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Finding of No Significant Impact

Project Name: Lagoon Expansion Project

Project Proponent: Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe

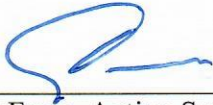
The Proposed Action for the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribes (FPST) Lagoon Expansion Project (project) consists of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Western Nevada Agency issuing/approving a new grant of right-of-way (ROW) to the FPST. The FPST is proposing to increase sewer treatment capacity by expanding an existing sewer lagoon cell by approximately 10 acres. Associated with the sewer lagoon expansion, effluent will be pumped via a pipeline crossing Allotments 658-F-228 and 658-F-317. FPST is requesting a utility easement (federal action) triangular in shape, occupying approximately 0.01 acres located in the northeast corner of Allotment No. 658-F-228 and a utility easement triangular in shape, occupying approximately 0.01 acres located in the southwest corner of Allotment No. 658-F-317.

Based on a Final Environmental Report (ER) titled *Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribes (FPST) Lagoon Expansion Project* (May 2018) prepared for use by the Indian Health Service and the US Department of Agriculture-Rural Development and hereby adopted by the BIA, for the expansion of an evaporation sewer lagoon cell, I have determined that implementation of the agency proposed action, including environmental mitigation measures as specified in the ER, will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required (40 CFR 1508.13). This determination is supported by the following findings:

1. Agency and public involvement were conducted, and environmental issues related to development of the Lagoon Expansion were identified. Alternative actions and regulatory recommendations were developed in response to environmental concerns and issues.
2. The ER identifies and discusses the environmental impacts of the proposed action and three alternative action scenarios, which include the "no action" alternative.
3. The ER does not identify significant impact of the preferred alternative to biological, cultural or other assessed resources.
4. The proposed action would not jeopardize threatened and endangered species. See Section 5.2 of the ER.
5. There are no adverse effects on historic properties for the purpose of 36 CFR 800.9 (b) by preserving archeological and cultural value. All construction activities should include a cultural monitor to identify any unearthed culturally significant resources. Should undiscovered archeological remains be encountered during Project ground-disturbing

activities, work will stop in the area of discovery and the stipulations 36 CFR 800.11 be followed.

6. Impacts to floodplains affected by the proposed alternative have been evaluated in accordance with E.O. 11988. See Section 5.12 of the ER.
7. The proposed action would improve the economic and social conditions of the FPST and its members.



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BIA-Western Nevada Agency



Date