Grantee shall clear and keep clear the lands within the right-of-way to the extent compatible with the purpose of the right-of-way, and shall dispose of all vegetation and other materials cut, uprooted or otherwise accumulated during any surface disturbance activities.
7. The Grantee shall reclaim all surface lands disturbed related to the right-of-way, as outlined in a restoration and revegetation plan, which shall be approved by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) prior to any surface disturbance. The Grantee shall comply with all provisions of such restoration and revegetation plan and shall notify the Director of the NNEPA immediately upon completion of the surface disturbance activities so that a site inspection can be made.
8. The Grantee shall at all times during the term of the right-of-way and at the Grantee's sole cost and expense, maintain the land subject to the right-of-way and all improvements located thereon and make all necessary and reasonable repairs.
9. The Grantee shall obtain prior written permission to cross existing rights-of-way, if any, from the appropriate parties.
10. The Grantee shall be responsible for and promptly pay all damages when they are sustained.
11. The Grantee shall indemnify and hold harmless the Navajo Nation and the Secretary of the Interior and their respective authorized agents, employees, landusers and occupants, against any liability for loss of life, personal injury and property damages arising from the development, use or occupancy or use of right-of-way by the Grantee.
12. The Grantee shall not assign, convey, transfer or sublet, in any manner whatsoever, the right-of-way or any interest therein, or in or to any of the improvements on the land subject to the right-of-way, without the prior written consent of the Navajo Nation and the Secretary of the Interior. Any such attempted assignment, conveyance or transfer without such prior written consent shall be void and of no effect. The consent of the Navajo Nation may be granted, granted upon conditions or withheld in the sole discretion of the Navajo Nation.
13. The Navajo Nation may terminate the right-of-way for violation of any of the terms and conditions stated herein. In addition, the right-of-way shall be terminable in whole or part by the Navajo Nation for any of the following causes:
 - a. Failure to comply with any term or condition of the grant or of applicable laws or regulations;
 - b. A non-use of the right-of-way for the purpose for which it is granted for a consecutive two year period; and
 - c. The use of the land subject to the right-of-way for any purpose inconsistent with the purpose for which the right-of-way is granted.
 - d. An abandonment of the right-of-way.
14. At the termination of this right-of-way, the Grantee shall peaceably and without legal process deliver up the possession of the premises, in good condition, usual wear and tear excepted. Upon the written request of the Navajo Nation, the Grantee shall provide the Navajo Nation, at the Grantee's sole cost and expense, with an environmental audit assessment of the premises at least sixty (60) days prior to delivery of said premises.
15. Holding over by the Grantee after the termination of the right-of-way shall not constitute a renewal or extension thereof or give the Grantee any rights hereunder or in or to the land subject to the right-of-way or to any improvements located thereon.

16. The Navajo Nation and the Secretary of the Interior shall have the right, at any reasonable time during the term of the right-of-way, to enter upon the premises, or any part thereof, to inspect the same and any improvements located thereon.
17. By acceptance of the grant of right-of-way, the Grantee consents to the full territorial legislative, executive and judicial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation, including but not limited to the jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation, including but not limited to the jurisdiction to levy fines and to enter judgments for compensatory and punitive damages and injunctive relief, in connection with all activities conducted by the Grantee within the Navajo Nation or which have a proximate (legal) effect on persons or property within the Navajo Nation.
18. By acceptance of the grant of right-of-way, the Grantee covenants and agrees never to contest or challenge the legislative, executive or judicial jurisdiction of the Navajo Nation on the basis that such jurisdiction is inconsistent with the status of the Navajo Nation as an Indian nation, or that the Navajo Nation government is not a government of general jurisdiction, or that the Navajo Nation government does not possess full police power (i.e., the power to legislate and regulate for the general health and welfare) over all lands, persons and activities within its territorial boundaries, or on any other basis not generally applicable to a similar challenge to the jurisdiction of a state government. Nothing contained in this provision shall be construed to negate or impair federal responsibilities with respect to the land subject to the right-of-way or to the Navajo Nation.
19. Any action or proceeding brought by the Grantee against the Navajo Nation in connection with or arising out of the terms and conditions of the right-of-way shall be brought only in the Courts of the Navajo Nation, and no such action or proceeding shall be brought by the Grantee against the Navajo Nation in any court of any state.
20. Nothing contained herein shall be interpreted as constituting a waiver, express or implied, of the sovereign immunity of the Navajo Nation.
21. Except as prohibited by applicable federal law, the law of the Navajo Nation shall govern the construction, performance and enforcement of the terms and conditions contained herein.
22. The terms and conditions contained herein shall extend to and be binding upon the successors, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, employees and agents, including all contractors and subcontractors, of the Grantee, and the term "Grantee," whenever used herein, shall be deemed to include all such successors, heirs, assigns, executors, administrators, employees and agents.
23. There is expressly reserved to the Navajo Nation full territorial legislative, executive and judicial jurisdiction over the right-of-way and all lands burdened by the right-of-way, including without limitation over all persons, including the public, and all activities conducted or otherwise occurring within the right-of-way; and the right-of-way and all lands burdened by the right-of-way shall be and forever remain Navajo Indian Country for purposes of Navajo Nation jurisdiction.
24. The Navajo Nation reserves the right to grant rights-of-way within the right-of-way referenced herein for utilities, provided that such rights-of-ways do not unreasonably interfere with the Grantee's use of the right-of-way.