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## Major Permits, Approvals, and Consultations for the Gateway West

## **Transmission Line Project (Excerpts from Table 1.4.1 from FEIS)**

Regulatory Agency	Required Permit, Approval, or Consultation	Agency Action		
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation	Section 106 Consultation, National Historic Preservation Act	Has the opportunity to comment if the Project may affect cultural resources that are either listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).		
U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Omaha District, Walla Walla District	Section 404, Clean Water Act Permit	Consider issuance of a Section 404 permit for the placement of dredge or fill material into all waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands.		
U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)	Antiquities and Cultural Resource Use Permit	Has the opportunity to issue permits for use in complying with Section 106 NHPA Act.		
	Various Resource Management Plans	Item completed as part of the NEPA process and ROD issuance.		
	ROW Grant	ROW Grant received November 2013.		
	Plan of Development (POD)	Consider approval of detailed POD.		
	Notice to Proceed	Following issuance of a ROW grant and approval of a POD, consider issuance of a Notice to Proceed with Project development and mitigation activities.		
U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration	Encroachment Permit	Consider issuance of permit for transmission line crossing of federally funded highways (typically delegated to the state department of transportation).		
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regions 8 and 10	Section 401, Clean Water Act (CWA) Water Quality Certification	In conjunction with states, consider issuance of water use and crossing permits.		

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	Section 402, CWA, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity for Idaho	Review and issue NPDES permit for discharge of Stormwater in Idaho. In Wyoming, NPDES permitting is delegated to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (see below).			
	Section 404, CWA	Review CWA, Section 404 applications for dredge-and-fill applications for the USACE with 404(c) veto power for permits issued by the USACE.			
Wyoming					
All state agencies	Compliance with Executive Order (EO) 2011-5	Requires that all agencies demonstrate that activity proposed for permitting be compliant with the requirements of the EO in sagegrouse core areas.			
Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) and the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council	Industrial Siting Permit Wyoming Industrial Information and Siting Act under Chapters 1 and 2, Rules and Regulations of the Industrial Siting Council	Considers approval of construction and siting of projects with construction cost of \$176 million or more or 160 kV or greater.			
WDEQ Air Quality Division	Construction Permit	Consider measures to control fugitive dust emissions during construction.			
WDEQ Water Quality Division	Section 401, CWA, Water Quality Certification	Consider certification of a 404 permit issued by the USACE as consistent with state law and Section 401.			
	Section 402, CWA, NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity for Wyoming	Review and issue NPDES permit for discharge of stormwater.			
Wyoming Game and Fish Department	Potential Project Impacts to Fish and Wildlife Species and Their Habitat	Coordinate with BLM, Forest Service, and USFWS on wildlife issues/impacts associated with the Project.			

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Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office	Section 106 Consultation, NHPA	Consult with the BLM, the Proponents, other land management agencies, and others regarding activities potentially affecting cultural resources.
Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments	Easement Across State Lands	Consider issuance of a ROW across state lands.
Wyoming Public Service Commission,	Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity	Consider issuance of a certificate to allow construction of a public utility, including transmission lines
Wyoming Department of Transportation	Encroachment Permit	Consider issuance of permit to cross or bore under state highways or be within a state highway ROW.
Various (may also require federal and county approvals)	Explosives Permit	Consider issuance of a license to store and use explosives.