

# Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

## *Environmental Assessment for Roosevelt City Shooting Range Complex Uintah County, Utah*

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has prepared this document in accordance with Executive Order 14154, Unleashing American Energy (Jan. 20, 2025), and a Presidential Memorandum, Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity (Jan. 21, 2025), which require the Department to strictly adhere to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq. Further, such Order and Memorandum repeal Executive Orders 12898 (Feb. 11, 1994) and 14096 (Apr. 21, 2023). Since Executive Orders 12898 and 14096 have been repealed, complying with such Orders is a legal impossibility. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service verifies that it has complied with the requirements of NEPA, including the Department's regulations and procedures implementing NEPA at 43 C.F.R. Part 46 and Part 516 of the Departmental Manual, consistent with the President's January 2025 Order and Memorandum as it applies to the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (WR) as amended (50 Stat. 917, 16 U.S.C. Sec. 669 et seq.).

The Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) has submitted a grant application titled *Roosevelt City, Rough Rider Outdoor Shooting Range Complex Development* to the Service's Office of Conservation Investment (CI) for approval to receive WR grant funds to complete the project. The Service's decision to approve the grant application constitutes a Federal action subject to NEPA. To address this requirement, the Service prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the impacts of the proposed project on the human environment.

As proposed in the draft EA, UDWR will construct a shooting range complex on 58.3 acres of land owned by Roosevelt City, Utah that will consist of rifle ranges, skeet and trap ranges and an archery range. The EA's Proposed Action would not negatively impact wildlife or cultural resources and will provide a safe shooting location in an area where there are currently no dedicated public shooting facilities. The nearest facility is located over 30 miles away. A No-Action Alternative was considered and while this alternative would not impact any natural resources in the area, it would not meet the need to protect public safety and infrastructure.

The draft EA was issued for a 30-day public comment period ending on July 30, 2025. Three comments in support of the construction of the shooting range complex were received in response to the draft EA, each of which was in support of the Proposed Action. For this reason, the Service is finalizing this EA and writing this FONSI.

Based on review of the EA, I find that the Proposed Action is not a major Federal action which would significantly impact the quality of the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. I also find that all reasonable alternatives were considered in the evaluation of the proposed project and that this project complies with the intent of the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 11988 "Floodplain Management" and Executive Order 11990 "Protection of Wetlands." Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, the project will have no effect on any listed species or critical habitat. Consequently, I have determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. The EA is on file at the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Conservation Investment, 1 Denver Federal Center, Lakewood, Colorado, 80225 and is available upon request.

### APPROVAL:

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Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6      Date