

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Lead: J. Hufnagle

Field Office: Sierra Front

Lead Office: Sierra Front

Case File/Project Number: NVN 085256 ROW

Applicable Categorical Exclusion (cite section): *516 DM 11.9 E. Realty* (16) Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits, or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes.

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2012-0005-CX

Project Name: Arrowhead Electric Line

Project Description: Sierra Pacific Power Company has applied for a right-of-way (ROW) to authorize the operation and maintenance of an existing 15kV overhead electrical distribution line. The line is located on the north side of Arrowhead Drive in Carson City, Nevada. According to the applicant, the line was built in 1967. When it was discovered no ROW was in place for the existing facilities, Sierra Pacific Power Company filed an application to obtain appropriate authorization. No new surface disturbance or alteration to the existing overhead line or poles is proposed.

Applicant Name: Sierra Pacific Power Company (NV Energy)

Project Location: Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 15 N., R. 20 E.,

sec. 4, Portion of Lot 2 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

sec. 5, Portion of Lot 2 in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 1.28 acres (ROW dimensions: 2,783 feet x 20 feet)

Land Use Plan Conformance (cite reference/page number): **Lands and Realty Administrative Actions 3.** All applicants for right-of-way grants, whether or not they are within corridors, are subject to standard approval procedures as outlined in the right-of-way regulations (43 CFR 2802)/ROW-4

Name of Plan: NV – Carson City RMP.

Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances: The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria:

(Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (project lead/P&EC)		JHT
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (wildlife biologist, hydrologist, outdoor recreation planner, archeologist)		PZ TC ADC JHT
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (project lead/P&EC)		JHT
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (project lead/P&EC)		JHT
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)		JHT
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)		JHT
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (archeologist)		JC
8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (wildlife biologist, botanist)		PZ DT
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (project lead/P&EC)		JHT
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? (project lead/P&EC)		JHT
11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (archeologist)		JC
12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (botanist)		DT

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW: During ID Team consideration of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

Jo Ann Hufnagle, Realty Specialist
Arthur Callan, Outdoor Recreation Planner
Niki Cutler, Hydrologist
Steve Christy, Archaeologist
Pilar Ziegler, Wildlife Biologist/BLM Sensitive Species - Wildlife
Dean Tonenna, Botanist - Natural Resource Specialist/BLM Sensitive Species - Plants
Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

Although BLM Sensitive Species is not described in one of the 12 extraordinary circumstances question, review of the applicability of this CX has taken them into consideration.

CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

DECISION: It is my decision to implement the action, as described and approve the ROW for a 30-year term, with right to renew, subject to standard terms, conditions and stipulations.

Approved by:



James W. Schroeder
Acting Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office

10/26/2011
(date)

EXHIBIT B

1" = 400'



CONR ROAD

EXISTING DISTRIBUTION LINE

ARROWHEAD DRIVE

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Sierra Pacific™

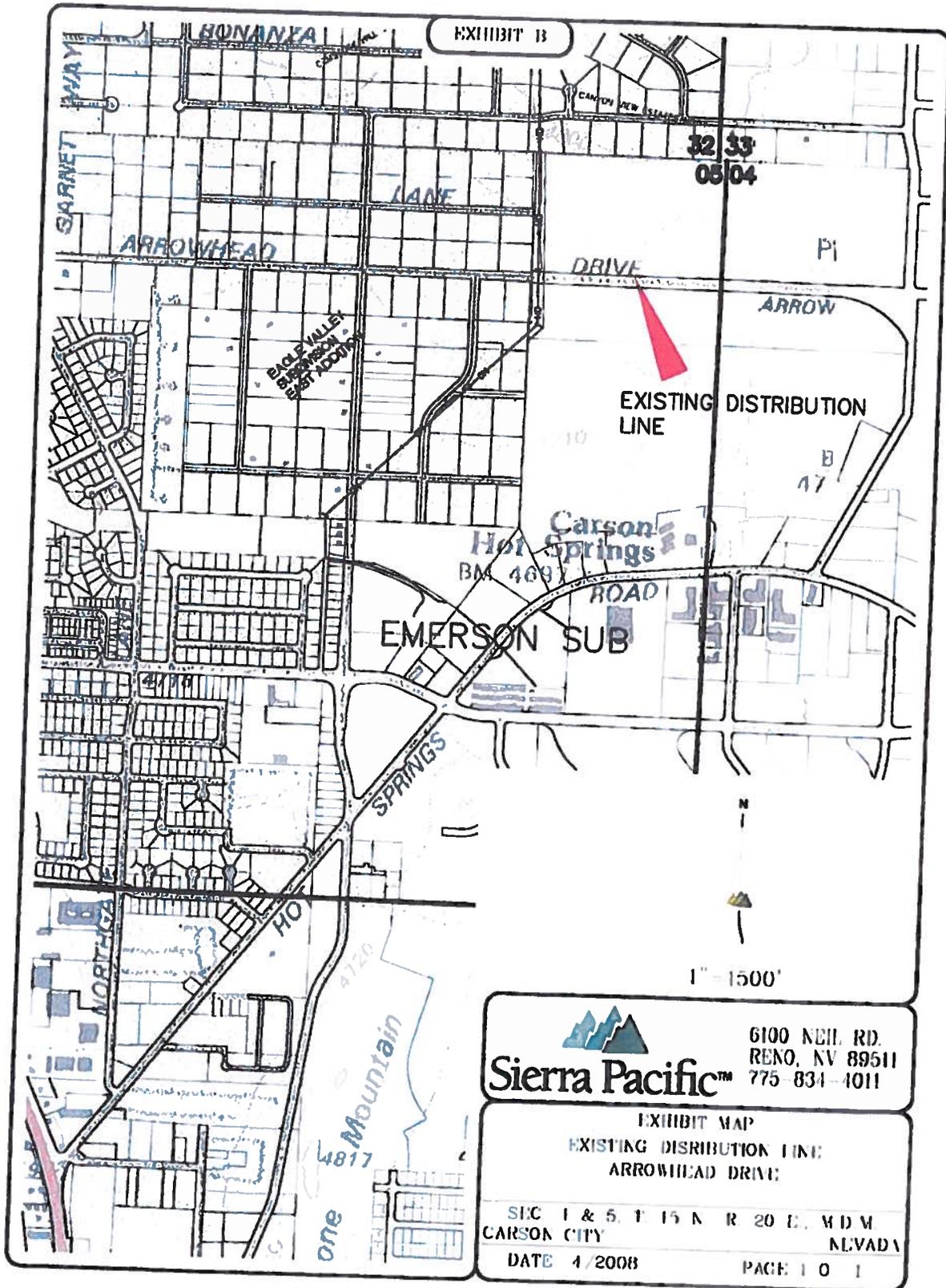
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EXHIBIT MAP
EXISTING DISTRIBUTION LINE
ARROWHEAD DRIVE

SEC 4 & 5, T 15 N, R 20 E, MDM
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INVENTORY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FORM
Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office
Cultural Resources Inventory Needs Assessment

REQUIRED:

BLM Office: Sierra Front Field Office

To be completed by Project Manager/Lead: J. Hufnagle

Date Prepared: 10/6/2011

Project Name/No.: Project Description/Scope (who, what, when, where, why, how, and how much [acreage]): **NVN 085256 ROW/ Arrowhead Electric Line**

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Attach Copy of 7.5-minute Map with Map Reference showing Project Location:

7.5 minute map name(s) here

New Empire

Carson City

To be completed by Cultural Resource Specialist (CRS):

Cultural Resource Tracking number:

Area of Potential Effect:

APE Acreage:

Records Check:

Records Examined:

Results:

Inventory Type Needed:

None

Categorical Exemption (Number ___)

Reconnaissance

Class I

Class II

Class III

Architectural

Rationale for Inventory Type determination:

Tribal Notification/Consultation Needs:

Rationale:

Tribe(s) to be contacted:

Public Notification Needs:

Rationale:

Person(s), group(s) to be contacted:

CRS Approval: /s/

Date:

Field or other appropriate Manager Concurrence: /s/

Date:

ADDITIONAL:

To be completed by CRS and provided to Project Manager/Lead:

Response from SHPO received by CRS:

SHPO response by: R. Palmer

Date:

Comments:

Results of inventory:

Date completed:

Results of tribal consultation:

Letter to tribe(s)—consultation

Date(s):

Letter to tribe(s)—notification

Date(s):

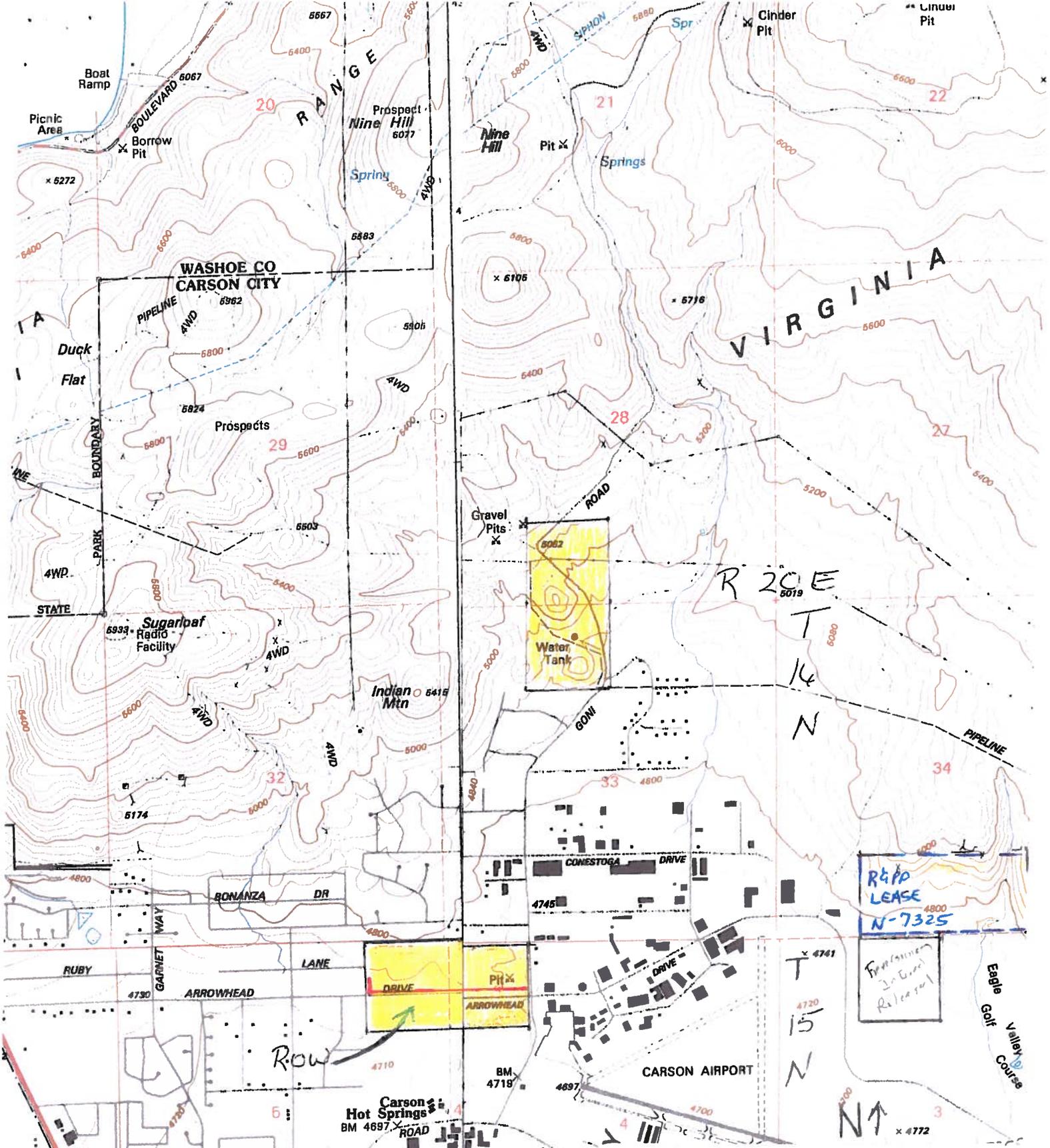
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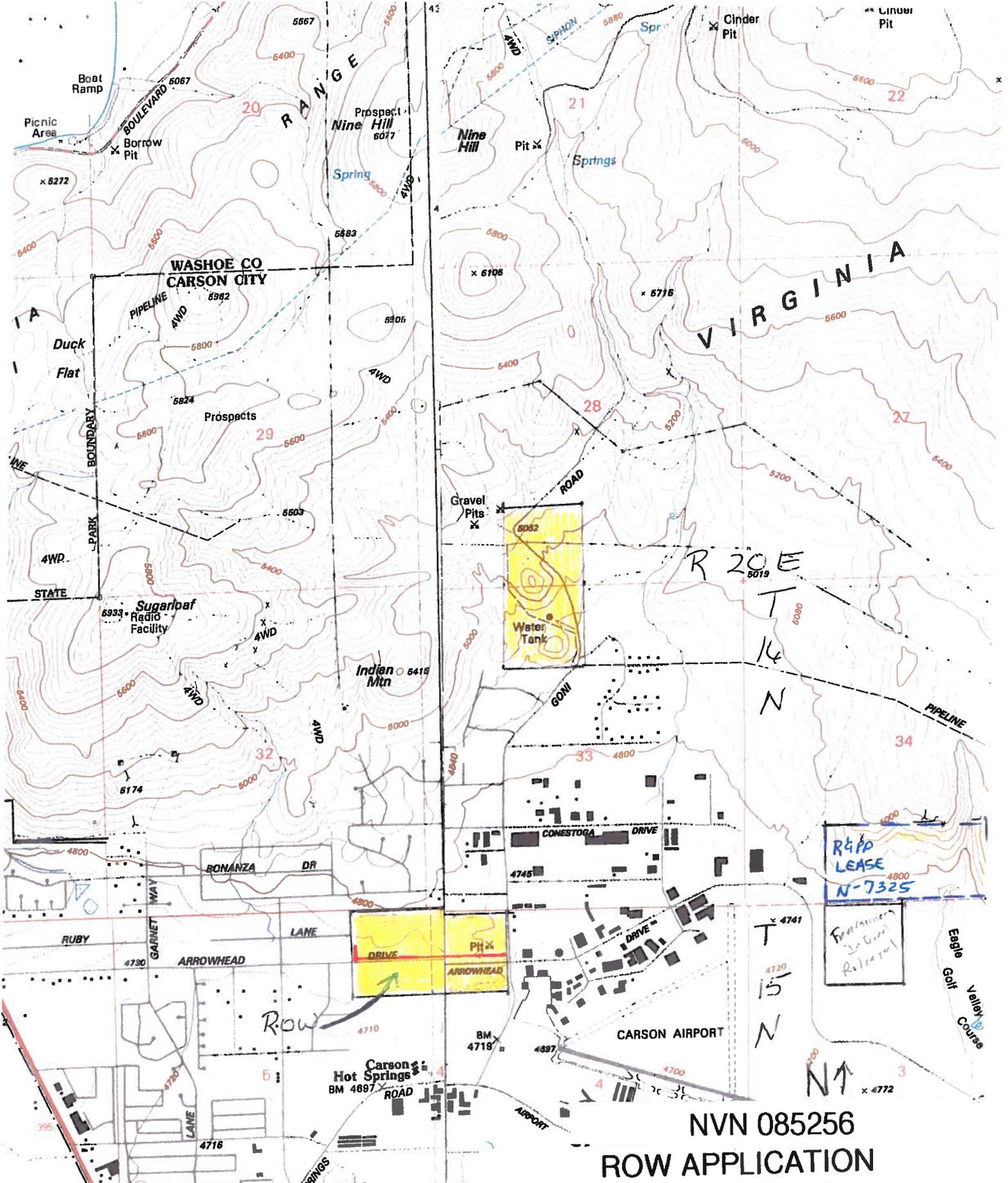
Comments:

Results of public notification:

Date(s):



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