

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

FIELD OFFICE: Stillwater Field Office

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C0100-2011-0511-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: NVN 088170

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Amendment to existing access road right-of-way

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 22 N., R. 35 E.,
sec. 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

APPLICANT (if any): ORNI 32, LLC

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

The proposed action is to build a 25 foot wide access road to access geothermal lease NVN 060685 from the north starting at Highway 121 that would connect to the present authorization once extended into the lease area. The length of the off-lease portion of road is approximately 2640 feet.

The proposed road would have a travel surface of 15 feet with 2 foot shoulders and 3 foot drainage ditches on either side.

The applicant currently holds right-of-way NVN 088170 for an access road that this proposal will connect to in section 9.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name*: Carson City Consolidated Resource Management Plan
Date Approved: May 2001

**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Sec. 7; LND-7, #6: “. . . minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public.”

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2010-0010-EA; Coyote Canyon and Dixie Meadows Geothermal Exploration Environmental Assessment

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

Cultural Survey: CRR3-2569

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The proposed action is essentially similar to and in the same area as the proposed action analyzed in the original exploration EA. The proposed amendment to the authorized road is to build a spur road that extends the original authorization approximately half a mile. The existing NEPA document analyzed a road over 3½ miles in length in the same area. Thus, the new proposed action is a feature of an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The range of alternatives is suitable for an environmental assessment level action such as this, given current conditions.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range- land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: It is reasonable to conclude that any new information or circumstances has not substantially changed the original analysis.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The implementation of the new proposed action would have similar or less direct, indirect, and cumulative effects than the originally analyzed action.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation: The public and interagency review is adequate for this proposal.

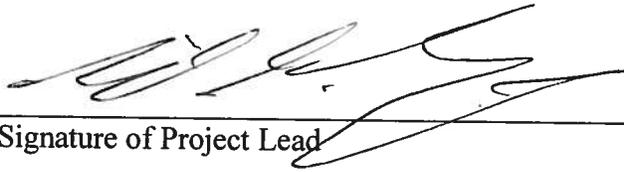
E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Resource/Agency Represented</u>
Steve Kramer	Planning Environmental Coordinator	BLM <i>SK</i>
John Wilson	Wildlife, T&E Species	BLM <i>JW</i>
Jason Wright	Archeology	BLM <i>JW</i>

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



Signature of Responsible Official

Date 06/14/2011

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.