

The issues that I have had with the City of Gillette and their Madison Pipeline Project have mostly dealt with lack of respect to me as a landowner and my ranching business. The first meetings with the City were pleasant, and we felt like the project would go smooth. The City also made it clear to us that if there was an issue it would be dealt with accordingly...and here we are, 6 years later and issues that we have had from day one are still an issue. My family and I have spent many hours dealing with contractors and the City to try to keep our land and fences in working order without being taken advantage of. We did get paid for a temporary construction easement for them to get their pipeline in, although at this point I feel that it was not nearly enough for the work that the pipeline project has caused us. My land is split by Highway 14, which the City used the right-of-way on to instal their pipeline, so we are constantly crossing with cattle, hauling hay across or accessing different portions of the ranch via the highway. I feel that the issues that I had with the City's project have all been fairly minor, although over years of dealing with them they have become a major handicap on my business and a headache for me to deal with. A lot of the issues have come and gone over the years, and issues are still being dealt with, but I feel like the issues should have never arose to begin with.

I would also like to point out that as a landowner I deal with companies using my land for various reasons all the time, whether it is for power lines, phone lines, oil exploration or hunting. I have never been abused or disrespected like I have been with the City of Gillette.

A list of the issues concerning the Madison Pipeline Project on my operation:

- Fencing
 - Gates totally missing, too tight to open without fence stretchers, no closures on gates to keep them tight, and instead of using gate sticks they used posts that are heavy and harder to handle than they need to be.
 - Temporary fence started out with only 3 wires and steel posts.
 - I was unable to get bulls through a gate due to a dozer being parked in the gate
 - I was unable to get hay trucks through a gate because it was too narrow
 - All of our gates on the highway stay locked, and the chains/padlocks had to be replaced 3 times.
- Mailbox posts were broke off and were unable to get mail for a couple days
- Reclaim job is unsatisfactory
 - There are culverts under the highway that don't get water to them and the water is backed up on my land killing grass.
 - A road that was once built up with good drainage is now low and doesn't drain
- Took a month to get delineator posts back up at our turnoff that Mom kept driving past at night in the winter months.

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A list of what I want in order to be satisfied with the Madison Pipeline Project:

1. \$20,000 that I would use for a pipeline to the ranch houses
 - a. The ranch wells all have a lot of sulfur in them, the water works great for livestock, but it would be phenomenal to get good water to our houses.
2. Reclaim to be put back to pre-construction condition
3. Fences to be the way they were pre-construction