

June 26, 2025

ADDENDUM #1  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Utilities Division  
Northridge Sewer Main Improvement Project (Phase 1)

Bidders:

Addendum #1 has been prepared for the aforementioned project based on the following questions received to date.

1. The project bid date is listed as July 10<sup>th</sup> and the last day for questions as July 18<sup>th</sup>. Please clarify.  
**a. The Project Bid Date is July 10<sup>th</sup>, and the last day for questions is July 8<sup>th</sup>**
2. Project specifications state fusion weld saddle taps shall be installed to reconnect residential services; however the detail shows a bolted saddle tap connection. Please clarify how connections to existing sewer service taps are to be installed.  
**a. Saddle taps are to be electro-fusion, of similar product to the attached detail.**
3. Will sales tax be applicable to this project?  
**a. No, the SUI is tax-exempt.**
4. Will fusion welding certification be required for this project?  
**a. Yes, Contractor shall be currently certified with polyethylene pipe butt joint fusion credential for 8" diameter size to be considered for this project.**
5. Will SUI crossing permit be required for this project?  
**a. Yes, Contractor and all subcontractors must possess current SUI crossing permits prior to starting work. Bidders are advised to contact the SUI Lands Office at (970) 563-0126 for additional information.**
6. What are the requirements for stormwater management?  
**a. The contractor shall comply with the requirements specified in the attached SWPPP prepared by SUI Safety & Environmental Compliance Management Group (SECMG)**
7. Does the Prime contractor need to meet the reference requirements for pipe bursting experience?  
**a. No, however pipe bursting subcontractor references must meet minimum requirements specified in the RFP.**
8. Will the SUI provide a location to dispose of excess soil material?  
**a. Yes, Contractor may dispose of spoils at a location designated by SUI at the fairground property.**
9. Will the SUI provide a location to dispose of hydro-excavation fluid?  
**a. No, Contractor shall dispose of hydro excavation fluid legally off tribal lands.**
10. Are double cleanouts required at connections of sewer services?  
**a. No, Cleanouts are only required at locations specified in the project plans.**
11. Are Road crossing permits required for this project?  
**a. Yes, Contractor shall comply with the requirements specified within the forthcoming road crossing permits. Example conditions are attached to this addendum from another recent project.**

12. Will the attendance sign-in sheet be made available?
- a. **Yes, it is attached to this addendum.**
13. Does SUIT have a construction water source in mind, or do we need to find our own?
- a. **Construction water is available at the Hwy 172 haul station. The contractor will need to have an account with utilities and will be billed monthly.**
14. The 120-day anticipated construction schedule is aggressive. Can this be extended?
- a. **Construction period has been extended to 240 Days.**
15. Has the dig up of SSMH 07-02 been designed by an engineer?
- a. **No, the plans specify this manhole is to be rehabilitated with an inside drop and a reconstructed base. A complete dig up of the 25' manhole should be avoided.**
16. Is there a bid item for site restoration?
- a. **Yes, a bid item for site restoration is provided. Bids should be made considering the 20' and 40' right of way.**
17. Will dewatering be required for this project?
- a. **It is expected that dewatering may be required for this project. Filtered effluent from dewatering efforts may be disposed of within the project right of way per procedures and requirements of SUIT SECMG.**
18. What sediment and erosion control BMP's will be required?
- a. **SECMG will be issuing a SWPPP for this project, and Contractor will be required to comply with the conditions specified therein. BMP's will include**
- i. **Waddles or silt fence to contain stockpile areas and bore pits.**
  - ii. **The top 6 inches of topsoil shall be stockpiled separately and placed as the final lift for trenched excavations.**
  - iii. **Stockpiling shall not be permitted in areas prone to concentrated storm drainage conveyance.**
  - iv. **All disturbed areas shall be seeded and mulched with Type 1 seed mix which will include rabbitbrush and sagebrush seed.**

Bidders are reminded to acknowledge receipt of this **Addendum #1** on the Bid form.

Sincerely,



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Rob Harries PE  
Goff Engineering & Surveying, Inc.

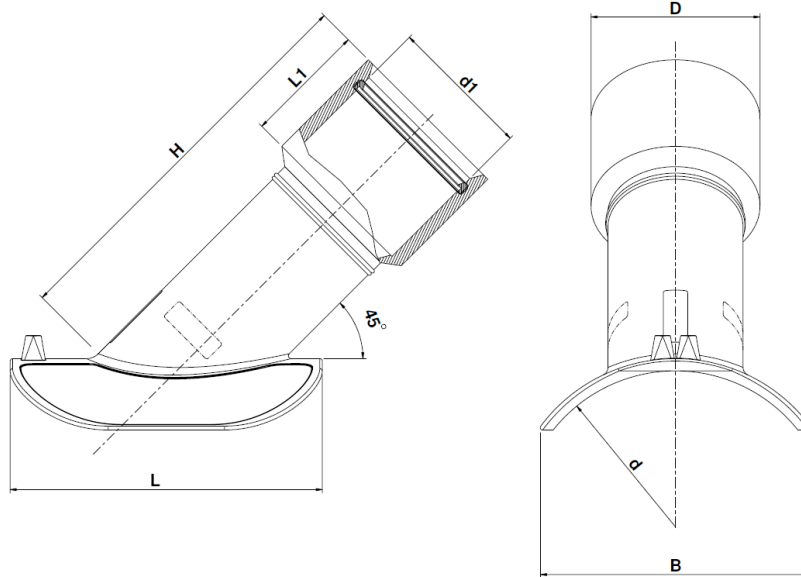
Attachments:

1. Sewer service saddle tap option
2. Example BIA road crossing permit.
3. Pre-Bid attendance sign in sheet.



## Electro-Fusion Catalog Data Sheet

<b>Product: Waste Water Saddle 45° Wye for PVC</b> 8 IPS – 14 IPS X 45° Wye for PVC	<b>Catalog No.:</b> 5758DBAV120040	<b>Updated:</b> 25/04/2024
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### Geometry [inch]:

d	d1	B	L	D	H	L1
8 IPS – 14 IPS	4 IPS	8.6	10	5.43	11.3-12.9	3.94

**Barcode:** 971612300003401156080111

### Welding Parameters

Voltage:	40 Volts $\pm$ 0.5 Volts
Fusion Time:	80 [sec]
Cooling Time to 230 °F:	5 [min]
Fusion Temperature:	14 – 113°F

### Electrical Characteristics:

Coil Resistance at 68 °F:	1.15 $\Omega$
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### Welding Data Input:

Barcode, Manual

### Suitable Pipes:

PE 4710, PE 3408/3608, PE 2406/2708  
SDR 11 to SDR 26

### Pressure Rating:

Water 10 PSI

### Raw Material:

PE 4710/ PE100



**Southwest Region-Division of Transportation  
Application for Permit to Install Utility Facilities  
within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Right-of-Way**

**APPLICANT:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>
Indian Health Service	1970 East 3rd Ave, Suite 110, Durango CO	970-559-0706

**Type of Utility:** 8" water main

**LOCATION OF INSTALLATION:**

<u>Route/Bridge No.</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Range</u>	<u>Highway Station</u>
SU 173	17	33N	7W	Shoshone Ave (37.1072, -107.6319)

**PROPOSED INSTALLATION:**

<u>Crossing</u>	<u>Subsurface</u>	<u>Boring</u>
(Crossing or Parallel)	(Subsurface/Surface/Overhead)	(Boring or Pavement Cut)

**PURPOSE:**

The undersigned herewith makes application for a permit to enter upon and use a portion of the right-of-way or main corridor of Route No. SU 173, located on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, for the purpose of Replacing failing ductile iron water mains to ensure a future of water security in Igancio.

in strict compliance with the Policy and Procedures attached hereto and all special conditions contained in the approved permit.

Estimated Completion Date June 2025

In witness of and agreement to the above conditions, this application has been signed this 20th day of December 2024.

Steffen R. Horwath -  
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Date: 2024.12.20 11:41:25 -07'00'  
(Signature and Title of Applicant)

**This application is approved with the following stipulations or special conditions:**

The following sections found in the FP-14 specification shall be adhered to:

Section 209 - Structure Excavation & Backfill

Section 301 - Untreated Aggregate Course

Section 401 - Asphalt Concrete Pavement by Gytratory Design (SP-III)

The BIA standard trench detail will be followed, all trench compaction shall be compacted to 95% maximum density and must be completed with a trench compactor(s), no backhoe bucket compaction permitted.

The Traffic Control Plan (TCP) shall be approved and follow the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The contractor is responsible for traffic safety. At least one lane must be kept open to traffic at all times.

**A permit is hereby issued to the foregoing applicant for the purpose set forth in the application and upon the express condition that every requirement therein contained is faithfully performed.**

**PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE:** July 31, 2025 (This permit may be cancelled if construction is not satisfactorily completed by this date.)

**RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL:**

DANIEL BOYD

Digitally signed by DANIEL BOYD  
Date: 2025.04.08 08:42:01 -06'00'

*Acting* **SW Regional Transportation Engineer**

4/08/2025

**Date**

**APPROVED BY:**

PRISCILLA  
BANCROFT

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BANCROFT  
Date: 2025.04.08 10:50:39 -06'00'

**Superintendent**

04/08/2025

**Date**

Southern Ute

**Agency**

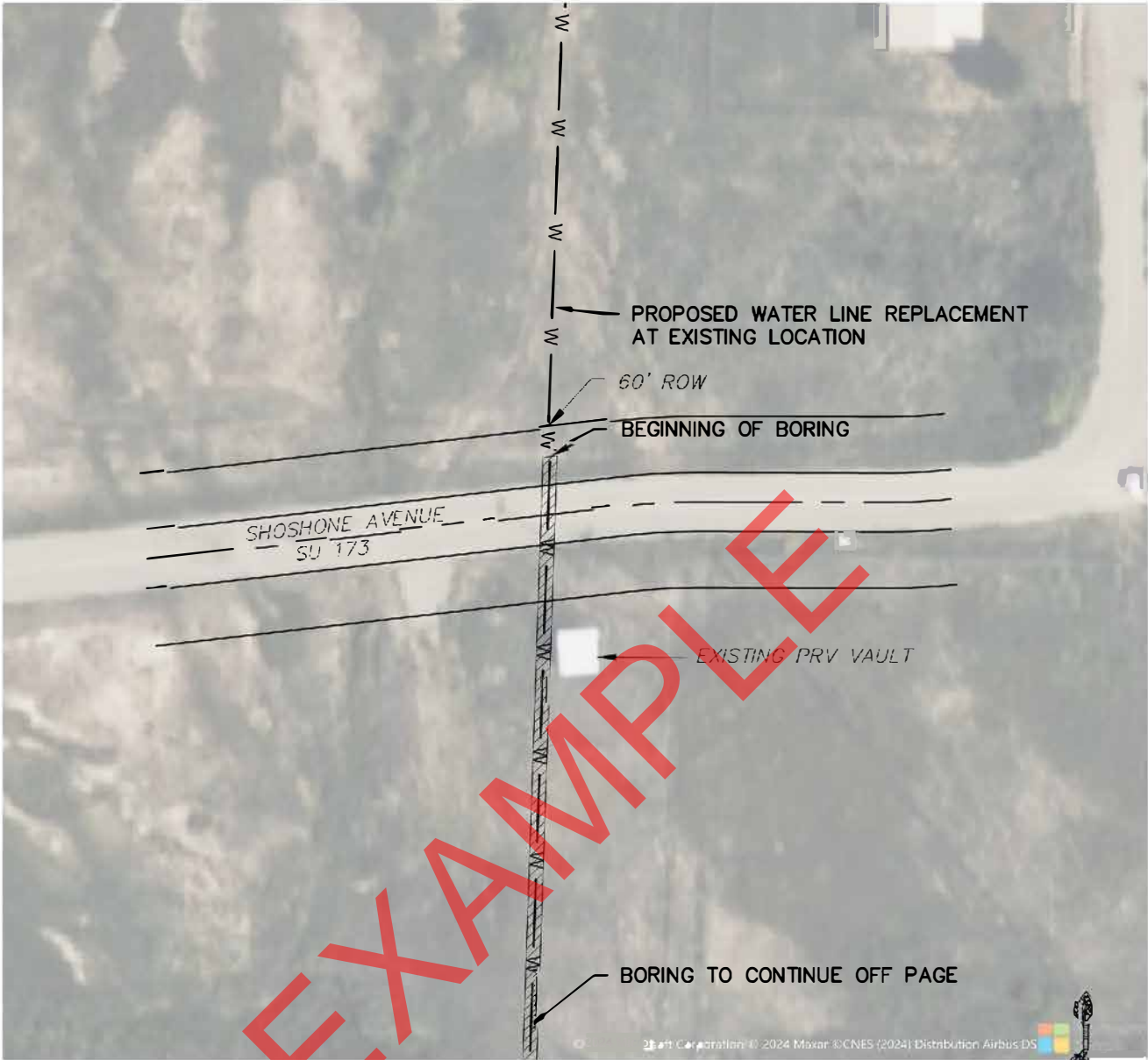
SHOSHONE WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PHASE 1

Ignacio, CO

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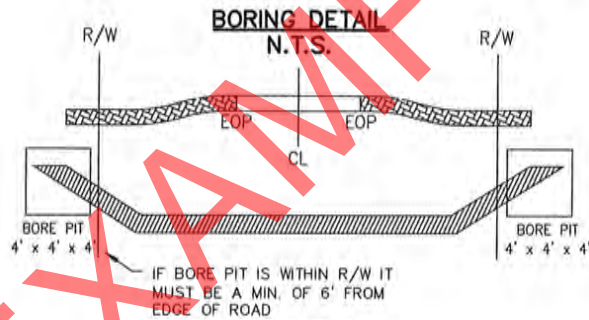
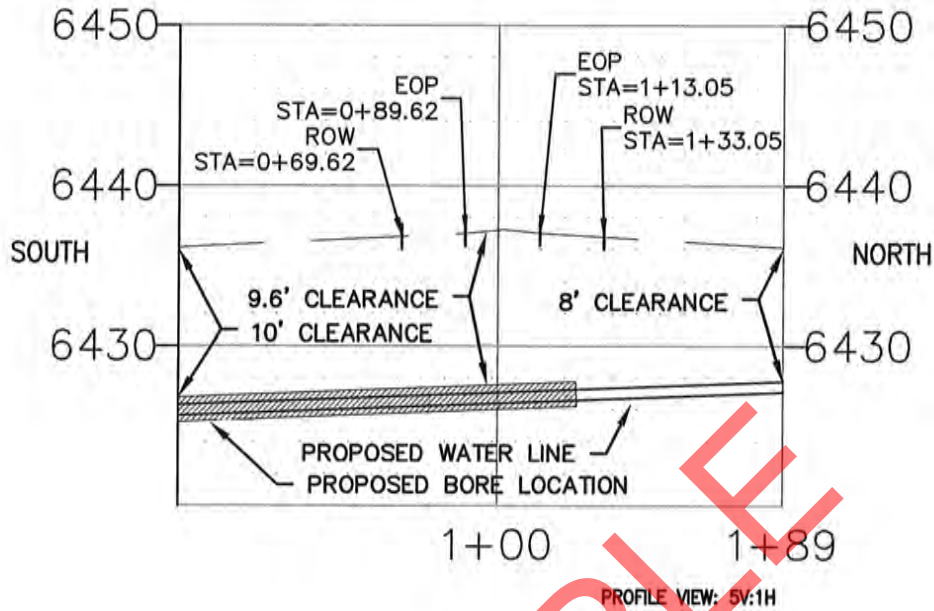


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PROJECT NUMBER: AL-24-D18		SERVICE REQUEST NO.	HITS NO.
HOMEOWNER: DIP WATER LINE REPLACEMENT		PROJECT ENGINEER/MANAGER: STEFFEN HORWATH	
VILLAGE: IGNACIO		DESIGNED BY: STEFFEN HORWATH	DATE: 12/20/2024
DISTRICT:		DESIGN APPROVED BY: NAOMI AZULAI	DATE:
RESERVATION: SOUTHERN UTE		DRAWN BY: STEFFEN HORWATH	DATE: 12/20/2024
ADDRESS: SHOSHONE AVENUE		CHECKED BY: NAOMI AZULAI	DATE:
LATITUDE:		LONGITUDE:	METER NO.:
TYPE OF HOUSE:		# BEDROOMS:	# PEOPLE:
WASTEWATER		WATER	
SEPTIC TANK SIZE:	SERVICE LINE SIZE:	SERVICE LINE SIZE:	
SEPTIC TANK MATERIAL:	MATERIAL:	MATERIAL:	
FIELD AREA: --	TOTAL LENGTH:	TOTAL LENGTH:	
SEEPAGE PITS-NO.:	AVERAGE DEPTH/PIT (FT):	CONTRACTOR:	
REQUISITION NO.:		REQUISITION NO.:	



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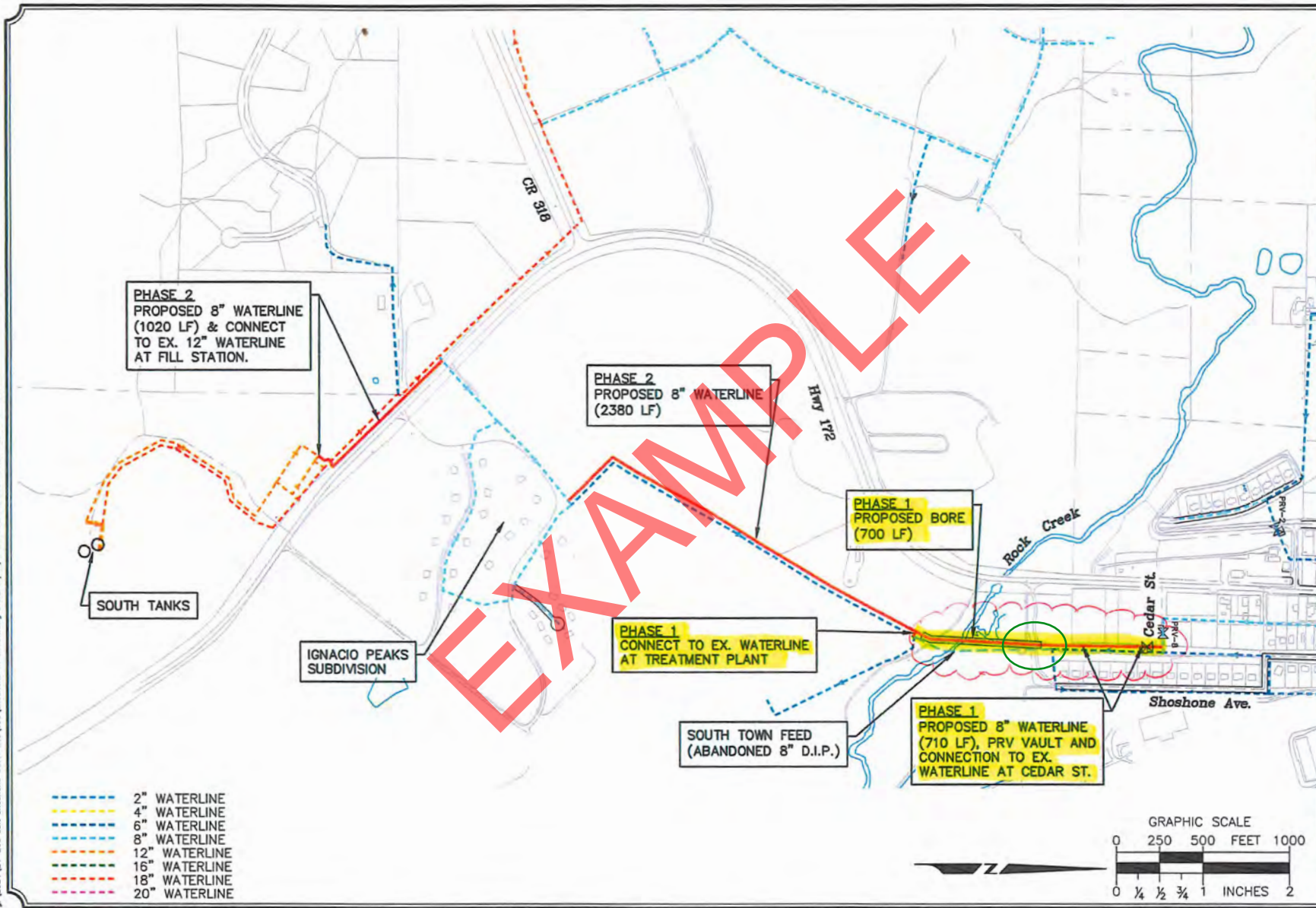
NAOMI AZULAI, P.E., SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER

DATE:

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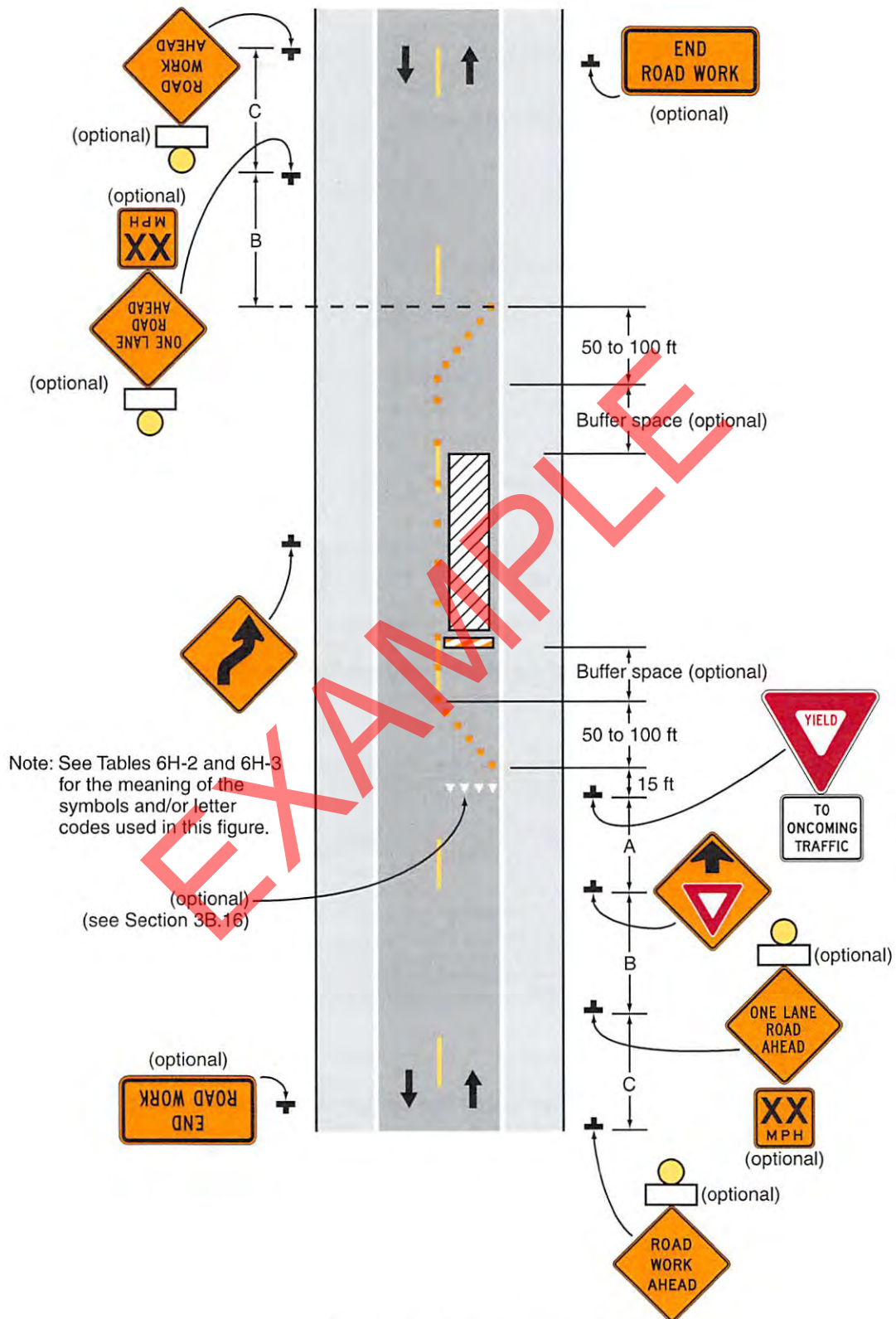
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**S.U.I.T. UTILITIES**  
**SHOSHONE WATERLINE MAP**  
IGNACIO, COLORADO

Issue Record  
REVISION  
PROJECT NUMBER: 24-208  
Drawn By: RA  
Designed by: RA  
Checked By: RHM  
Sheet  
**Exhibit A**  
SHOSHONE  
WATERLINE

**Figure 6H-11. Lane Closure on a Two-Lane Road with Low Traffic Volumes (TA-11)**



**Typical Application 11**

# EXCEPTION CHECKLIST FOR BIA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS

<b>Date:</b>	04/08/2025	<b>Transaction or Project Name:</b>	Southern Ute Waterline Replacement - SU173
<b>Brief description of the proposed transaction or project:</b>			
Replacing of cast iron pipe water pipe with the installation of 8-inch PVC water line in Southern Ute crossing under SU173 Shoshone Ave. The proposed boring operation will occur for the installation of water line. Bore pits will be used to bore under the roadway.			
<b>Property description including Native Allotment number, landowner name, and legal description:</b>			
<b>Any change in land use or ground disturbing activity? If yes, please explain:</b>		Yes, two bore pits will be dug along the shoulder of SU173 for the boring operation	
<b>516 DM 10.5 Categorical Exclusion letter, the specific title and the text of the category:</b>			
<p><b>516 DM 10.5.L.1 Utility installations in road ROW.</b>  516 DM 10.5.L.1. Roads and Transportation. Approval of utility installations along or across a transportation facility located in whole within the limits of the roadway right-of-way.</p> <p><b>516 DM 10.5.A Operation, Maintenance, &amp; Replacement of Facilities</b>  516 DM 10.5.A. Operation, Maintenance and Replacement of Existing Facilities. Examples are normal renovation of buildings, road maintenance and limited rehabilitation of irrigation structures.</p>			

## Evaluation of extraordinary circumstances for the categorically excluded action listed above (43 CFR 46.215)

1. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety.	No
2. This action would have significant impacts on: natural resources and unique geographical features as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild and scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or prime drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant areas.	No
3. This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternate uses of available resources.	No
4. This action would have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk.	No
5. This action will establish a precedent for future actions.	No
6. This actions is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No
7. This action will have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.	No
8. This action will have significant impacts on a species listed or proposed to be listed as endangered or threatened, or Critical Habitat of these.	No
9. This action threatens to violate federal, state, local, or tribal law or requirements imposed for protection of the environment.	No
11. This action will limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on federal lands, by Indian religious practitioners, and/or adversely affect the physical integrity of such sites.	No
12. This action will contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area, or may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.	No

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This checklist may be used to determine if an environmental assessment is required for a single, independent proposed action that is determined to be a BIA-approved categorical exclusion as listed in Department of Interior 516 DM 10.5. The person preparing this checklist must have supporting information or reasonable assurance that the proposed action will not have significant or adverse effects on any of the twelve situations above. If so, it is reasonable to answer "No" to the exceptions above. If not, an environmental assessment must be prepared to further investigate and determine whether an action will have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

A "Yes" to any of the above exceptions will require that an EA be prepared

**NEPA Action:** CE

**Preparer's Name:** Daniel Boyd      **Date:** 02/03/25

**Regional Office/Agency Environmental Coordinator:**

Reviewed and Recommended: Raul Sanchez      **Date:** 02/05/25

**Regional Wildlife Biologist Approval:**

Reviewed and Recommended: David Kitcheyan      **Date:** 03/11/25

**Regional/Agency Archeologist:**

Concur with Item 7: Harding Polk      **Date:** 04/04/25

**Environmental Professional (Phase 1) Approval :**

Reviewed and Recommended: \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regional Director/Agency Superintendent:**

Concur: Priscilla Bancroft      **Date:** 04/07/25



Indian Health Service

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION**

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Tribe:	Southern Ute Indian Tribe	Reservation:	Southern Ute Indian Reservation
Project, Program, Grant Description & Location:	IHS Project AL-24-D18, Shoshone Cast Iron Pipe Replacement Phase 1 – Replacement of 1,410 feet of Cast Iron Pipe from Cedar Street across Rock Creek on the Southern Ute Reservation.		

Action includes purchasing, construction, alteration, renovation, or leasing activities, new and continuing activities, including projects and programs entirely or partly financed, assisted, conducted, regulated, or approved by the Indian Health Service.

Note: A “Yes” or “No” response is required for every question. Answer each item completely with adequate supporting information to justify your response.

**Depending upon the context and intensity, any consideration listed below can result in an Environmental Assessment.**

Consideration	<u>Will the proposed action/activity affect the Consideration?</u> Provide supporting information for your responses and explain any mitigations to be implemented.
1. Will the proposed action result in a known violation or continuance of a violation of applicable (Federal, Tribal, State or local) laws or requirements for protection of environment or public health and safety?	<b>No</b> Project Scope is to upgrade community sanitation facilities. The proposed actions should improve public health and safety. They do not knowingly violate or continue to violate any Federal, State, or local laws. Tribal personnel verified that, to the best of their knowledge, the proposed actions will not result in a known violation or continuance of a violation of Tribal laws.
2. Will the proposed action result in a conflict with existing or proposed Federal, Tribal, state, and local land use plans?	<b>No</b> Project Scope is to provide community sanitation facilities, which does not conflict with existing land use plans or change the existing land use in a way that could affect proposed land use plans. Tribal personnel verified that the proposed actions will not result in a conflict with existing or proposed Tribal land use plans.
3. Is there a controversy with respect to environmental effects of the proposed action based on reasonable and substantial issues?	<b>No</b> Proposed actions have negligible environmental effects. Tribal personnel verified that to the best of their knowledge, the proposed actions will not result in a controversy with respect to environmental effects among Tribal members.
4. Is the proposed action significantly greater in scope than normal for the area or does it have significant unusual characteristics?	<b>No</b> Reference: Project Summary AL-24-D18 Project Scope is to upgrade community sanitation facilities, which is typical in scope of work performed in the area. There are no anticipated unusual characteristics.
5. Does the proposed action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects?	<b>No</b> Reference: Project Scope and Proposed Work Project Scope is to upgrade community sanitation facilities. Project is small in scope and has negligible environmental effects. It does not set precedence or represent a decision to perform actions that will have significant environmental effects.

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I certify that to the best of my knowledge and ability the information presented herein is true and correct (enter appropriate information in the shaded blanks):

(1) <b>Steffen R. Horwath -S</b> Digitally signed by Steffen R. Horwath -S Date: 2024.12.02 08:51:18 -07'00'	<b>Steffen Horwath</b> Project Engineer	<b>12/2/2024</b> Date
(2) <b>Westen R. Knudsen -S</b> Digitally signed by Westen R. Knudsen -S Date: 2024.12.09 08:45:39 -07'00'	<b>Westen Knudsen</b> District Engineer	<b>12/9/2024</b> Date
(3) <b>Westen R. Knudsen -S</b> Digitally signed by Westen R. Knudsen -S Date: 2024.12.09 08:45:59 -07'00'	<b>Westen Knudsen</b> Director, AAO SFC Program	<b>12/9/2024</b> Date
(4) <b>Eric B. Burt -S</b> Digitally signed by Eric B. Burt -S Date: 2024.12.09 11:39:50 -07'00'	<b>Eric Burt</b> AREA NEPA COORDINATOR	<b>12/9/2024</b> Date
(5) <b>Gretchen L. Tsosie -S</b> Digitally signed by Gretchen L. Tsosie -S Date: 2024.12.09 13:25:35 -07'00'	<b>Gretchen Tsosie</b> ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, AAO OEHE	<b>12/9/2024</b> Date

\*Signatories may vary at the IHS Area. At minimum, signatures (1) through (5) are required





## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service  
4101 Indian School Rd NE, Suite 225  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

November 13, 2024

Ms. Cassandra Atencio  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

**Re: IHS Project AL-24-D18; Southern Ute Shoshone Ave. Cast Iron Water Pipe Replacement Project PH I**

Dear Ms. Atencio:

The Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, has proposed the following sanitation facilities under IHS Project No. AL-24-D18 on the Southern Ute Reservation. The Shoshone Avenue Cast Iron Water Pipe Replacement Project (PH I) project proposes to replace approximately 1410 lineal feet of existing water main. As shown on attached draft project plans for Phase 1, the southern 700 lineal feet of the phase 1 project area is scheduled to be directionally drilled; the area south of Shoshone Ave. Except for an excavation to connect to the existing water main at the treatment plant facility, the directional drill portion of this project should not result in surface type disturbances. The northern approximate 710 lineal feet portion of the Phase 1 project area is scheduled to be open cut. This will entail trench type installation of the proposed water main; trench excavations of approximately 10 feet wide and up to 6 feet of depth within the planned area. Finalized quantity of piping replacement may be slightly more or less and will be based on actual field conditions encountered. All work will take place within or immediately adjacent areas of existing water facilities.

We believe the northern Phase 1 project area scheduled for trench excavation to be previously disturbed and the drilled portion south of Shoshone Ave and extending to the existing treatment plant will not result in surface disturbances; therefore, a cultural resources survey was not completed. A review of available National Register mapping did not indicate any impact to listed historic resources. The scope of the work is to replace existing water facilities. Therefore, the ground area associated with initial construction, at least within the northern portion of the project area, was excavated to facilitate installation. Planned facilities are scheduled to be within the confines of previously disturbed project areas (see attached mapping that delineates existing and proposed water lines.) Additionally, the northern segment of the planned Phase 1 replacement exists within a heavily developed area; we would expect the entire project area north of Shoshone Avenue to have been impacted by grading, structures and other utility installations as part of the immediately adjacent commercial and residential developments. Worth noting is that construction specifications shall require that if during land disturbing activities, subterranean cultural resources are encountered, construction shall stop immediately and the Southern Ute Tribal THPO will be notified immediately.

As part of the Indian Health Service's responsibilities in complying with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 470f) and 36 CFR 800, we must consider the effects of this project upon religious, cultural, or traditional use sites; commonly referred to as "traditional cultural properties". We are requesting the Tribe's assistance in meeting these responsibilities by advising us of any tribal concerns about traditional cultural properties within the project area. We request that you take all appropriate steps to identify traditional cultural properties, which could be affected by the project.

The Indian Health Service understands the cultural sensitivity that may accompany this site. It is our intention to avoid these sites through changes in project design without having the Tribe disclose any privilege religious knowledge or locational information.

We would appreciate your review of the enclosed site location and look forward to receiving your concurrence with our “no historic properties affected” determination and concurrence regarding traditional cultural properties. In accordance with the regulations we provide 30 days upon receipt of this letter to respond to this inquiry. Failure to respond in that time will indicate that you have no comments and we will assume your concurrence with our findings and determination. A quick response, even if you have no comments or concerns, will aid in moving the project along more quickly. To assist in expediting your response we have provided a concurrence line at the bottom of this letter.

If you do not agree with the concurrence items, please submit your written comments and concerns to me. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 946-9582.

Sincerely,

**Westen R.  
Knudsen -S**

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R. Knudsen -S  
Date: 2024.11.13 14:17:46  
-07'00'

Westen Knudsen, P.E.  
Acting Director, Sanitation Facilities Construction  
IHS Albuquerque Area Office

Enclosures – Site Location Maps; Draft plans (with project areas highlighted)

Cc: Chris Musgrave, Southern Ute Water Utilities  
Naomi Azulai, P.E., Sr. Environmental Engineer, Durango Field Office

☒ The Southern Ute Tribe has determined that the proposed sanitation facilities construction project WILL NOT AFFECT any objects, sites, or locations important to our traditional culture or religion.

☐ The Southern Ute Tribe has determined that the proposed sanitation facilities construction project WILL AFFECT objects, sites, or locations important to our traditional culture or religion. We request that the Indian Health Service, Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, undertake further consultations to evaluate the effects of the project on these sites.

**CONCUR:** **Cassandra J. Atencio**  
Southern Ute Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Digitally signed by Cassandra J. Atencio  
Date: 2024.11.25 15:23:12 -07'00'

**11.25.24**

Date

**COMMENTS:**

If ground disturbance results in inadvertent discoveries, work will immediately stop within 50 feet of discovery and the NAGPRA Coordinator Mr. Xavier Watts contacted at 970.563.2992, xwatts@southernute-nsn.gov so that an assessment and mitigation can be made.



**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
AND  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION  
COLORADO**

**PUBLIC LAW 86-121  
PROJECT AL-24-D18**

This Agreement is made between the Indian Health Service, acting through the Director, Albuquerque Area Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, under and pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 86-121 (42 U.S.C. 2004a; 73 Stat. 267), and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Indian Reservation, hereinafter called the Tribe, acting through the Chairman.

WHEREAS, the Tribe is desirous of obtaining satisfactory water supply facilities for the residents of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe, acting through the Chairman, by a project proposal submitted to the Indian Health Service, dated May 3, 2024, requested assistance under Public Law 86-121 in the improvement of water transmission on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and

WHEREAS, the Indian Health Service is desirous of assisting in replacement of water transmission facilities for the Indians on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, as a means of improving the health of the residents, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe has reviewed and concurs with the provisions of the attached Project Summary.

NOW THEREFORE, in order to carry out the project as set forth in the attached Project Summary entitled, "Shoshone Ave. Cast Iron Water Pipe Replacement," and dated July, 2024, the parties mutually agree:

**TRIBAL LANDS**

1. The Tribe hereby grants permission for the IHS and its representatives to enter upon or across tribal lands for the purpose of carrying out the project outlined in the attached Project Summary and as provided for in this Agreement and further agrees to waive all claims which may arise by reason of such entry upon Tribal lands, except those that may be recognized under the Federal Tort Claims Act.



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Project Name: D18 - Shoshone Water Main Replacement PH1

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological

evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at: <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.pdf>

**Migratory Birds:** In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts, see <https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-bird-permit/what-we-do>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable NEPA documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures, see <https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds>.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat. For information regarding the implementation of Executive Order 13186, please visit <https://www.fws.gov/partner/council-conservation-migratory-birds>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List

- USFWS National Wildlife Refuges and Fish Hatcheries
- Bald & Golden Eagles
- Migratory Birds
- Wetlands

## OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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