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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
FOREST SERVICE**

**OIL OR GAS PIPELINE FACILITY PERMIT**

**AUTHORITY:**

**Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 185**

**<Delete all user notes before transmitting to the proponent for signature.>**

**<Use this form to authorize one or more oil or gas pipeline facilities that are exclusively on National Forest System lands and for which the authorized officer has determined that a permit is appropriate. The Forest Service lacks authority under section 28(c) of the Mineral Leasing Act to issue a special use authorization for an oil or gas pipeline that traverses federal land that is under the jurisdiction of another federal agency, as well as National Forest System lands.>**

This oil or gas pipeline facility permit (the permit), dated #DATE#, is issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (the Forest Service), to #HOLDER\_NAME# of #HOLDER\_ADD\_LINE\_1#, #HOLDER\_ADD\_LINE\_2#, #HOLDER\_ADD\_LINE\_3#, #HOLDER\_CITY#, #HOLDER\_STATE# #HOLDER\_ZIP# (hereinafter "the holder").

**<USER NOTES FOR PURPOSE STATEMENT>**

**<For each pipeline facility authorized by this permit, include the applicable text in brackets, delete the inapplicable text in brackets, and delete the brackets.>**

This permit is issued for the purpose of:

[construction/reconstruction,] maintenance and operation of [a/an] [oil/natural gas/synthetic liquid fuel/synthetic gaseous fuel/other specified refined product] [gathering/distribution/transmission] pipeline that is [above-ground/buried [number] feet below ground], [number] inches in diameter, and constructed of [types of material] and that has a linear right-of-way width of [number] feet.

The linear right-of-way and access roads and trails for each oil or gas pipeline facility authorized by this permit shall be referred to collectively as "the permit area." A legal description and a map of the permit area for each oil or gas pipeline facility authorized by this permit are contained in Appendix B, and the access roads and trails for each oil or gas pipeline facility authorized by this permit are listed and identified on the map in Appendix C. The pipeline facility or facilities authorized by this permit shall be referred to collectively as "the pipeline facilities."

In addition, this permit gives the holder:

1. The right of ingress to and egress from the linear rights-of-way for the pipeline facilities along access roads and trails, listed in Appendix C, and the right to construct, reconstruct, and maintain access roads and trails, in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) All drawings for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of access roads and trails, as well as revisions to those drawings, must be prepared by a professional engineer (PE) or other qualified professional acceptable to the authorized officer. These drawings and drawing revisions must

have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as-built drawings, maps, or surveys upon completion of the work.

(b) The Forest Service does not have an obligation to maintain access roads and trails.

(c) The rights granted in paragraph 1 shall be subordinate to any right to use an access road or trail subsequently granted by the United States to a local public road authority for a public road, provided that the holder shall continue to have access to that right-of-way to operate and maintain the pipeline facilities, manage vegetation, and address public safety related to the pipeline facilities.

2. The right to install, maintain, and use gates and fences in the permit area with the prior written approval of the authorized officer. All gates shall have reflective markings in accordance with Forest Service Engineering Manual EM 7100-15.

The following appendices are attached to and incorporated into this permit:

APPENDIX A: Definitions

APPENDIX B: Maps, Legal Descriptions, Surveys, Plats, Site Plans, and Engineering Drawings of the Permit Area

APPENDIX C: List and Location of Access Roads and Trails and National Forest System Roads and National Forest System Trails Used by the Holder

APPENDIX D: Operating Plan

APPENDIX E: List and Location of Pipeline Facilities Other Than Access Roads and Trails

APPENDIX F. Initial and Follow-Up Environmental Site Assessments

APPENDIX G. Bonding

## **I. GENERAL TERMS**

**A. AUTHORITY.** This permit is issued pursuant to Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. 185, and 36 CFR Part 251, Subpart B, as amended, and is subject to their provisions.

**B. AUTHORIZED OFFICER.** The authorized officer is the Regional Forester, the Forest or Grassland Supervisor, a District Ranger, or the Station, Institute, or Area Director with delegated authority pursuant to Forest Service Manual 2700.

### **<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE I.C.>**

**<Section 28(n) of the Mineral Leasing Act limits the term of this permit to 30 years.>**

**C. TERM.** This permit shall expire at midnight on #EXPIRATION DATE#. Expiration of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation.

**D. CONTINUATION OF USE AND OCCUPANCY.** An application for a new permit for the pipeline facilities must be submitted at least 6 months before expiration of this permit. Prior to issuing a new permit for the pipeline facilities, the authorized officer shall require that the holder submit all plans, contracts and other agreements, and other information or material deemed necessary by the authorized officer to determine whether a new permit shall be issued and the terms that should be included in the new permit. Such information or material may include but is not limited to conditions for, and agreements among owners or operators, regarding the addition of pumping facilities, looping, or otherwise increasing the pipeline facilities' capacity in response to actual or anticipated increases in demand; conditions for adding or abandoning intake, offtake, or storage points or facilities; and minimum shipment or purchase tenders. Upon expiration of this permit, the authorized officer shall issue a new permit for the pipeline facilities, provided that (1) the holder desires to renew the use and occupancy; (2) the pipeline facilities are consistent with the applicable land management plan and applicable laws and regulations; (3) the

pipeline facilities are still being operated for the purposes previously authorized; and (4) the holder is in compliance with all the terms of this permit. The authorized officer may prescribe new terms when a new permit is issued.

**E. AMENDMENT.** The terms of this permit may be amended by the holder every 10 years from the date of issuance of this permit when, at the discretion of the grantor, such action is deemed necessary to incorporate new terms that may be required by law, regulation, or directive. Amendments to this permit made by the authorized officer must be in writing and must be signed and dated by the authorized officer. This permit also may be amended at any time by written agreement of the authorized officer and the holder. Amendments to this permit made by the authorized officer and the holder must be in writing and must be signed and dated by the authorized officer and the holder.

**F. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.** In exercising the rights and privileges granted by this permit, the holder shall comply with all present and future federal laws and regulations and all present and future state, county, and municipal laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that apply to the permit area, to the extent they do not conflict with federal law, regulation, or policy. The Forest Service assumes no responsibility for enforcing laws, regulations, and other legal requirements that fall under the jurisdiction of other governmental entities.

**G. RESERVATIONS.** All rights not specifically and exclusively granted to the holder are reserved to the Forest Service, including:

1. The right of access to the permit area, including a continuing right of physical entry to the permit area and pipeline facilities for inspection, monitoring, or any other purpose consistent with any right or obligation of the United States under any law or regulation.
2. The right to use, administer, and dispose of all natural resources and improvements in the permit area other than the pipeline facilities, including the right to use roads and trails and authorize rights-of-way and other uses in the permit area in any way that is not inconsistent with the holder's rights and privileges under this permit, after consultation with all parties involved. Except for any restrictions that the holder and the Forest Service agree are necessary to protect public health and safety, property, and the installation and operation of the pipeline facilities, the permit area shall remain open to the public for all lawful purposes.

**H. ASSIGNABILITY.** This permit is not assignable or transferable.

**I. TRANSFER OF TITLE TO THE IMPROVEMENTS**

1. Notification of Transfer. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a transfer of title to all or part of the pipeline facilities is planned.
2. Transfer of Title. Any transfer of title to the pipeline facilities shall result in termination of the permit. The party who acquires title to the pipeline facilities must submit an application for a permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires title to the pipeline facilities. The authorized officer shall determine that the applicant meets requirements under applicable federal regulations.

<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE I.J>

<Include the appropriate clause I.J depending on if the holder is a partnership or a corporation.  
Delete the remaining clause I.J.>

**J. PARTNERSHIP STATUS NOTIFICATION.** The holder shall notify the authorized officer within fifteen (15) days of the following changes:

1. Names of the individuals involved.

2. Partnership makeup changes due to the death, withdrawal, or addition of a partner.
3. Party or parties assigned financed interest in the partnership by existing partner(s).
4. Termination, reformation, or revision of the partnership agreement.
5. The acquisition of partnership interest, either through purchase of an interest from an existing partner or partners, or contribution of assets, that exceeds 50 percent of the partnership permanent investment.

**OR**

**J. CORPORATION STATUS NOTIFICATION.** The holder may furnish the authorized officer with the names and addresses of shareholders owning 3 percent or more of the shares, and number and percentage of any class of voting shares of the entity which such shareholder is authorized to vote. In addition, the holder shall notify the authorized officer within 15 days of the following changes:

1. Names of officers appointed or terminated.
2. Names of stockholders who acquire stock shares causing their ownership to exceed 50 percent of shares issued or who otherwise acquire controlling interest in the corporation.
3. A copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws.
4. An authenticated copy of a resolution of the board of directors specifically authorizing a certain individual or individuals to represent the holder in dealing with the Forest Service.
5. A list of officers and directors of the corporation and their addresses.
6. Upon request, a certified list of stockholders and amount of stock owned by each.
7. The authorized officer may, when necessary, require the holder to furnish additional information as set forth in 36 CFR 251.54(d)(2)(ii)(D).

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE I.K>  
<Delete clause I.K if the permit is not issued to a business entity.>**

**K. CHANGE IN CONTROL OF THE BUSINESS ENTITY**

1. Notification of Change in Control. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when a change in control of the business entity that holds this permit is planned.
  - (a) In the case of a corporation, control is an interest, beneficial or otherwise, of sufficient outstanding voting securities or capital of the business so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the corporation or election of a majority of the board of directors of the corporation.
  - (b) In the case of a partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, or individual entrepreneurship, control is a beneficial ownership of or interest in the entity or its capital so as to permit the exercise of managerial authority over the actions and operations of the entity.
  - (c) In other circumstances, control is any arrangement under which a third party has the ability to exercise management authority over the actions or operations of the business.
2. Effect of Change in Control. Any change in control of the business entity as defined in paragraph 1 of this clause shall result in termination of this permit. The party acquiring control must submit an

application for a special use permit. The Forest Service is not obligated to issue a new permit to the party who acquires control. The authorized officer shall determine whether the applicant meets the requirements established by applicable federal regulations.

## **II. IMPROVEMENTS**

**A. LIMITATIONS ON USE.** Nothing in this permit gives or implies permission to build or maintain any structure or facility or to conduct any activity unless specifically authorized by this permit. Any use not specifically authorized by this permit must be proposed in accordance with 36 CFR 251.54 or 251.61. Approval of such a proposed use through issuance of a new permit or permit amendment is at the sole discretion of the authorized officer.

**B. DRAWINGS.** All drawings for development, layout, construction, reconstruction, or alteration of improvements in the permit area, as well as revisions to those drawings, must be prepared by a professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or other qualified professional acceptable to the authorized officer. These drawings and drawing revisions must have written approval from the authorized officer before they are implemented. The authorized officer may require the holder to furnish as-built drawings, maps, or surveys upon completion of the work.

### **<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE II.C>**

**< Include clause II.C only if this permit authorizes construction or reconstruction as detailed in the purpose statement. Otherwise delete clause II.C and re-letter the clauses in section II.>**

**C. CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION.** Any construction or reconstruction authorized by this permit shall commence by #DATE#, and shall be completed by #DATE#.

### **<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE II.D>**

**<Section 28(d) of the Mineral Leasing Act limits the width of the linear right-of-way to 50 feet plus the National Forest System lands occupied by the pipeline facilities, unless the Secretary of Agriculture or the Chief of the Forest Service finds, and documents the reasons for the finding, that a wider linear right-of-way width is necessary for operation and maintenance of the pipeline facilities after construction or to protect the environment or public safety.>**

**D. RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH.** The width of the linear right-of-way authorized by this permit is limited to 50 feet, plus the National Forest System lands occupied by the pipeline facilities. The width of the linear right-of-way authorized by this permit is [number] feet.

**E. RELOCATION.** This permit is issued with the express understanding that should future location of federally owned improvements or road rights-of-way require relocation of the pipeline facilities, the relocation will be conducted by and at the expense of the holder within a reasonable period specified by the authorized officer.

## **III. OPERATIONS**

**A. PERIOD OF USE.** Use and occupancy of the permit area shall be exercised at least 240 days each year.

**B. CONDITION OF OPERATIONS.** The holder shall maintain the pipeline facilities and permit area to standards of repair, orderliness, neatness, sanitation, and safety acceptable to the authorized officer and consistent with other provisions of this permit. Standards are subject to periodic change by the authorized officer when deemed necessary to meet statutory, regulatory, or policy requirements or to protect National Forest System resources and the public.

**C. USE OF NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS.** The holder's use of National Forest System roads and National Forest System trails shall comply with applicable requirements in 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart A; 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart A; and orders issued under 36 CFR Part 261, Subpart B. Motor vehicle use shall be consistent with designations made under 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart B, unless specifically provided otherwise in the operating plan. Over-snow vehicle use shall be consistent with designations made under 36 CFR Part 212, Subpart C, unless specifically provided otherwise in the operating plan.

**D. OPERATING PLAN.** The holder shall, in consultation with the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative, prepare an operating plan that covers all operations authorized by this permit. The operating plan shall outline steps the holder will take to protect public health and safety and the environment and shall include sufficient detail and standards to enable the Forest Service to monitor the holder's operations for compliance with the terms of this permit. The operating plan shall be submitted by the holder and approved in writing by the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative prior to commencement of operations and shall be attached to this permit as appendix D. At least every 10 years from the approval date of the operating plan in Appendix D, the holder shall review and, as necessary or appropriate, propose updates to the operating plan to address changed conditions. Proposed updates to the operating plan that are deemed significant by the authorized officer shall be treated as proposed modifications and shall be submitted by the holder for review and approval by the authorized officer. Proposed updates that are deemed non-significant by the authorized officers may be made by written agreement of the holder and the authorized officer.

**E. RESERVATION OF EXCESS FIBER OPTIC CABLE CAPACITY AND LEASING**

1. Reservation of Excess Capacity. The holder may reserve fiber optic cable for the holder's expansion and may utilize the reserved fiber optic cable during the term of this permit without additional approval from the authorized officer. Leasing of fiber optic cable by third parties is not authorized by this permit, except as provided in clause III.E.2.

2. Leasing of the Holder's Fiber Optic Cable. Leasing of the holder's fiber optic cable to any third party or parties must have prior written approval from the authorized officer. The Forest Service reserves the right to disapprove the holder's requests to lease fiber optic cable. The holder shall remain responsible for any third party's compliance with all the terms of this permit. The holder shall ensure that any third-party lease include provisions requiring the third party to obtain liability insurance for the third party's use of the holder's fiber optic cable that includes the United States as an additional insured under the policy. The holder shall pay in advance a single, additional annual land use fee for leasing fiber optic cable, regardless of the holder's eligibility for a land use fee waiver or exemption and regardless of the number of third parties, in accordance with the linear right-of-way fee schedule in Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 30. The authorized officer shall determine the single, additional annual land use fee for leasing fiber optic cable using the length of the authorized linear right-of-way and a width of 10 feet. The authorized officer may request any information from the holder deemed necessary for proper administration of the leased fiber optic cable.

3. Leases Involving Communications Uses and Other Third-Party Uses Involving Pipeline Facilities. Leases involving communications uses that are owned by third parties (such as antennas or other communications uses owned by third parties that are attached to any part of the pipeline facilities) must have prior written approval from the authorized officer and must be authorized under a communications use authorization issued to the holder. Other third-party uses involving the pipeline facilities, such as installation of fiber optic cable on the pipeline facilities solely for use by third parties, must have prior written approval from the authorized officer and must be authorized under a separate special use authorization issued to the third party.

**F. CUTTING, DISPOSAL, AND PLANTING OF VEGETATION.** This permit does not authorize the cutting of trees, brush, shrubs, and other plants ("vegetation"). Vegetation may be cut, destroyed, or trimmed only after the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative has approved in writing and marked or otherwise identified what vegetation may be cut, disposed of, or trimmed. The holder shall notify the authorized officer when approved felling, pruning, or destruction of vegetation has been completed. The Forest Service shall determine in advance of felling the method of

disposal of trees felled in the permit area that meet utilization standards. Disposal may be by sale or without charge per 36 CFR Part 223, as may be most advantageous to the United States. Debris from felling that does not meet utilization standards shall also be disposed of according to methods determined by the Forest Service. Planting of vegetation in the permit area must have prior written approval from the authorized officer.

**G. GROUND SURFACE PROTECTION AND RESTORATION.** The holder shall prevent and control soil erosion and gully on National Forest System lands in and adjacent to the permit area resulting from construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of the pipeline facilities. The holder shall construct the pipeline facilities so as to avoid accumulation of excessive amounts of water in the permit area and encroachment on streams. The holder shall revegetate or otherwise stabilize (for example, by constructing a retaining wall) all ground where the soil has been exposed as a result of the holder's construction, maintenance, operation, or termination of the pipeline facilities.

**H. MONITORING BY THE FOREST SERVICE.** The Forest Service shall monitor the holder's operations and reserves the right to inspect the permit area and pipeline facilities at any time for compliance with the terms of this permit. The holder shall comply with inspection requirements deemed appropriate by the authorized officer. The holder's obligations under this permit are not contingent upon any duty of the Forest Service to inspect the permit area or pipeline facilities. A failure by the Forest Service or other governmental officials to inspect is not a justification for noncompliance with any of the terms of this permit.

**I. PIPELINE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.** The holder shall perform inspections annually to ensure compliance with safety, environmental, and resource protection requirements in this permit, including but not limited to the integrity of the pipeline facilities and linear right-of-way and leakage of hazardous material into soil or water. Sixty days after the inspection, the holder shall provide to the Forest Service a written inspection report that documents the locations and dates of inspection, any issues identified, and any remedies performed and the dates they were performed and that includes videos or photographs.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE III.J>**

**<Include the applicable bracketed phrase in clause III.J depending on whether the pipeline facilities are for oil or gas, delete the inapplicable bracketed phrase, and delete the brackets.>**

**J. PIPELINE STANDARDS AND PRACTICES.** All designs, materials, construction, operation, maintenance, and termination practices employed in connection with the pipeline facilities shall be in accordance with safe and proven engineering practices. In addition, all designs, materials, construction, operation, maintenance, and termination practices employed in connection with the pipeline facilities shall meet or exceed the requirements in 49 CFR Parts 191-196; Title 18, Chapter I, of the CFR, as applicable; and the latest edition of [ASME B31.4, Pipeline Transportation System for Liquids and Slurries] [ASME B31.8, Gas Transmission and Distribution Piping Systems]. Related mechanical facilities such as pumps, pump stations, and tanks shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained in accordance with applicable standard engineering practices and shall meet or exceed applicable engineering standards.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE III.K>**

**<Include clause III.K. for pipelines 6 inches or larger in diameter. For pipelines less than 6 inches in diameter, delete clause III.K and re-letter the remaining clauses in section III.>**

**K. PIPELINE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.** The pipeline facilities shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained under the supervision of, and certified by, a qualified PE licensed in the state in which the pipeline facilities are located. The holder may not operate the pipeline facilities until the holder has provided to the authorized officer written certification by the qualified PE who inspected construction that the pipeline facilities have been constructed in accordance with the standards specified in clause III.J and the authorized officer has provided written approval to the holder.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE III.L>**

**<Delete clause III.L and re-letter the remaining paragraph in section III if the permit is for a natural gas pipeline operated by an individual or entity subject to regulation under the Natural Gas Act, 15 U.S.C. 717 et seq., or by any public utility subject to regulation by a state or municipal regulatory agency with jurisdiction to regulate the rates and charges for the sale of natural gas to consumers in the state or municipality. Otherwise include clause III.L.>**

#### **L. COMMON CARRIER OBLIGATIONS**

1. The pipeline facilities shall be constructed, operated, and maintained as common carriers. The holder shall accept, convey, transport, or purchase without discrimination all oil or gas delivered to the pipeline facilities without regard to whether the oil or gas was produced from federal or non-federal lands. In the case of oil or gas produced from federal lands or resources on federal lands near the pipeline facilities, the Secretary of the Interior may, after giving notice to interested parties, conducting a hearing, and making a proper finding of facts, determine the proportionate amounts of oil or gas to be accepted, conveyed, transported, or purchased.

#### **<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE III.L.2>**

**<Include clause III.L.2 in permits for a natural gas pipeline. Otherwise delete clause III.L.2 and renumber the remaining paragraph in clause III.L.>**

2. Where natural gas that is not subject to state regulatory or conservation laws governing its purchase by the holder is offered for sale, the holder shall purchase without discrimination any such natural gas produced in the vicinity of the pipeline facilities.

3. Whenever the Secretary of the Interior has reason to believe that the holder is not operating the pipeline facilities in complete accord with its obligations as a common carrier, the Secretary of the Interior may request the Attorney General to prosecute an appropriate proceeding before the Secretary of Energy, Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC), any appropriate state agency, or the United States district court for the district in which all or part of the pipeline facilities are located to enforce the holder's common carrier obligations or to impose any penalty provided for noncompliance with those obligations, or the Secretary of the Interior may suspend or revoke this permit pursuant to clause VII.A.

#### **M. AUTHORIZED ABANDONMENT OR DEACTIVATION OF THE PIPELINE FACILITIES.**

Authorized abandonment or deactivation of the pipeline facilities, in whole or in part, shall be conducted in accordance with 49 CFR 192.727. The holder shall give prior written notice to the authorized officer in advance of authorized abandonment or deactivation of any of the pipeline facilities. The holder shall submit to the authorized officer and the Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration a plan to disconnect, purge, plug, and lock the pipeline facilities to be authorized abandoned or deactivated. The authorized officer shall decide whether the pipeline facilities to be subject to authorized abandonment must be removed and the permit area restored, or whether the pipeline facilities to be subject to authorized abandonment may remain in place. Pipeline facilities that are deactivated, and not subject to authorized abandonment, may be left in place for the purposes of future reactivation. The holder must receive approval from FERC before authorized abandonment or deactivation of any FERC pipeline. This permit shall terminate as to any pipeline facilities for which authorized abandonment or deactivation has been completed.

**N. PAID SICK LEAVE REQUIREMENT.** Executive Order 13706, *Establishing Paid Sick Leave for Federal Contractors*, and its implementing regulations, including the federal contractor paid sick leave clause at 29 CFR Part 13, Appendix A, are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.

**M. MINIMUM WAGE REQUIREMENT.** Executive Order 14026, *Increasing the Minimum Wage for Contractors*, and its implementing regulations, including the federal contractor minimum wage clause at 29 CFR Part 23, Appendix A, are incorporated by reference into this authorization as if fully set forth in this authorization.



#### **IV. RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES**

**A. LEGAL EFFECT OF THE PERMIT.** This permit, which is revocable and terminable, is not a contract or a lease, but rather a federal license. The benefits and requirements conferred by this authorization are reviewable solely under the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 214 and 5 U.S.C. 704. This permit does not constitute a contract for purposes of the Contract Disputes Act, 41 U.S.C. 601. The permit is not real property, does not convey any interest in real property, and may not be used as collateral for a loan.

**B. VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.** This permit is subject to all valid existing rights. Valid existing rights include those derived under mining and mineral leasing laws of the United States. The United States is not liable to the holder for the exercise of any such right.

**C. ABSENCE OF THIRD-PARTY BENEFICIARY RIGHTS.** The parties to this permit do not intend to confer any rights on any third party as a beneficiary under this permit.

**D. NO WARRANTY OF ACCESS, SITE SUITABILITY, OR SERVICES.** This permit authorizes the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands by the holder for the purposes identified in this permit. The Forest Service does not make any express or implied warranty of access to the permit area, of the suitability of the permit area for the authorized uses, or for the furnishing of road or trail maintenance, water, fire protection services, search and rescue services, or any other services by a government agency, utility, association, or individual.

#### **<USER NOTES FOR THE REMAINING CLAUSES IN SECTION IV>**

**<Include the following clauses IV.E through IV.K in permits issued to a non-federal entity unless otherwise directed by the user notes. Delete the following clauses IV.E through IV.L in permits issued to a federal entity.>**

**E. RISK OF LOSS.** The holder assumes all risk of loss to the pipeline facilities and all risk of loss of use and occupancy of the permit area, in whole or in part, due to public health and safety or environmental hazards. Loss to the pipeline facilities and of use and occupancy of the permit area may result from but is not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), environmental contamination, avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and other forces of nature. If all or part of the pipeline facilities are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the affected portions of the pipeline facilities can be safely used in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, this permit shall terminate as to those portions of the pipeline facilities. If the authorized officer determines that all or part of the permit area cannot be safely occupied due to a public health or safety or environmental hazard, this permit shall terminate as to those portions of the permit area. Termination under this clause shall not give rise to any claim for damages, including lost profits and the value of the pipeline facilities, by the holder against the Forest Service.

**F. DAMAGE TO UNITED STATES PROPERTY.** The holder has an affirmative duty to protect from damage the land, property, and other interests of the United States that are associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. Damage includes but is not limited to destruction of or damage to National Forest System lands, fire suppression costs, and destruction of or damage to federally owned improvements.

1. The holder shall be liable for all injury, loss, or damage, including fire suppression costs, prevention and control of the spread of invasive species, and the costs of rehabilitation or restoration of natural resources, resulting from the holder's use and occupancy of the permit area. Compensation shall include but not be limited to the value of resources damaged or destroyed, the costs of restoration, cleanup, or other mitigation, fire suppression or other types of abatement costs, and all associated administrative, legal (including attorney's fees), and other costs. Such costs may be deducted from a performance bond required under clause IV.J.

2. The holder shall be liable for damage to all roads and trails of the United States caused by use of the holder or the holder's heirs, assignees, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees to the same extent as provided under clause IV.F.1, except that liability shall not include reasonable and ordinary wear and tear.

**G. HEALTH AND SAFETY.** The holder shall take all measures necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring in connection with the authorized use and occupancy during the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to the health or safety of the public or the holder's employees, agents, or contractors. The holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with these procedures, activities, events, or conditions. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

#### **H. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

1. Compliance with Environmental Laws. The holder shall in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to those established pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the Oil Pollution Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*, CERCLA, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*, and the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*

2. Definition of Hazardous Material. For purposes of clause IV.G and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws.

3. Environmental Site Assessment (SA). The holder shall conduct an initial SA prior to use and occupancy of the permit area for any new authorized oil or gas pipeline facilities and a follow-up SA prior to termination or upon revocation of this permit. The initial and follow-up SAs shall be incorporated into this permit as Appendix F.

(a) Purposes. The purpose of the initial and follow-up SAs is to identify Recognized Environmental Conditions in the permit area, that is, the presence or likely presence of any hazardous substances or petroleum products in the permit area: (1) due to any release to the environment; (2) under conditions indicative of a release to the environment; or (3) under conditions that pose a material threat of a future release to the environment. A comparison of the initial and follow-up SAs shall assist the authorized officer in determining whether any environmental cleanup or restoration is required as a result of the use and occupancy. Any cleanup or restoration shall be completed promptly by the holder in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the Forest Service.

(b) Standard. All SAs must be conducted by the holder's environmental professional with the requisite certification and experience and must meet the objectives and performance factors of 40 CFR Part 312, Innocent Landowners, *Standards for Conducting All Appropriate Inquiries*. The holder may use the most recent version of The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) guideline referenced in 40 CFR 312.11(a), entitled *Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site*

*Assessment Process*, or select an alternate practice that constitutes all appropriate inquiries consistent with good commercial and customary practices.

(c) Exceptions. If a new permit will be issued to the same holder upon expiration of this permit, the follow-up SA shall satisfy the requirement for an initial SA for the new permit. Initial and follow-up SAs are not required when this permit is revoked at the request of the holder and a new permit is granted to the holder for the balance of this permit's term or when this permit is reissued for the balance of its term to the holder due to a modification pursuant to 36 CFR 251.61(a), provided that an initial SA shall be completed in either of these scenarios if one has not been done by the holder.

(d) Cleanup or Other Remedial Action Based on the Initial SA. If the initial SA shows that a hazardous substance release is present in the permit area, the holder shall be responsible for any cleanup or other remedial action that the Forest Service determines to be required in the permit area based on the initial SA. The level of cleanup or other remedial action shall be commensurate with the holder's intended use and occupancy of the permit area for the new authorized pipeline facilities and shall be completed before that use and occupancy commence.

4. Oil Discharges and Release of Hazardous Materials. The holder shall immediately notify all appropriate response authorities, including the National Response Center and the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative, of any oil discharge or of the release of a hazardous material in the permit area in an amount greater than or equal to its reportable quantity, in accordance with 33 CFR Part 153 and 40 CFR Part 302. For the purposes of this requirement, "oil" is defined by section 311(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(1). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative of any release or threatened release of any hazardous material in or near the permit area which may be harmful to public health or welfare or which may adversely affect natural resources on federal lands.

5. Remediation of Release of Hazardous Materials. The holder shall remediate any release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials that occurs in connection with the holder's activities in the permit area, including activities conducted by the holder's agents, employees, contractors, or lessees and regardless of whether those activities are authorized under this permit. The holder shall perform remediation in accordance with applicable law immediately upon discovery of the release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials. The holder shall perform the remediation to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the United States. Upon revocation or termination of this permit, the holder shall deliver the site to the Forest Service in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and free and clear of contamination.

#### **<USER NOTES FOR STATES>**

**<If the holder is a state or a political subdivision of a state that has shown that state law limits its liability or obligation to indemnify, follow the direction in FSH 2709.11, Chapter 50.>**

**I. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES.** The holder shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States for any costs, damages, claims, liabilities, and judgments arising from past, present, and future acts or omissions of the holder in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. This indemnification and hold harmless provision includes but is not limited to acts and omissions of the holder or the holder's heirs, assignees, agents, employees, contractors, or lessees in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit which result in (1) violations of any laws and regulations which are now or which may in the future become applicable; (2) judgments, claims, demands, penalties, or fees assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, and damages incurred by the United States; or (4) the release or threatened release of any hazardous material into the environment. The authorized officer may prescribe terms that allow the holder to replace, repair, restore, or otherwise undertake necessary curative actions to mitigate damages in combination with or as an alternative to monetary indemnification.

**J. STRICT LIABILITY.** The holder shall be strictly liable (liable without proof of negligence) to the United States up to the limit specified in 36 CFR 251.56(d)(2), as amended, per occurrence for any injury, loss, or damage arising in tort under this permit. Liability in tort for injury, loss, or damage to the United States exceeding the prescribed amount of strict liability in tort shall be determined under the law of negligence.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE IV.K.>**

**<Include the first clause IV.K, and delete the second clause IV.K, unless the holder is unable to provide coverage for the United States under a primary commercial general liability insurance policy and the holder meets all the insurance requirements in the second clause IV.K. In those circumstances, include the second clause IV.K, and delete the first clause IV.K.>**

**K. INSURANCE.** The holder shall furnish proof of insurance, such as a certificate of insurance, to the authorized officer prior to issuance of this permit and each year thereafter that this permit is in effect. The Forest Service reserves the right to review the insurance policy and require any changes needed to ensure adequate coverage of the United States in connection with the authorized use and occupancy. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of any insurance policy obtained pursuant to this clause to the authorized officer immediately upon issuance of the policy. Any insurance policies obtained by the holder pursuant to this clause shall include the United States as an additional insured in an endorsement to the policy, and the additional insured provision shall provide for insurance coverage for the United States as required under this clause and to the extent of the full limits of insurance available to the holder. The holder shall give 30 days prior written notice to the authorized officer of cancellation of or any modification to the insurance policy. The certificate of insurance, the authenticated copy of the insurance policy, and written notice of cancellation or modification of insurance policies should be sent to [mailing address of administering office]. Minimum amounts of coverage and other insurance requirements are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer on the anniversary date of this permit.

1. The holder shall have in force liability insurance covering losses associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of \$2 million as a combined single limit per occurrence and \$5 million in the aggregate for each of the pipeline facilities authorized by this permit.
2. Depending on the holder's operations, the Forest Service may require the holder to demonstrate the availability of funds to address any release or threatened release of hazardous materials that may occur in connection with the holder's use and occupancy. Any requirements imposed would be established case by case by the authorized officer based on the degree of environmental risk from the holder's operations. The use and storage of normal maintenance supplies in nominal amounts generally would not trigger financial assurance requirements.

**<Include the following clause IV.K only if (1) the holder is unable to provide coverage for the United States under a primary commercial general liability insurance policy; and (2) the holder meets all insurance requirements in the following clause IV.K. Delete the preceding clause IV.K.>**

**K. INSURANCE**

1. **Source of Funding for Insurance.** The holder is required to obtain approval for the rates it charges the public for oil or gas in a manner that ensures that the holder is provided the opportunity to recover its costs, plus a fair return on capital investment. Included in the holder's recovery of costs are liabilities that the holder may incur under this permit, including indemnification and self-insurance requirements for third-party liability claims and related claims and legal expenses incurred by the holder.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE IV.K.2>**

**<Include the following clause IV.K.2 if the holder self-insures up to a single limit, regardless of the type of claim, and has a single excess commercial general liability insurance policy for claims above the holder's self-insurance limit. Delete the remaining clause IV.K.2.>**

2. Self-Insurance and Procured Insurance. As part of its cost recovery, the holder self-insures for third-party liability for up to \$#AMOUNT# million. The holder has a commercial general liability (CGL) insurance policy for claims above \$#AMOUNT# million. The holder shall self-insure for losses associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of \$2 million as a combined single limit per occurrence and \$5 million in the aggregate for each of the pipeline facilities authorized by this permit. The minimum amounts of self-insurance specified in this clause do not limit or otherwise affect in any way the holder's obligation under this permit to indemnify the United States for injury, loss, or damage. The holder's self-insurance and CGL insurance policy above the minimum amounts of insurance specified in this clause may need to be utilized to meet the holder's indemnification obligation under this permit. Any insurance policies obtained by the holder pursuant to this clause shall include the United States as an additional insured in an endorsement to the policy, and the additional insured provision shall provide for insurance coverage for the United States as required under this clause and to the extent of the full limits of insurance available to the holder. Minimum amounts of insurance coverage and other insurance requirements are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer on the anniversary date of this permit. The holder shall furnish proof of its self-insurance and CGL insurance policy, such as a certificate of insurance, to the authorized officer prior to issuance of this permit and each year thereafter that this permit is in effect. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of its CGL insurance policy to the authorized officer before issuance of this permit. The Forest Service reserves the right to review the self-insurance and CGL insurance policy and require any changes needed to ensure adequate coverage of the United States in connection with the authorized use and occupancy.

**<Include the following clause IV.K.2 if the holder self-insures up to a separate limit for non-wildfire claims and a separate limit for wildfire claims, and has a separate CGL insurance policy for non-wildfire claims and a separate CGL insurance policy for wildfire claims. Delete the preceding clause IV.K.2.>**

2. Self-Insurance and Procured Insurance. As part of its cost recovery, the holder self-insures for third-party liability for up to \$#AMOUNT# million for non-wildfire claims and up to \$#AMOUNT# million for wildfire claims. The holder has a commercial general liability (CGL) insurance policy for non-wildfire claims above \$#AMOUNT# million and wildfire claims above \$#AMOUNT# million. The holder shall self-insure for losses associated with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit arising from personal injury or death and third-party property damage in the minimum amount of \$2 million as a combined single limit per occurrence and \$5 million in the aggregate for each of the pipeline facilities authorized by this permit. The minimum amounts of self-insurance specified in this clause do not limit or otherwise affect in any way the holder's obligation under this permit to indemnify the United States for injury, loss, or damage. The holder's self-insurance and CGL insurance policy above the minimum amounts of insurance specified in this clause may need to be utilized to meet the holder's indemnification obligation under this permit. Any insurance policies obtained by the holder pursuant to this clause shall include the United States as an additional insured in an endorsement to the policy, and the additional insured provision shall provide for insurance coverage for the United States as required under this clause and to the extent of the full limits of insurance available to the holder. Minimum amounts of insurance coverage and other insurance requirements are subject to change at the sole discretion of the authorized officer on the anniversary date of this permit. The holder shall furnish proof of its self-insurance and CGL insurance policy, such as a certificate of insurance, to the authorized officer prior to issuance of this permit and each year thereafter that this permit is in effect. The holder shall send an authenticated copy of its CGL insurance policy to the authorized officer before issuance of this permit. The Forest Service reserves the right to review the self-insurance and CGL insurance policy and require any changes needed to ensure adequate coverage of the United States in connection with the authorized use and occupancy.

3. Notice of Cancellation or Modification. The holder shall give 30 days prior written notice to the authorized officer of cancellation or modification of the holder's self-insurance or CGL insurance policy. Written notice of cancellation or modification of the self-insurance or CGL insurance policy should be sent to [mailing address of administering office].

4. Release of Hazardous Materials. Depending on the holder's operations, the Forest Service may require the holder to demonstrate the availability of funds to address any release or threatened release of hazardous materials that may occur in connection with the holder's use and occupancy. Any requirements imposed would be established case by case by the authorized officer based on the degree of environmental risk from the holder's operations. The use and storage of normal maintenance supplies in nominal amounts generally would not trigger financial assurance requirements.

**L. BONDING.** The authorized officer shall require the holder to furnish a surety bond or other security for any of the obligations imposed by the terms of this permit or any applicable law, regulation, or order.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE IV.L.1>**

**<Include the text in brackets if the permit authorizes construction or reconstruction. Otherwise, delete the phrase in brackets. Delete the brackets.>**

1. As a further guarantee of compliance with the terms of this permit, the holder shall deliver and maintain a surety bond or other acceptable security, such as cash deposited and maintained in a federal depository or negotiable securities of the United States, in the amount of #AMOUNT# to secure the holder's obligation to restore the permit area [after construction or reconstruction and] upon abandonment or deactivation of the pipeline facilities and revocation or termination of this permit without issuance of a new permit. The holder shall submit to the authorized officer an estimate of the cost of removal of the pipeline facilities from National Forest System lands and restoration of the permit area for purposes of the authorized officer's determination of the amount of the bond."

2. The authorized officer may periodically evaluate the adequacy of the bond or other security and increase or decrease the amount as appropriate. If the bond or other security becomes unsatisfactory to the authorized officer, the holder shall within 30 days of demand furnish a new bond or other security issued by a surety that is solvent and satisfactory to the authorized officer. If the holder fails to meet any of the requirements secured under this clause, money deposited pursuant to this clause shall be retained by the United States to the extent necessary to satisfy the obligations secured under this clause, without prejudice to any other rights and remedies of the United States.

3. The bond shall be released or other security returned 30 days after (a) the authorized officer certifies that the obligations covered by the bond or other security are met and (b) the holder establishes to the satisfaction of the authorized officer that all claims for labor and material for the secured obligations have been paid or released.

4. The holder may be required to obtain additional bonding or security prior to undertaking additional construction or alteration not covered by the bond or other security or when the pipeline facilities are to be removed and the permit area restored.

**<USER NOTES FOR FEDERAL ENTITIES>**

**<When issuing a permit to a federal entity, use the following clauses IV.E through IV.G and delete clauses IV.E through IV.L above.>**

**E. RISK OF LOSS.** The holder assumes all risk of loss to the authorized improvements and all risk of loss of use and occupancy of the permit area, in whole or in part, due to public health and safety or environmental hazards. Loss to the authorized improvements and of use and occupancy of the permit area may result from but is not limited to theft, vandalism, fire and any fire-fighting activities (including prescribed burns), environmental contamination, avalanches, rising waters, winds, falling limbs or trees, and other forces of nature. If any authorized improvements are destroyed or substantially damaged, the authorized officer shall conduct an analysis to determine whether the authorized improvements can be safely occupied in the future and whether rebuilding should be allowed. If rebuilding is not allowed, this permit shall terminate. If the authorized officer determines that the permit area cannot be safely occupied due to a public health or safety or environmental hazard, this permit shall terminate. Termination under

this clause shall not give rise to any claim for damages, including lost profits and the value of the improvements, by the holder against the Forest Service.

**F. HEALTH AND SAFETY.** The holder shall take all measures necessary to protect the health and safety of all persons affected by the use and occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall promptly abate as completely as possible and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations any physical or mechanical procedure, activity, event, or condition existing or occurring in connection with the authorized use and occupancy during the term of this permit that causes or threatens to cause a hazard to the health or safety of the public or the holder's employees, agents, or contractors. The holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of all serious accidents that occur in connection with these procedures, activities, events, or conditions. The Forest Service has no duty under the terms of this permit to inspect the permit area or operations of the holder for hazardous conditions or compliance with health and safety standards.

**G. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

1. Compliance with Environmental Laws. The holder shall in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit comply with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, including but not limited to those established pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*, the Oil Pollution Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*, the Toxic Substances Control Act, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*, and the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*

2. Definition of Hazardous Material. For purposes of clause IV.G and section V, "hazardous material" shall mean (a) any hazardous substance under section 101(14) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601(14); (b) any pollutant or contaminant under section 101(33) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(33); (c) any petroleum product or its derivative, including fuel oil, and waste oils; and (d) any hazardous substance, extremely hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous waste, ignitable, reactive or corrosive materials, pollutant, contaminant, element, compound, mixture, solution or substance that may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment under any applicable environmental laws.

3. Oil Discharges and Release of Hazardous Materials. The holder shall immediately notify all appropriate response authorities, including the National Response Center and the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative, of any oil discharge or of the release of a hazardous material in the permit area in an amount greater than or equal to its reportable quantity, in accordance with 33 CFR Part 153 and 40 CFR Part 302. For the purposes of this requirement, "oil" is as defined by section 311(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1321(a)(1). The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer or the authorized officer's designated representative of any release or threatened release of any hazardous material in or near the permit area which may be harmful to public health or welfare or which may adversely affect natural resources on federal lands.

4. Remediation of Release of Hazardous Materials. The holder shall remediate any release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials that occurs in connection with the holder's activities in the permit area, including activities conducted by the holder's agents, employees, or contractors and regardless of whether those activities are authorized under this permit. The holder shall perform remediation in accordance with applicable law immediately upon discovery of the release, threat of release, or discharge of hazardous materials. The holder shall perform the remediation to the satisfaction of the authorized officer and at no expense to the Forest Service. Upon revocation or termination of this permit, the holder shall deliver the site to the Forest Service in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and free and clear of contamination.

## **V. RESOURCE PROTECTION**

**A. WATER POLLUTION.** No waste or by-product shall be discharged into water in connection with the use and occupancy authorized by this permit except in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental and other laws. Storage facilities for materials capable of causing water pollution, if accidentally discharged, shall be located so as to prevent any spillage into waters or channels leading into water except in full compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local environmental and other laws.

**B. SCENIC VALUES.** The holder shall protect the scenic values of the permit area and the adjacent land to the greatest extent possible during construction, operation, and maintenance of the authorized improvements.

**C. VANDALISM.** The holder shall take reasonable measures to prevent and discourage vandalism and disorderly conduct and, when necessary, shall contact the appropriate law enforcement officer.

### **D. PESTICIDE USE**

1. Authorized Officer Concurrence. Pesticides may not be used outside of buildings in the permit area to control pests, including undesirable woody and herbaceous vegetation (including aquatic plants), insects, birds, rodents, or fish without prior written concurrence of the authorized officer. Only those products registered or otherwise authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and appropriate state authority for the specific purpose planned shall be authorized for use within areas on National Forest System lands.

2. Pesticide-Use Proposal. Requests for concurrence of any planned uses of pesticides shall be provided in advance using the Pesticide-Use Proposal (form FS-2100-2). Annually the holder shall, on the due date established by the authorized officer, submit requests for any new, or continued, pesticide usage. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall cover a 12-month period of planned use. The Pesticide-Use Proposal shall be submitted at least 60 days in advance of pesticide application. Information essential for review shall be provided in the form specified. Exceptions to this schedule may be allowed, subject to emergency request and approval, only when unexpected outbreaks of pests require control measures which were not anticipated at the time a Pesticide-Use Proposal was submitted.

3. Safety Plan. Before applying pesticides in the permit area, the holder shall submit to the authorized officer a safety plan that includes, at a minimum, a precise statement of the treatment objectives; a description of the equipment, materials, and supplies to be used, including pesticide formulation, quantities, and application methods; a description of the lines of responsibility for project planning, project monitoring, and after-action review; a description of any necessary interagency coordination; a copy of the current Pesticide-Use Proposal for the permit; a description of the process by which treatment effectiveness will be determined; and a spill plan, communications plan, security plan, and when required by applicable local requirements, a provision for prior notification to sensitive individuals.

4. Reporting. By September 30th annually, the holder shall submit to the authorized officer a written report of each pesticide application project completed during the previous 12-month period. The report shall contain information pertaining to the pesticide application projects as requested by the authorized officer.

5. Labeling, Laws, and Regulations. Label instructions and all applicable laws and regulations shall be strictly followed in the application of pesticides and disposal of excess materials and containers. No pesticide waste, excess materials, or containers shall be disposed of in any area administered by the Forest Service.

**E. ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL DISCOVERIES.** The holder shall immediately notify the authorized officer of any antiquities or other objects of historic or scientific interest, including but not limited to historic or prehistoric ruins, fossils, or artifacts discovered in connection with the use and



occupancy authorized by this permit. The holder shall leave these discoveries intact and in place until otherwise directed by the authorized officer.

**F. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA).** In accordance with 25 U.S.C. 3002(d) and 43 CFR 10.4, if the holder inadvertently discovers human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony on National Forest System lands, the holder shall immediately cease work in the area of the discovery and shall leave the discoveries intact and in place. The holder shall follow the applicable NAGPRA protocols for the undertaking provided in the NAGPRA plan of action or the NAGPRA comprehensive agreement; if there are no such agreed-upon protocols, the holder shall as soon as practicable notify the authorized officer of the discovery and shall follow up with written confirmation of the discovery. The activity that resulted in the inadvertent discovery may not resume until 30 days after the authorized officer certifies receipt of the written confirmation, if resumption of the activity is otherwise lawful, or at any time if a NAGPRA plan of action has been executed by the Forest Service following tribal consultation and any preconditions have been met.

**G. PROTECTION OF THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES, SENSITIVE SPECIES, AND SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN AND THEIR HABITAT**

1. Threatened and Endangered Species and Their Habitat. The location of sites within the permit area needing special measures for protection of plants or animals listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*, as amended, or within designated critical habitat shall be shown on a map in an appendix to this permit and may be shown on the ground. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects on listed species or designated critical habitat affected by the authorized use and occupancy. All activities on National Forest System lands shall be consistent with the applicable land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR 219.15. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat not shown on the map in the appendix shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be added to the map.

2. Sensitive Species and Species of Conservation Concern and Their Habitat. The location of sites within the permit area needing special measures for protection of plants or animals designated by the Regional Forester as sensitive species pursuant to FSM 2670 or as species of conservation concern pursuant to FSH 1909.12, Chapter 10, shall be shown on a map in an appendix to this permit and may be shown on the ground. The holder shall take any protective and mitigation measures specified by the authorized officer as necessary and appropriate to avoid or reduce effects on sensitive species or species of conservation concern or their habitat affected by the authorized use and occupancy. All activities on National Forest System lands shall be consistent with the applicable land management plan pursuant to 36 CFR 219.15. Discovery by the holder or the Forest Service of other sites within the permit area containing sensitive species or species of conservation concern or their habitat not shown on the map in the appendix shall be promptly reported to the other party and shall be added to the map.

**H. CONSENT TO STORE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.** The holder shall not store any hazardous materials at the site without prior written approval from the authorized officer. This approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. If the authorized officer provides approval, this permit shall include or, in the case of approval provided after this permit is issued, shall be amended to include specific terms addressing the storage of hazardous materials, including the specific type of materials to be stored, the volume, the type of storage, and a spill or release prevention and control plan. Such terms shall be proposed by the holder and are subject to approval by the authorized officer.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSES V.H.1 THROUGH V.H.4>  
<Add clauses V.H.1 through V.H.4 when consenting to store hazardous materials.  
Otherwise, omit them.>**

1. If the holder receives consent to store hazardous material, the holder shall identify to the Forest Service any hazardous material to be stored at the site. This identifying information shall be consistent with column (1) of the table of hazardous materials and special provisions enumerated at 49 CFR 172.101 whenever the hazardous material appears in that table. For hazard communication purposes, the holder shall maintain Material Safety Data Sheets for any stored hazardous chemicals, consistent with 29 CFR 1910.1200(c) and (g). In addition, all hazardous materials stored by the holder shall be used, labeled, stored, transported, and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Any hazardous material transportation and disposal manifests shall clearly identify the holder as the generator of the hazardous waste.

2. If hazardous materials are used or stored at the site, the authorized officer may require the holder to deliver and maintain a surety bond in accordance with clause IV.J.

3. The holder shall not release any hazardous material onto land or into rivers, streams, impoundments, or natural or artificial channels leading to them. All prudent and safe attempts must be made to contain any release of these materials. The authorized officer in charge may specify specific conditions that must be met, including conditions more stringent than federal, state, and local regulations, to prevent releases and protect natural resources.

4. If the holder uses or stores hazardous materials at the site, upon revocation or termination of this permit the holder shall provide the Forest Service with a report certified by a professional or professionals acceptable to the Forest Service that the permit area is uncontaminated by the presence of hazardous materials and that there has not been a release or discharge of hazardous materials upon the permit area, into surface water at or near the permit area, or into groundwater below the permit area during the term of the permit. If a release or discharge has occurred, the professional or professionals shall document and certify that the release or discharge has been fully remediated and that the permit area is in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

**J. FEDERAL SURVEY MONUMENTS, CORNERS, and BOUNDARY MARKERS.** The holder shall protect in place all federal survey monuments, corners, and boundary markers in the permit area. If any federal survey monuments, corners, or boundary markers in the permit area are destroyed or modified, the holder shall ensure that they are reestablished or corrected in accordance with (1) the Manual of Instructions for the Survey of the Public Land of the United States; (2) the applicable county surveyor's specifications; and (3) the specifications of the Forest Service, as applicable. The holder shall ensure that any official survey records that were affected due to the destruction or modification of any federal survey monuments, corners, or boundary markers are amended in accordance with applicable law. Nothing in this clause shall relieve the holder of liability for the willful destruction or modification of any federal survey monuments, corners, or boundary markers as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1858.

## **VI. LAND USE FEE AND DEBT COLLECTION**

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE VI.A>**

**<READ ALL USER NOTES BEFORE MAKING A SELECTION.>**

**<Include the applicable clause VI.A and delete the remaining options for clause VI.A.>**

**<Include the following clause VI.A when the holder is exempt from a land use fee. Delete clauses VI.B and VI.C.>**

**A. LAND USE FEE FOR HOLDER'S USE AND OCCUPANCY.** The holder is exempt from a land use fee pursuant to 36 CFR 251.57 and Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 30.

**<Include the following clause VI.A when the holder's land use fee is waived. Document the land use fee waiver in SUDS.>**

**A. LAND USE FEE FOR HOLDER'S USE AND OCCUPANCY.** The holder's land use fee has been waived pursuant to 36 CFR 251.57 and Forest Service Handbook 2709.11, Chapter 30. The authorized officer reserves the right to review the land use fee waiver determination periodically and to charge all or part of the land use fee if the waiver is no longer appropriate.

**<Calculate the land use fee using the linear right-of-way fee schedule in FSH 2709.11, Chapter 30, section 35.41, exhibits 1 and 2.>**

**A. LAND USE FEE FOR HOLDER'S USE AND OCCUPANCY.** Per 42 U.S.C. 15925, the holder shall pay in advance an annual land use fee as determined in accordance with the Per Acre Rent Schedule established by 43 CFR 2806.20. The initial annual land use fee shall be prorated if less than 6 months in the calendar year remain on the date this permit is issued. Otherwise, the holder shall pay the entire initial annual land use fee.

**B. MODIFICATION OF THE LAND USE FEE.** The land use fee may be revised whenever necessary to reflect the market value of the authorized use or occupancy or when the fee system used to calculate the land use fee is modified or replaced.

**C. LAND USE FEE PAYMENTS**

1. Crediting of Payments. Payments shall be credited on the date received by the deposit facility, except that if a payment is received on a non-workday, the payment shall not be credited until the next workday.

2. Disputed Land Use Fees. Land use fees are due and payable by the due date. Disputed land use fees, other than land use fees recalculated pursuant to an audit, must be paid in full. Adjustments will be made if dictated by an administrative appeal decision, a court decision, or settlement terms.

3. Late Payments

(a) Interest. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717 *et seq.*, interest shall be charged on any land use fee not paid within 30 days from the date it became due. The rate of interest assessed shall be the higher of the Prompt Payment Act rate or the rate of the current value of funds to the United States Treasury (i.e., the Treasury tax and loan account rate), as prescribed and published annually or quarterly by the Secretary of the Treasury in the *Federal Register* and the Treasury Fiscal Requirements Manual Bulletins. Interest on the principal shall accrue from the date the land use fee is due.

(b) Administrative Costs. If the account becomes delinquent, administrative costs to cover processing and handling the delinquency shall be assessed.

(c) Penalties. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717(e)(2), a penalty of 6% per year shall be assessed on the total amount of any debt, including interest and administrative costs, that is more than 90 days delinquent. The penalty shall accrue from the same date on which interest charges begin to accrue.

(d) Termination for Nonpayment. This permit shall terminate if the holder fails to pay any land use fee, interest, or any other charges within 90 calendar days of the due date. The holder shall remain responsible for the delinquent charges.

4. Administrative Offset and Credit Reporting. Delinquent land use fees and other charges associated with this permit shall be subject to all rights and remedies afforded the United States pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3711 *et seq.* and its implementing regulations. Delinquencies are subject to any or all of the following:

(a) Administrative offset of payments due the holder from the Forest Service.

(b) If in excess of 120 days, referral to the United States Department of the Treasury for appropriate collection action as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3711(g)(1) and its implementing regulations.

(c) Offset by the Secretary of the Treasury of any amount due the holder, as provided by 31 U.S.C. 3720A *et seq.*

(d) Disclosure to consumer or commercial credit reporting agencies.

## **VII. REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, AND TERMINATION**

### **A. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION**

1. The authorized officer may revoke or suspend this permit in whole or in part:

(a) For noncompliance with applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations, other than the common carrier provisions in 30 U.S.C. 185(r), which are enforced by the Secretary of the Interior.

(b) For noncompliance with the terms of this permit, other than the common carrier provisions in clause III.L, which are enforced by the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) For unauthorized abandonment of this permit. Failure of the holder to use the permit area for a continuous 2-year period shall constitute a rebuttable presumption of abandonment of this permit. Authorized abandonment under clause III.N is not subject to revocation or suspension under clause VII.A.1(c)

(d) At the discretion of the authorized officer, for specific and compelling reasons in the public interest.

2. The authorized officer may revoke this permit at the request of the holder. Revocation at the request of the holder must be agreed to in writing by the authorized officer. As a condition of revocation of this permit at the request of the holder, the authorized officer has discretion to impose any terms deemed appropriate as provided for in this permit.

3. Prior to revocation or suspension, other than revocation at the request of the holder under clause VII.A.2 or immediate suspension under clause VII.B, the authorized officer or, for common carrier provisions, the Secretary of the Interior shall give the holder written notice of the grounds for revocation or suspension and a reasonable period, not to exceed 120 days, to cure any noncompliance.

**B. PREREQUISITES FOR REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION.** Except for revocation at the request of the holder under clause VII.A.2 and immediate suspension under clause VII.C, the authorized officer may not revoke or suspend this permit unless:

1. The authorized officer has given the holder written notice of the grounds for revocation or suspension and a reasonable period, not to exceed 90 days, to cure any noncompliance; and

2. After an administrative appeal conducted pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, Subpart H, as amended, or regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Interior, as applicable, the authorized officer makes a finding that grounds for revocation or suspension exist and that revocation or suspension is justified, provided that a formal adjudicatory proceeding is not required for revocation or suspension of this permit if a rebuttable presumption of abandonment of this permit arises due to circumstances that are not within the holder's control.

**C. REVOCATION FOR SPECIFIC AND COMPELLING REASONS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.** The authorized officer may revoke this permit during its term if the Forest Service determines based on a land management planning decision that the use and occupancy authorized by this permit should be changed for specific and compelling reasons in the public interest, other than a determination under clause IV.E that the powerline facilities or the permit area cannot be safely occupied. Prior to revoking the permit under this clause, the authorized officer shall give the holder 90 days written notice, provided that the

authorized officer may prescribe a shorter notice period if justified by the public interest. The Forest Service shall then have the right to remove or relocate the powerline facilities, to require the holder to remove or relocate them, or to purchase them. Removal or relocation by the Forest Service of the powerline facilities shall be accepted by the holder in full satisfaction of all claims against the United States under this clause. If the Forest Service requires the holder to remove or relocate the powerline facilities or purchases them, the Forest Service shall be obligated to pay the lesser of (1) the cost of removal or relocation of the powerline facilities or (2) the value of the powerline facilities as determined by the Forest Service through an appraisal of their replacement cost, less an allowance for depreciation of all types. If that amount is fixed by agreement between the authorized officer and the holder, that amount shall be accepted by the holder in full satisfaction of all claims against the United States under this clause. If agreement is not reached, the authorized officer shall determine the amount to be paid, which shall be set forth in the revocation decision. A payment made pursuant to this clause is subject to the availability of appropriations. Nothing in this permit implies that Congress will appropriate funds to cover a deficiency in appropriations.

**D. IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION.** The authorized officer may immediately suspend this permit in whole or in part when necessary to protect public health or safety or the environment. The suspension decision shall be in writing. The holder may request an on-site review with the authorized officer's supervisor of the adverse conditions prompting the suspension. The authorized officer's supervisor shall grant this request within 48 hours. Following the on-site review, the authorized officer's supervisor shall promptly affirm, modify, or cancel the suspension.

**E. APPEALS AND REMEDIES.** Written decisions by the authorized officer relating to administration of this permit, other than revocation or suspension decisions, are subject to administrative appeal pursuant to 36 CFR Part 214, as amended. Revocation and suspension of this authorization by the authorized officer are subject to administrative proceedings pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, Subpart H, as amended. Revocation and suspension of this authorization by the Secretary of the Interior are subject to administrative proceedings pursuant to regulations promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Interior. A formal adjudicatory proceeding is not required for revocation or suspension of this permit if a rebuttable presumption of abandonment of this permit arises due to circumstances that are not within the holder's control. Revocation or suspension of this permit shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service or the Secretary of the Interior.

**F. TERMINATION.** This permit shall terminate when by its terms a fixed or agreed upon condition, event, or time occurs without any action by the authorized officer. For example, this permit terminates upon expiration or upon the written agreement of the Forest Service and the holder. Termination of this permit shall not require notice, a decision document, or any environmental analysis or other documentation. Termination of this permit is not subject to administrative appeal and shall not give rise to any claim for damages by the holder against the Forest Service. This permit shall terminate upon the written agreement of the Forest Service and the holder.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE VII.G>**

**<Include the following clause VII.G in permits issued to a non-federal entity and delete the remaining clause VII.G.>**

**G. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT.** Upon revocation of this permit or termination of this permit without issuance of a new permit, the holder shall remove all structures and improvements in the permit area, except those owned by the United States, within a reasonable period prescribed by the authorized officer and shall restore the permit area to the satisfaction of the authorized officer. Before removing the pipeline facilities, the holder shall submit to the authorized officer a proposed rehabilitation plan, and the rehabilitation plan must be approved in writing by the authorized officer. If the holder fails to remove all structures or improvements in the permit area within the prescribed period, they shall become the property of the United States and may be sold, destroyed, or otherwise disposed of without any liability to the United States. The holder shall remain liable for all costs associated with their removal, including

costs of sale and impoundment, cleanup, and restoration of the permit area. The holder is obligated to satisfy requirements

**<Include the following clause VII.H in permits issued to a federal entity and delete the preceding clause VII.H.>**

**H. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UPON REVOCATION OR TERMINATION WITHOUT ISSUANCE OF A NEW PERMIT.** Upon revocation or termination of this permit without issuance of a new permit, the holder shall remove within a reasonable period prescribed by the authorized officer all the pipeline facilities and shall restore the permit area to the satisfaction of the authorized officer. Before removing the pipeline facilities, the holder shall submit to the authorized officer a proposed rehabilitation plan, and the rehabilitation plan must be approved in writing by the authorized officer.

**I. CONTINUATION OF OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES BEYOND TERMINATION OR REVOCATION.** Notwithstanding the termination or revocation of this permit, its terms shall remain in effect and shall be binding on the holder and the holder's personal representative, successors, and assignees until all the holder's obligations and liabilities accruing before or as a result of termination or revocation of this permit have been satisfied.

**<USER NOTES FOR CLAUSE VII.J>**

**<Include clause VII.J when the lands authorized for use are withdrawn for hydroelectric power or reclamation purposes and delete the brackets around the last sentence. Delete the last sentence and the brackets in permits issued to a federal entity. Delete clause VII.J if the lands authorized for use are not withdrawn for hydroelectric power or reclamation purposes.>**

**J. TERMINATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROELECTRIC POWER OR RECLAMATION PURPOSES.** Any lands covered by this permit which have been withdrawn for hydroelectric power under the act of March 3, 1879, or the act of June 25, 1910, or are covered by an application or license governed by the Federal Power Act of June 10, 1920, are subject at any time to use for the development of hydroelectric power. Any lands covered by this permit which have been withdrawn under the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, are subject at any time to use for reclamation purposes. This permit is issued with the specific understanding that (1) the use and occupancy authorized by this permit shall not interfere with such development of hydroelectric power or reclamation and that (2) this permit shall terminate after 90 days written notice when, in the judgment of the Federal Power Commission, the lands in question are needed for the development of hydroelectric power or, in the judgment of the Bureau of Reclamation, the lands in question are needed for reclamation purposes. The holder shall have 90 days to remove the pipeline facilities. [Termination under this clause shall not give rise to any claim by the holder against the Federal Power Commission, the Bureau of Reclamation, the Forest Service, or hydroelectric power licensees for damages, including lost profits and damage to improvements, due to such development of hydroelectric power or reclamation.]

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**A. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.** No member of or delegate to Congress or resident commissioner shall benefit from this permit either directly or indirectly, except to the extent the authorized use provides a general benefit to a corporation.

**B. CURRENT ADDRESSES.** The holder and the Forest Service shall keep each other informed of current mailing addresses, including those necessary for billing and payment of land use fees.

**C. SUPERSEDED AUTHORIZATION.** This permit supersedes a special use authorization designated #PREV\_REISSUE\_HOLDER#, #PREV\_AUTH\_ID#, dated #PREV\_REIS\_ISSUE\_DATE#.

**D. MERGER CLAUSE.** This permit, and any appendices incorporated into this permit by reference, constitute the complete understanding of the parties to this permit as to the rights, duties and obligations

of each party as of the date of issuance of this permit. If there are any inconsistencies between any of the preceding printed clauses and any of the subsequent clauses or any appendices to this permit, the preceding printed clauses shall govern.

**THIS PERMIT IS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO ALL ITS TERMS.**

**BEFORE THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED TO AN ENTITY, DOCUMENTATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE SIGNATORY FOR THE ENTITY TO BIND IT TO THE TERMS OF THIS PERMIT.**

ACCEPTED:

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[NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON SIGNING ON BEHALF OF HOLDER, DATE  
IF HOLDER IS AN ENTITY]  
#HOLDER\_NAME#

APPROVED:

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#AUTHORIZED OFFICER NAME# DATE  
#TITLE#  
\_\_\_\_\_ National Forest  
USDA Forest Service

**<Attach annual operating plan and any master development plan, maps, and other appendices.>**

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## APPENDIX A DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this permit and all its appendices.

### A. Oil or Gas Pipeline Infrastructure

1. Abandonment

(a) Authorized Abandonment. When a pipeline facility is permanently taken out of service in compliance with 49 CFR 192.727 and is either removed or left in place as determined by the authorized officer.

(b) Unauthorized Abandonment. Failure of the grantee to use the right-of-way authorized by this easement without meeting the criteria for authorized abandonment.

2. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. A certificate issued by FERC that allows the recipient to engage in the transportation and sale for resale of natural gas in interstate commerce or to acquire and operate facilities needed for that purpose.

3. Compressor Station. A facility that is used to compress natural gas to increase the amount of natural gas a pipeline can hold, help move natural gas through a pipeline, or transport natural gas to or from a storage facility.

4. Deactivation. When a pipeline facility is taken out of service in accordance with 49 CFR 192.727 and is left in place for future use.

5. Distribution Line. A small oil or gas pipeline that represents the final link in the production chain by transporting oil or gas from the final transportation point to end users.

6. Lease Area. The extraction or production area for oil or gas that is authorized on National Forest System lands under a lease issued by the Bureau of Land Management.

7. Linear Right-of-Way. An authorized right-of-way for a linear facility such as a road, trail, pipeline, powerline facility, fence, water transmission facility, or fiber optic cable, whose linear boundary is delineated by its legal description.

8. FERC Pipeline. An interstate natural gas pipeline operated by a private entity that requires a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by FERC.

9. Gathering Line. An oil or gas pipeline that is generally small in diameter, is located within a lease area, and is used to transport oil or gas from a well or other production facility to a processing facility or a transmission pipeline.

10. Pipeline Facility. An oil or gas pipeline authorized by a special use authorization, and any ancillary facilities supporting that pipeline, including but not limited to access roads and trails, valves, pump stations, supporting structures, bridges, monitoring devices, powerline facilities, fiber optic cable, surge and storage tanks, terminals, and communications equipment that is owned by the holder; that solely supports operation and maintenance of the oil or gas pipeline; and that is not leased to other parties for communications uses that serve other purposes.

11. Pump Station. A large, industrial facility that maintains the flow and pressure of oil by receiving it from a pipeline, repressurizing the oil, and sending it back into the pipeline.

12. Transmission Pipeline. A larger-diameter oil or gas pipeline, other than a gathering line, that is used in the delivery of oil or gas from a gathering pipeline or storage facility to a distribution center, storage facility, or large-volume customer.

**B. Roads and Trails**

1. Access Road or Trail. For purposes of this permit, a road or trail constructed, operated, and maintained by the holder that is necessary to access a pipeline facility or its linear right-of-way.
2. Road or Trail Construction. Building a road or trail where no road or trail has previously existed.
3. Road or Trail Reconstruction. Rebuilding an existing road or trail to increase its capacity, upgrade drainage crossings, or provide improved access, which may involve increasing the road or trail prism.
4. Road or Trail Maintenance. The upkeep of an entire road or trail within the existing road or trail prism, including surface and shoulders, parking and side areas, structures, and traffic control devices, that is necessary to maintain or restore the road or trail in accordance with its original design standards.

**APPENDIX B**

**MAPS, LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS, SURVEYS, PLATS, SITE PLANS, AND  
ENGINEERING DRAWINGS OF THE PERMIT AREA**

**APPENDIX C**

**LIST AND LOCATION OF ACCESS ROADS AND TRAILS AND  
NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM ROADS AND NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM TRAILS  
USED BY THE HOLDER**

**APPENDIX D**  
**OPERATING PLAN**

**APPENDIX E**

**LIST AND LOCATION OF PIPELINE FACILITIES OTHER THAN ACCESS ROADS AND TRAILS**

**APPENDIX F**

**INITIAL AND FOLLOW-UP ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS**

**APPENDIX G**  
**BONDING**