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BLM CARSON CITY DISTRICT RMP PLANNING FACT SHEET *Rights-of-Way*

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The BLM Carson City District (CCD) is developing the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Carson City District planning area. The Carson City RMP will provide detailed information about the current state of resources on public lands within the planning area, and set forth a plan of action for managing those resources for the next twenty or so years under the BLM's multiple use mandate.

How can I build something on BLM land?

Authority: Section 501 of The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, (as amended) states, "The Secretary, with respect to the public lands . . . (except in each case of land designated as wilderness), are authorized to grant, issue, or renew rights-of-way over, upon, under, or through such lands.."



Each year, thousands of individuals and companies apply to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to obtain a right-of-way (ROW) on public land.

A ROW grant is an authorization to use a specific piece of public land for a certain project, such as roads, pipelines, transmission lines, and communication sites. A ROW grant authorizes rights and privileges for a specific use of the land for a specific period of time. Generally, a BLM ROW is granted for a term appropriate for the life of the project.

<i>Predominate ROW Authorizations in the CCD*</i>		
<i>Type</i>	<i>Number Authorized</i>	<i>Miles</i>
Road	353	1245
Power lines	267	2761
Communication Site Facilities	110	N/A

It is the policy of the BLM to authorize all ROW applications at the discretion of the authorized officer in the most efficient and economical manner possible.

*To a lesser extent, CCD has authorized all types of pipelines, telephone lines, railroads, etc.



Potential issues to be addressed in the new RMP are:

- Should the existing utility and ROW corridors be revised to provide for anticipated future needs? If so, what changes are needed?
- What areas, if any, should be designated as ROW use areas? What types of uses would be permitted in such areas?
- What criteria will BLM use to identify ROW avoidance and/or exclusion areas?



The BLM wants your input...

Do you have concerns about the above ROW issues to be addressed in the new RMP? Are you concerned about the current designated utility corridors or any proposed new ones?

The regulations for processing ROE applications, whether for a short buried water pipeline, a mountaintop communications site, or a major power transmission line many hundreds of miles long, are found at 43CFR 2800. More information about the BLM’s right-of-way program can be found online at http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/cost_recovery_regulations.html

CCD Planning Webpage:
http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html

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