



**AMENDED FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT
FOR
NORTH CENTRAL MONTANA REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY
SEGMENT W5-A PIPELINE PROJECT**

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Date: November 14, 2018
Action: Water System Improvements Project
Location of Project: Toole County, Montana
DEQ Funding: \$ 0
Total Project Cost: \$ 13,926,620

An environmental review has been conducted by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for a change order to a previously reviewed project in Toole County, Montana. This change order is for a re-alignment of the final 2.4 mile segment of the North Central Montana Regional Water System Shelby to Oilmont project. It will convey drinking water from the Oilmont County Water District (CWD) storage reservoir to the proposed point of connection to the existing Oilmont CWD. A project map showing these locations is available on the DEQ website or by contacting the persons listed below.

The proposed action consists of the construction of a 6-inch diameter transmission pipeline of approximately 2.4 miles of PVC pipe. Also, two valve vaults will be constructed.

The affected environment will be farm and rangeland along a narrow corridor for pipeline installation beginning at the north end in SE ¼ SW ¼ Sec 22 T36N R1W and trending southeast for 2.4 miles to terminate at the first valve vault in SE ¼ SE ¼ Section 26 T36N R1W. A second valve vault for a pressure reducing valve will be installed in NE ¼ S ½ Section 28 T36N R1E.

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 in cooperation with: the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation); 2) the Final Engineering Report for Rocky Boy's/North Central Regional Water System Project, Segment W5-A Shelby to Oilmont CWD dated January 2016, prepared by Kadrmas Lee & Jackson (KLJ) and Advanced Engineering and Environmental Solutions (AE2S); 3) a Potential Contaminant Source Review for Rocky Boy's/North Central Montana Regional Water Project Shelby to Sweetgrass Transmission Mains/Alignment Project Environmental Review, prepared by DEQ

Source Water Protection section, dated February 22, 2018; 4) a Project Manual and Project Drawings Segment W5-A Shelby to Oilmont CWD, prepared by KLJ and AE2S, received January 25, 2018; 5) Engineering Report supplement and plans for Change Order #1 for Shelby to Oilmont CWD; 6) Aquatic Resource Delineation Addendum, October 2018, by KLJ Engineering; 7) Cultural Resources Addendum, October 2018, by KLJ Engineering, and; 8) Oilmont Connection Alignment Project Potential Contaminant Source Review, November 13, 2018, by DEQ Source Water Protection Section. These references are available for review upon request by contacting:

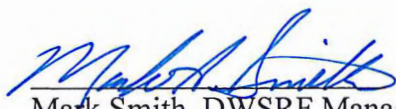
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Comments on this finding or on the EA may be submitted to DEQ at the above address. Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this FONSI in the newspaper. After evaluating substantive comments received, DEQ 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,



Mark Smith, DWSRF Manager
Engineering Bureau

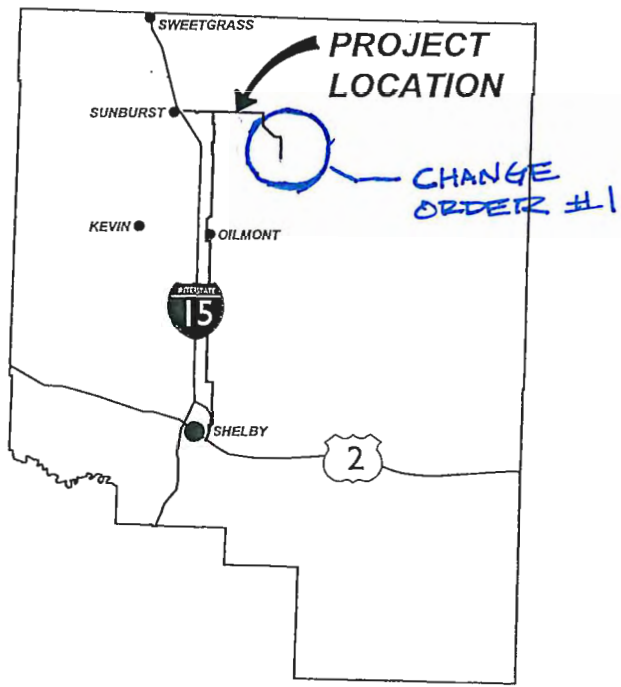
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PROJECT LOCATION



STATE OF MONTANA

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TOOLE COUNTY



1 LOCATION MAP
C49 SCALE: NONE

