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Orlando Cortez, District Ranger
Monticello Ranger District
Manti-LaSal National Forest
397 North Main Street
PO Box 820
Monticello, Utah 84535

Re: Monticello City Culinary Water Improvement Project

Dear Mr. Cortez:

We have reviewed the draft documents for the proposed Monticello City Culinary Water Improvement Project and offer the following comments.

Coordination with State and Local Governments

We find that the proposed project is consistent with the objectives and policies outlined in the County's Resource Management Plan (RMP) of 2022 as amended. Specific sections of the RMP for which the proposed project is consistent include the following.

Pipelines and Infrastructure

Objective a. Pipelines, powerlines, communication lines and other infrastructure are present to provide for transport and delivery of petroleum products, water, electric power and telecommunications services to meet current and future needs of the county. This section also includes various policies that support investigation, research, funding and innovation for development and efficient use of water resources to supply current and future community needs. (p. of the RMP)

Water Quality and Hydrology

Objective b. Water resources are developed and used responsibly.

Objective c. Sufficient water resources and systems are available to support future growth of the County.

Policy 3. Support land management practices that contribute to or maintain healthy watershed conditions.

Cultural Resources

We assume that any cultural resources within the proposed project area have been identified and will be protected as appropriate. The County RMP includes the following guidance.

Objective: a. Cultural, historical, geological and paleontological resources are managed (including appropriate mitigation of impacts) so they are available for public enjoyment, and scientific and educational purposes.

Policies: 5. Support the development of reasonable solutions to resolve conflicts between strict protection of cultural, historical, geological and paleontological resources and existing or proposed land uses.

Noxious Weeds

Objective a. Noxious and invasive plant species are managed and controlled to prevent or minimize their effect on agricultural production and native ecosystems.

County Road 101 Easement and OHV Trail

San Juan County has an easement for County Road 101 (North Creek) and adjacent OHV trail on the north side of this road. The County chip-sealed this road in 2024 from Monticello City to Dalton Springs Campground. We ask that the project coordinate with the County to protect its easement and prevent damage to the road surface and OHV trail during pipeline construction and require repair of any damage to the road and OHV trail.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment and look forward to working with your agency in the completion of this project.

Sincerely,



Silvia Stubbs
Commission Chair

cc: Monticello City