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Ruby Pipeline gets BLM approval

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OPAL — El Paso Corporation's Ruby Pipeline project was given a Bureau of Land Management right-of-way grant on Monday, clearing another hurdle for the \$3 billion project.

Ruby already has received a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), and will begin construction as soon as it receives a FERC Notice to Proceed and Construct.

The 42-inch interstate natural gas transmission pipeline is scheduled to be in service March 2011. The pipeline will transport gas 680 miles from the existing hub at Opal to interconnections near Malin, Ore. It will have an initial capacity of 1.5 billion cubic feet per day.

Construction will begin at multiple locations along the route. The project is expected to employ as many as 5,000 workers.