

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

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Creator: E. Pignata, Realty Specialist

Field Office: Stillwater

Lead Office: Stillwater

Case File/Project Number: NVN 065834 01

Applicable Categorical Exclusion

516 DM 11.5; Appendix 4 – 151, E. Realty, #9. “Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.”

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-2011-C010-0011-CX

Project Name: Churchill Animal Protection Society R&PP Lease Renewal

Project Description:

Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS), through Churchill County, Nevada, has requested that their Recreation and Public Purposes Act lease be renewed for an additional five years. They have held this lease for an animal protection facility since May 30, 2001.

A compliance inspection conducted on May 27, 2011, found the facilities and operations to be in line with the stipulations of the lease and the approved plan of development, except for the color of the buildings.

Due to the proximity of this facility to a large checker-board pattern building, the only change to this instrument will be the removal of the visual resource stipulation on painting the structures to “blend with the existing environment,” since a large element the existing environment is already quite jarring.

Although the surface agency for this parcel is the Bureau of Reclamation, BLM handles Recreation and Public Purposes actions on federal land.

Applicant Name: Churchill County, through CAPS

Project Location:

MDM, T. 18 N., R. 29 E., sec. 21, SE¼SE¼SE¼.

Also known as the northwest corner of Berney and Pasture Roads, Fallon, Nevada

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 10 acres

Land Use Plan Conformance:

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

Name of Plan: Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

Topo Quad:

Grimes Point, Provisional Edition, 1985

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? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		JLD 8-4-11
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? (Archeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality)		JLD 7-27-11 SMC SPAC-110 RC
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC)		JLD 7/25/11
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		JLD 7/25/11
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? (PEC)		JLD 7/25/11
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		JLD 7/25/11
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? (Archeology)		SMC SPAC-110
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)		JLD 7-27-11
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archeology)		SMC SPAC-110 JLD
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		JLD 7/25/11
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)? (Archeology)		SMC
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)? (Range-Jill Devaurs)		JLD 8-4-11

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

Planning Environmental Coordinator, Steve Kramer: *SK 7/25/11*
Public Health and Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds, Jill Devaurs:
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC, Dan Westermeyer: *DW 7/25/11*
Wildlife/T&E (BLM Sensitive Species), John Wilson:
Archeology, Susan McCabe: *7/25/11 SPA APC 7 + 10*
Water Quality, Gabe Venegas: *GV 7/25/11*
Soils, Jill Devaurs/Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson: *7/25/11 CS*

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.

Approved by:

Teresa J. Knutson *08/23/2011*
Teresa J. Knutson (date)
Field Manager
Stillwater Field Office

NVN 065834 Churchill Animal Protection Society Lease Overview

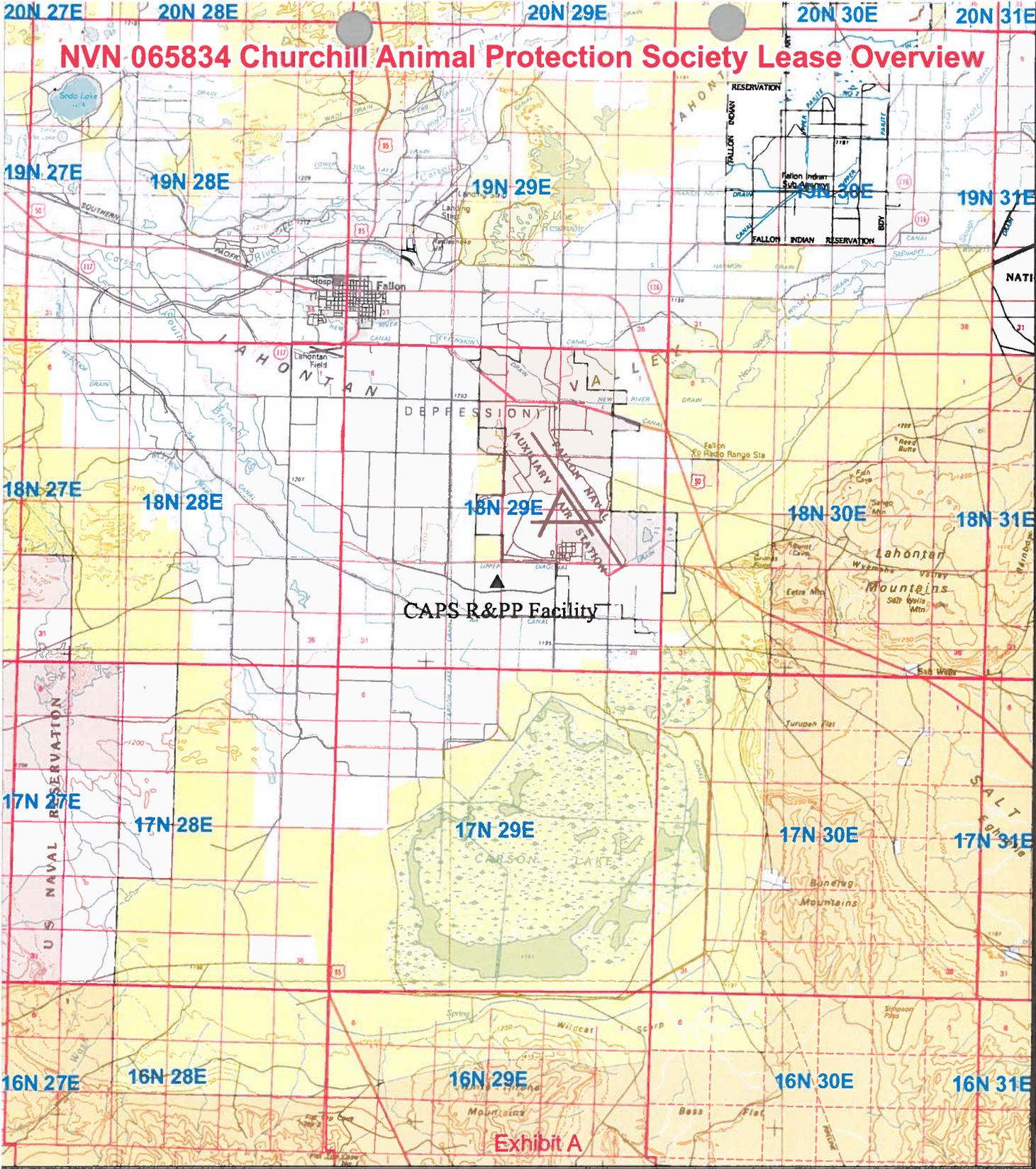
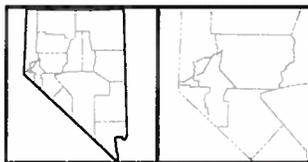
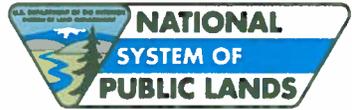


Exhibit A

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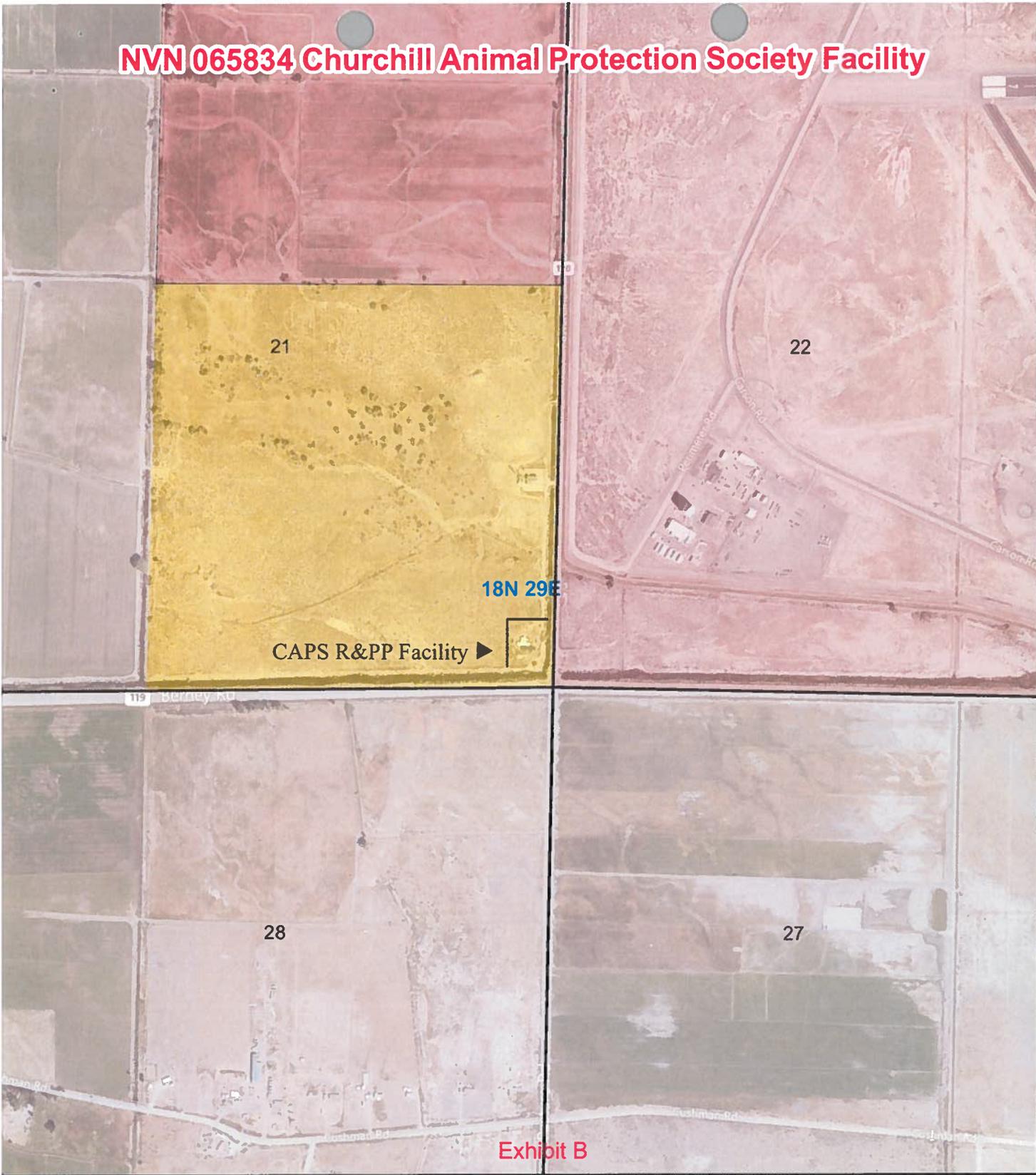
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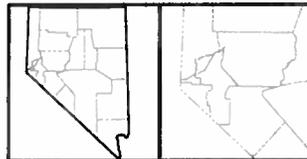
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