

Skip Canfield

From: Rebecca Palmer
Sent: Monday, December 19, 2011 3:49 PM
To: Skip Canfield
Subject: RE: E2012-088 EA - Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative - Bureau of Land Management

The SHPO supports this document as written.

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Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 11:15 AM
To: Rebecca Palmer
Subject: E2012-088 EA - Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative - Bureau of Land Management



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TRANSMISSION DATE: 12/6/2011

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Nevada SAI # E2012-088

Project: EA - Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative

Follow the link below to find information concerning the above-mentioned project for your review and comment.

[E2012-088](#)

- **Please evaluate this project's effects on your agency's plans and programs and any other issues that you are aware of that might be pertinent to applicable laws and regulations.**

- **Please reply directly from this e-mail and attach your comments.**
- **Please submit your comments no later than Friday, December 30, 2011.**

[Clearinghouse project archive](#)

Questions? Skip Canfield, Program Manager, (775) 684-2723 or clearinghouse@state.nv.us

____No comment on this project ____Proposal supported as written

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Signature:

Date:

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October 20, 2011

Ms. Jill Dowling
Federal Preservation Officer
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1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: BTOP 7648, Nevada Hospital Association

Dear Ms. Dowling:

The Nevada Hospital Association and its award subrecipient, e-Care Nevada, enlisted the professional services of Resource Concepts, Inc. and Gnomon, Inc. to support environmental requirements, including Section 106 obligations, associated with our ARRA Round 2 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant project.

In 2011, Gnomon conducted a Class I Cultural Resource Inventory to assess the nature and extent of previous Cultural Resource Investigations within 1/8 mile (1/4 mile corridor) of the proposed buried fiber optic alignments. Using route evaluation maps prepared by NHA's engineering consultant, Optica Engineering, Gnomon reviewed historic properties and evaluated any locations where construction may impact cultural resources. The results of Gnomon's research were coordinated with the Bureau of Land Management and submitted to the NV SHPO in September 2011.

The Nevada Hospital Association has reviewed the Class I Cultural Resource Inventory Report, and agrees with the assumptions and conclusions contained therein. To avoid archaeological impacts, the Nevada Hospital Association commits to and will implement the recommendations of that report in order to avoid impacts to historic properties. Requirements specified in the report will be incorporated into any plans or designs provided to construction crews. In addition, the NTIA, the NV SHPO and any consulting Tribes so requesting will be notified in the event any archaeological remains or resources are discovered during construction.

Should the Nevada Hospital Association make any modifications to the planned construction, and in the event of inadvertent discoveries during construction, we will notify you and seek further consultation.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience if we need to discuss this further, or if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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Bill M. Welch
President/CEO

cc: Max Fainberg, Federal Program Officer, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Tom Reiman, President, e-Care Nevada
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Marvin Tebeau, Principal Environmental Specialist, Resource Concepts Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

September 28, 2011

Jill A. Dowling
Federal Preservation Officer
United States Department of Commerce, NTIA
HC Hoover Building Room 2064
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington DC 20230

RE: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grantee #7648, Nevada
Hospital Association, Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative (Undertaking
2011-1320).

Dear Ms. Dowling:

The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reviewed the subject undertaking and the Class I Literature Search prepared. The SHPO concurs with the NTIA's determination that the area of potential effect identified in the subject document is adequate to identify historic properties that could be affected by the undertaking. The SHPO also concurs with the NTIA's determination that the previous identification efforts described in the subject document are adequate to identify all historic properties that could be affected by the undertaking.

The SHPO will concur with an NTIA finding of No Adverse Effect with the following condition:

The recommendations proposed to ensure protection of historic properties found on page 9 of the subject document need to be incorporated into any plans or designs provided to the construction crews. The need for an archaeological monitor for the Carson City portion of the undertaking must be submitted to the entities responsible for the implementing the undertaking. A monitoring report needs to be provided to this office within one month of the completion of the undertaking in the vicinity of the historic property 26Or1.

Jill Dowling
September 28, 2011
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If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please feel free to contact me at (775) 684-3443 or by e-mail at rlpalmer@shpo.nv.gov.

Sincerely,

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Rebecca Lynn Palmer, Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
**National Telecommunications and
Information Administration**
Washington, DC 20230

August 31, 2011

Dr. Rebecca Palmer, Deputy SHPO
Nevada State Historic Preservation Office
Bryan Building Suite 5004
901 South Stewart St.
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, Consultation Regarding Broadband
Technology Opportunities Program Grantee # 7648, Nevada Hospital Association, Nevada
Broadband Telemedicine Initiative – Transmittal of Class I Survey and Request for
Concurrence on No Adverse Effect Finding

Dear Dr. Palmer,

As we notified you in July 2011, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) awarded a grant to Nevada Hospital Association, through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The funding must be obligated and the project completed within 3 years. This timeline is driven by the laws and regulations governing the use of this ARRA grant funding.

As discussed in your office on Friday, July 15, project revisions added new fiber and eliminated all telecommunication towers originally proposed in Nevada when the project was first coordinated with your office in October, 2010.

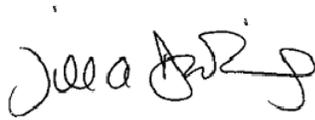
NTIA updated the notification to potentially affected Native American tribes in cooperation with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) using their Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS), and Nevada Hospital has met with the Walker River Tribe regarding installation proposed on their tribal lands. As this installation is all aerial on existing poles (with no new ground disturbance), there is no potential to affect historic resources on the reservation.

Nevada Hospital Association retained Gnomon, Inc to conduct a **Class I Literature Search** for all buried portions of the project, including the laterals. Based on the results, no Class III survey is recommended, and NTIA seeks your concurrence on the enclosed report, and the recommendation that the project should have No Adverse Effect on Historic Properties.

NTIA continues coordination to support the Nevada Hospital Association in consulting with the federal agencies that will permit the project, including the BLM; the BIA; the Department of Defense; USFS; and the Bureau of Reclamation as the project proceeds. Copies of this report and recommendation, as well as the Environmental Assessment under development for the project, are available to all agencies for their review and comment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-4456, or by e-mail at jdowling@doc.gov.

Sincerely,

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Jill A. Dowling
Federal Preservation Officer
United States Department of Commerce

Attachment

cc: Brian L. Buttazoni, BLM
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Roxanne Ellingson, Walker River Tribe Environmental Director
Bill Casale US ACOE
Stephanie Phillips, USFS
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
**National Telecommunications and
Information Administration**
Washington, DC 20230

July 22, 2011

Mr. Ronald James, SHPO
Attention: Rebecca Palmer
Historic Preservation Office
100 North Stewart Street
Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV 89701-4285

Re: Revised Initiation of National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106, Consultation
Regarding Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grantee # 7648, Nevada
Hospital Association, Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative

Dear Mr. James and Ms. Palmer,

As we notified you last October, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) awarded a grant to Nevada Hospital Association, through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The funding must be obligated and the project completed within 3 years. This timeline is driven by the laws and regulations governing the use of this ARRA grant funding.

The original project included constructing a new 224 mile fiber network while utilizing an additional 453 miles of existing fiber and 580 microwave miles to connect the rural hospitals throughout the state of Nevada. This letter is to inform you of changes to the project, as discussed with Ms. Palmer on Friday, July 15. A complete, revised project description and mapping is included with this letter. This description includes new fiber and eliminates all telecommunication towers originally proposed in Nevada.

NTIA is updating the notification to potentially affected Native American tribes in cooperation with the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) using their Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS), and will be coordinating with the Walker River Tribe regarding installation proposed on their tribal lands.

In order to streamline Section 106 compliance, BTOP applicants are authorized to gather information to identify and evaluate historic properties and work with consulting parties to assess effects. Nevada Hospital has initiated conversation with affected federal agencies that will

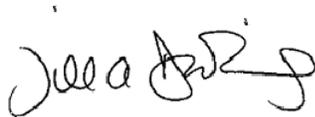
permit the project, and NTIA will continue coordinating with the BLM; the BIA; the Department of Defense; USFS; and the Bureau of Reclamation as the project proceeds.

Based on our meeting last week, Nevada Hospital will proceed with a **Class I Literature Search** for all buried portions of the project, including the laterals. Once the Class I document is complete, and based on the extent and age of extant survey, Nevada Hospital will evaluate the adequacy of survey and consult with NTIA, your office, land management agencies and other consulting parties to determine Class III requirements, if any.

Nevada Hospital's cultural resource consultant will very soon contact you to propose and discuss an Area of Potential Effects for the project. As discussed, a Programmatic Agreement or other mechanism may be required to establish cultural resource procedures as pole replacement locations are identified during design development and construction. NTIA will participate in any consultations, if necessary, to resolve adverse effects and develop any Memorandum of Agreement.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 482-4456, or by e-mail at jdowling@doc.gov.

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United States Department of Commerce

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BIA Carson City
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Bill Casale US ACOE
Stephanie Phillips, USFS
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NEVADA BROADBAND TELEMEDICINE INITIATIVE
NEVADA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION – Award #NT10BIX5570103
Project Description
Updated July 2011

The Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative (NBTI) is a \$19.6 million grant award funded under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and awarded to the non-profit, Nevada Hospital Association (NHA). The NBTI is a private, custom designed broadband network built specifically to transport and interconnect the health care needs of the State of Nevada. The NBTI is defined and designed to link medical facilities with broadband fiber, delivering advanced high-speed transport generally not available throughout the State today.

NBTI's primary purpose is to provide direct network access to 36 hospitals providing secure data transport for Telemedicine applications as well as the future exchange of Electronic Medical Records as required under the federal HITECH Act. Further, an additional 315 community anchor facilities were identified in the funded service areas including schools, community colleges, public safety entities, correctional facilities, libraries, and other community organizations that could benefit from the increased bandwidth and Quality of Service agreements made available through either direct connections or contracted Last Mile Service Providers. The NHA has worked to establish partnerships with key players throughout the state, including Nevada Department of Transportation, NV Energy, Valley Electric Association, Zayo, University Medical Center, Nevada Indian Health Board, Nevada System of Higher Education, and Nevada Department of Information Technology.

The new fiber segments will offer 40 Mbps - 1 GB of capacity to each of the targeted anchor institutions throughout the state. The NHA will, where feasible, utilize existing transmission, aerial attachment, and fiber facilities by securing agreements with dark fiber providers and partnering with local utility providers to lower network build and operating costs. The route narratives noted below reflect high-bandwidth terrestrial fiber connections creating a cohesive, facilities-based network. Once complete, these routes will provide for an increase in the quality of bandwidth, capacity, and integrity of the overall network designed to service Nevada Hospital Association facilities and Community Anchor Institutions. With this plan, the network is better positioned to serve identified customer end-points with increased Quality of Service metrics and capacity; thereby achieving the ambitious goal of introducing a highly secure, private, terrestrial broadband facility meeting statewide public use and health care needs now and well into the future.

The paragraphs below describe each route segment and are summarized in the attached Table. The Project Vicinity Map illustrates the general locations of each.

RENO TO CARSON CITY ROUTE

This route increases the capability of the system by linking the two largest cities in northern Nevada through an agreement with NV Energy whereby we pull new cable in one of their existing conduits. This route length is 31 miles long. Construction and maintenance access will be via existing paved and dirt roads, which will not need to be improved for the project.

CARSON CITY TO FALLON ROUTE

The route will be built by pulling a new fiber cable in an existing duct system owned by NV Energy along US Hwy 50, then turning on a city street for approximately 3 blocks in Fallon to a NDOT maintenance facility. This route is 51 miles long. Access will be via existing paved and dirt roads, which will not need to be improved for the project. The majority of this route crosses BLM managed land.

RENO TO ELKO CONNECTION VIA INTERSTATE-80

This route connects uses existing NDOT fiber cable. This cable, however, is restricted for non-commercial use. The route is 297 miles long. Access will be via existing paved and dirt roads, which will not need to be improved for the project. This route crosses BLM managed land.

FALLON to ELY CONNECTION

This route on US-50 will use existing NDOT lit service to connect Fallon to Ely. This NDOT fiber cable is restricted for non-commercial service. This route is 288 miles long. The majority of this route crosses BLM managed land.

CARSON CITY TO GARDNERVILLE and GARDNERVILLE HOSPITAL CONNECTION

This route is a fiber optic cable connection from Carson City to Gardnerville Hospital. This 21-mile route is within public utility easements, county and private roads. The route includes 10 miles of existing conduit and 3.4 miles of overhead attachment to connect with the Gardnerville Hospital. The route is almost entirely within existing easements or private property. A small parcel of BLM and State of Nevada is crossed in the northern part of this project.

GARDNERVILLE CONNECTION to BUCKEYE SUBSTATION, YERINGTON SUBSTATION and YERINGTON HOSPITAL

This route connects a fiber cable installation on existing NV Energy transmission lines. This connection allows for fiber service to Yerington and the Yerington Hospital. . This route is 40 miles long and access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. Portions of the dirt access roads will need to be improved for the project for safe use by construction equipment. In addition some of the older poles may require replacement to accommodate the new cable. The majority of this route crosses BLM managed land.

An alternative to this route is a buried cable from the US-50 fiber route intersection at Silver Springs to Yerington along Hwy 95a (illustrated on the map and listed in the table).

YERINGTON TO HAWTHORNE CONNECTION

This route is a fiber cable on NV Energy transmission lines from Yerington to Hawthorne and connects to the hospital in Hawthorne. The route is 105 miles long. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. Portions of the dirt access roads will need to be improved for safe use by project construction equipment. In addition some of the older poles may require replacement to accommodate the new cable. This route crosses land managed by the BLM, the Department of Defense and the Walker River Tribe. Approximately 2 regen stations will be installed along this route.

HAWTHORNE TO TONOPAH CONNECTION

This route is a fiber cable on NV Energy transmission lines from Hawthorne to Tonopah. The route is 102 miles long. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. Portions of the dirt access roads will need to be improved for the project for safe use by construction equipment. In addition some of the older poles may require replacement to accommodate the new cable. Approximately 2 regen stations will be installed along this route. The majority of this route crosses BLM managed land and a small amount of DOD land.

TONOPAH TO PAHRUMP CONNECTION

This route is composed of three segments: 1) 26 miles of fiber cable on NV Energy overhead lines; 2) 98 miles of fiber cable on Valley Electric Association (VEA) transmission lines; and 3) a 15-mile underground fiber in the HWY 95 NDOT ROW over BLM managed land south of Goldfield to HWY 266, bridging a gap between the two power grids. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. Portions of the dirt access roads will need to be improved for the project for safe use by construction equipment. In addition some of the older poles may require replacement to accommodate the new cable. Approximately 3 regen stations will be installed along this route. The majority of this route crosses BLM managed land.

PAHRUMP TO LAS VEGAS CONNECTION

The route is 65 miles of fiber cable on VEA transmission lines with a direct connection to the proposed NHA data center in Las Vegas. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. Portions of the dirt access roads may need to be improved for the project for safe use by construction equipment. In addition some of the older poles may require replacement to accommodate the new cable. Approximately 1 regen station will be installed along this route. A portion of this route crosses BLM and USFS managed land.

BOULDER CITY TO LAS VEGAS

The new underground construction distance in this area is reduced by utilizing VEA transmission lines to a substation in Henderson. Alternatives are still being researched to further reduce the need to construct approximately 10 miles along Hwy 93/95. The route is approximately 23 miles long. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. A portion of this route crosses BLM and BOR managed land.

Elko Lateral

The route is 4 miles of fiber cable buried in road ROWs from I-80 to the Hospital in Elko. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. A portion of this route crosses BLM managed land.

Lovelock Lateral

The route is 2 miles of fiber cable buried in road ROWs from I-80 to the Hospital in Lovelock. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. This route is all on private land.

Winnemucca Lateral

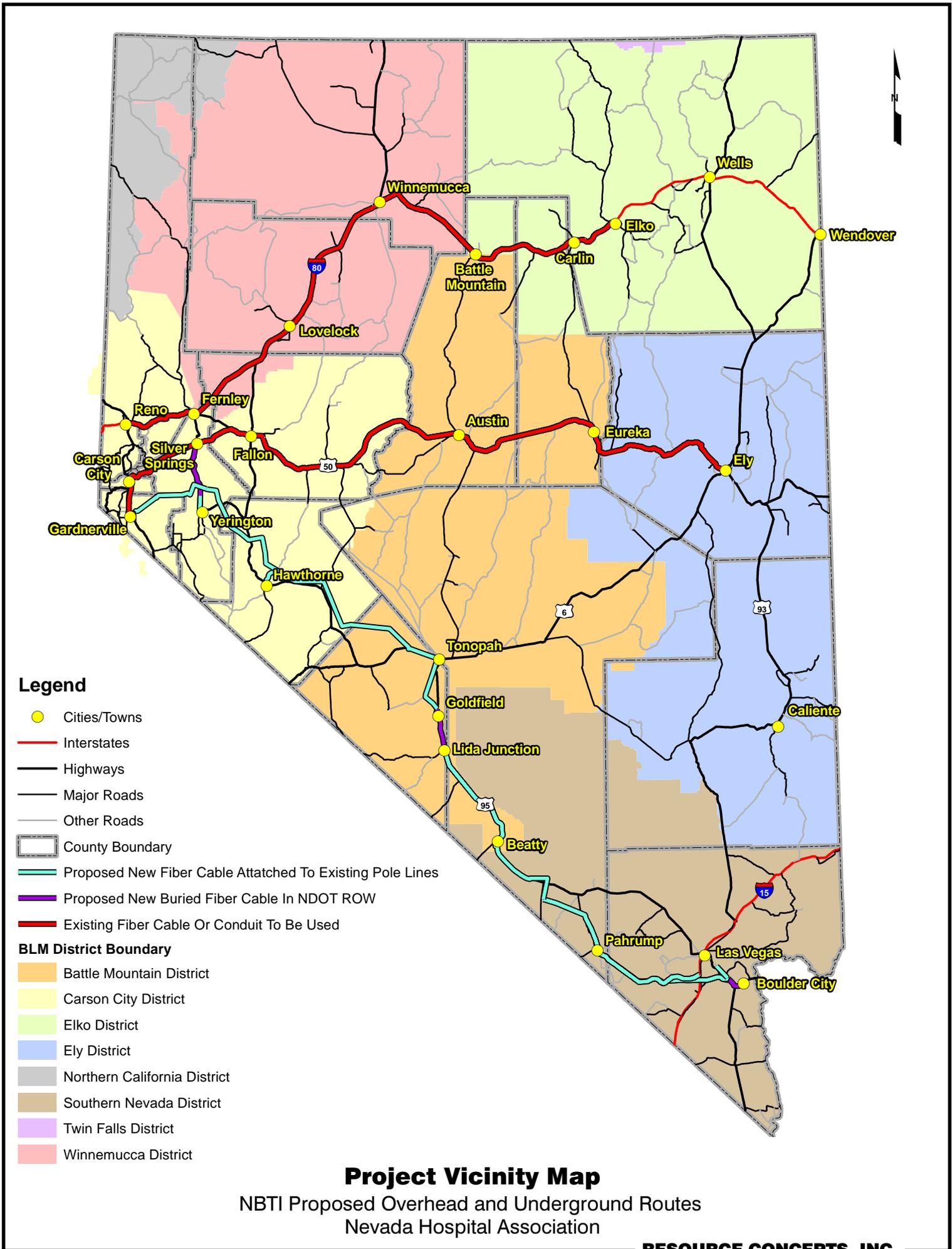
The route uses 2 miles of existing fiber cable buried in road ROWs from I-80 to the Hospital in Winnemucca. This route is all on private land.

Battle Mountain Lateral

The route is 2 miles of fiber cable buried in road ROWs from I-80 to the Hospital in Battle Mountain. Access will be via the existing paved and dirt roads. This route is all on private land.

Routes within Reno, Carson City, and Las Vegas

A variety of existing fiber cable systems will be used through agreements with the owners within these major cities. The hospitals will be connected to these existing routes using small underground or overhead connections. These routes are all on private land.



Nevada Hospital Assoc. NBTI Project Description Summary Table

Routes Funded Through Grant & Matching Funds

Land Management

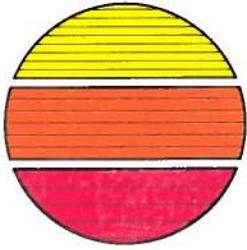
Route Name	Supplier	Route Start/End Points		Facility Type	Estimated Miles	Estimated Miles							BLM District					NDOT ROW Miles			
		From	To			BLM	FS	BIA	DOD	BOR	NV State	Private / Municipal	Carson City	Battle Mountain	Las Vegas	Winnemucca	Ely	Elko			
I-80 Route	NDOT	200 S. Virginia, Reno	Elko	IRU - RLS	297.0	TBD							TBD	X	X		X		X	297.0	
Lovelock Lateral	NHA	NDOT Hut	Lovelock	U/G	2.0								2.0								
Winnemucca Lateral	NDOT	NDOT Hut	Winnemucca	IRU	2.0								2.0								
Battle Mountain Lateral	NHA	NDOT Hut	Battle Mountain	U/G	2.0								2.0								
Elko Lateral	NHA	NDOT Hut	Elko	U/G	2.0	0.20							4.2						X		
Reno/Carson City Rings	Zayo	Reno/Carson City	Rings	IRU	37.0								37.0								
Reno Laterals	Zayo	Reno	Laterals	IRU	3.2								3.2								
Carson City Laterals	Zayo	Carson City	Laterals	IRU	1.0								1.0								
Reno Carson City Route	NV Energy	200 S Virginia, Reno	Hwy 50/Hwy 395, Carson City	Ex. U/G	31.5								31.5							31.5	
Carson City Fallon Route	NV Energy	Carson City POP	Fallon	Ex. U/G	61.4	8.4					8.1		44.9							61.4	
Fallon Ely Hwy 50 Route	NDOT	Hwy 50/Hwy 395, Fallon	Ely	IRU - RLS	287.8	TBD						TBD	X	X				X		287.8	
Carson City Gardnerville Route	NHA	Hwy 50/Hwy 395, Carson City	Gardnerville	U/G + Ex.U/G	21.2	0.05	0.28			0.6		19.8	X								
Gardnerville Yerington Route	NV Energy	Gardnerville	Yerington	Ovhd	38.7	24.5						14.2	X								
Silversprings to Yerington Alt	NHA	Silver Springs	Yerington (alt to GV to Yer Route)	U/G	31.2	11.5						19.7	X							31.2	
Yerington Hawthorne Route	NV Energy	Yerington	Hawthorne	Ovhd	105.4	100.3	5.1						X								
Hawthorne Tonopah Route	NV Energy	Hawthorne	Tonopah	Ovhd	101.6	97.2		1.4				3	X	X							
Tonopah - Goldfield	NV Energy	Tonopah	Goldfield	Ovhd	26.2	25.2						1.0		X							
Goldfield - Lida Junction	NHA	Goldfield	Lida Junction	U/G	14.3	14.3									X					14.3	
Lida Junction - Pahrump	VEA	Lida Junction	Pahrump	Ovhd	98.0	72.9						25.1		X	X						
Pahrump Vegas Route	VEA	Las Vegas	Pahrump	Ovhd	88.4	36.4	4.9					47.1			X						
VEA/Zayo Connector	NHA	NW Vegas VEA	Zayo Ring	U/G	9.0							9									
Zayo Vegas Rings	Zayo	Las Vegas	Rings	IRU	126.0							126.0									
Zayo Vegas Laterals	Zayo	Las Vegas	Laterals	U/G	20.2							20.2									
Boulder Route	NHA	SuperNap, Las Vegas	Boulder City	Ovhd + U/G	23.1	1.3				0.3		12/9			X					12	
Boulder Lateral	NHA	SNWA Route	Boulder	Ovhd + U/G	3.1							3.1									
Approximate New Underground by land manager						27.3				0.3		70.1								14.3	
Approximate Overhead by land manager						356.5	4.9	5.1	1.4			101.5									

Facility Types :

- IRU *Indefeasible Right to Use [contractual agreement with supplier for exclusive, unrestricted use]*
- IRU - RLS *Restricted Lit Service IRU [reflects a proposed restricted bandwidth lease from NDOT on this route]*
- Ovhd *Overhead [agreement to attach (i.e., hang) new fiber onto the supplier's existing utility poles]*
- U/G *Underground [new underground conduit and fiber]*
- Ex. U/G *Existing Underground [new fiber into existing underground conduit]*

Note: Mileage is approximate for a general description of the project.

- Green = new underground
- Blue = hanging from existing overhead structure
- Black = using existing cable or conduit



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RESOURCE CONCEPTS, INC.

January 10, 2010

Mr. Ronald James, SHPO
Historic Preservation Office
100 North Stewart Street
Capitol Complex
Carson City, NV 89701-4285

RE: Initiation of National Historic Preservation Action, Section 106 Consultations
Regarding Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Recipient #
7648, Nevada Hospital Association, Fiber Optic Network Infrastructure Project

Dear Mr. James:

This letter is a follow-up to the letter provided to you dated October 12, 2010 from Jill Dowling, Federal Preservation Officer with the US Department of Commerce (attached).

Resource Concepts, Inc. has been selected as the contractor to complete the necessary NEPA documentation. As a part of the scope of work, our archaeologist will be working with the BLM and NDOT to identify and evaluate culturally sensitive areas that may be adversely affected by project related disturbances and in preparing the reports necessary for project completion. Once the analyses conclusions regarding effects of the proposed action are complete, we will be seeking SHPO concurrence with the determinations made on behalf of the NTIA.

Sincerely,

Lynn Zonge
Assistant Project Manager

LZ:cb

Attachment

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**PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT AMONG
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE,
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION,
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS, AND
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
FOR THE BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM AND
BROADBAND INITIATIVES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) appropriated \$7.2 billion in loans and grants for the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to bring broadband service to un-served and underserved communities across America; and

WHEREAS, NTIA, in implementing the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), will award \$4.7 billion in grants to expand public computer capacity, encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service and deploy broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, RUS, in implementing the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP), will award \$2.7 billion in loan and loan-grant combinations to support broadband deployment in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, RUS and NTIA have determined that projects receiving financial assistance under BIP or BTOP (BIP/BTOP undertakings) are undertakings subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, and its implementing regulations under 36 CFR part 800 (Section 106); and

WHEREAS, given the schedule for obligation, RUS and NTIA will make awards prior to the conclusion of Section 106 review; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the BIP/BTOP undertakings submitted to State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), Indian tribes, and other consulting parties for Section 106 review will be limited to those that have been awarded BIP/BTOP funding, rather than more speculative undertakings;

WHEREAS, the timing of awards and completion of Section 106 review is a departure from the normal Section 106 process as set forth in 36 CFR §§ 800.3 through 800.7; and

WHEREAS, RUS and NTIA have delegated authority to their applicants to initiate consultation in accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(c)(4); and

WHEREAS, RUS and NTIA have consulted to execute this Programmatic Agreement (PA) pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.14(b); and

WHEREAS, RUS and NTIA initiated government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes for BIP and BTOP undertakings by letter dated September 23, 2009; and

NOW, THEREFORE, RUS, NTIA, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) agree that RUS and NTIA will comply with the provisions of this PA in order to take into account the effects of these undertakings on historic properties and afford the ACHP an opportunity to comment.

STIPULATIONS

RUS and NTIA will ensure that the following stipulations are carried out:

I. AWARD CONDITIONS

RUS and NTIA may make awards for BIP/BTOP undertakings prior to completion of Section 106 review so long as RUS and NTIA:

- A. Condition financial assistance awarded under BIP/BTOP on completion of the Section 106 review in accordance with 36 CFR Part 800. RUS and NTIA will attach special award conditions to such awards to ensure that federal funds are not released, and ground disturbing activities are not commenced, for BIP/BTOP undertakings prior to the completion of Section 106 review by RUS and NTIA in accordance with 36 CFR §§ 800.3 through 800.7, or 36 CFR § 800.8(c), or an applicable alternative under 36 CFR § 800.14;
- B. Retain the ability to withdraw BIP/BTOP awards for an undertaking until completion of its Section 106 review;
- C. Require applicants to initiate Section 106 consultation no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the announcement of their awards;
- D. Encourage the applicants to design their projects to avoid historic properties;
- E. As part of the condition to not commence ground disturbing activities until completion of Section 106 review, advise the applicants in writing about the applicability of Section 110(k) of the National Historic Preservation Act. For purposes of this PA, "ground disturbing activities" are defined as project-related site preparation or construction actions that affect the surface and/or subsurface, including, but not limited to, tree stump grinding or stump pulling, grading, excavation, filling, soil or rock removal, or blasting; and
- F. Within ninety (90) calendar days of the execution of this PA, provide applicants with guidance on Section 106 compliance and the name and contact information to people at their respective agencies who will be responsible for answering their questions on Section 106 compliance.

II. ACHP INVOLVEMENT IN REGULAR SECTION 106 REVIEWS

If RUS/NTIA decide to comply with Section 106 for a BIP/BTOP undertaking by using the regular process under 36 CFR §§ 800.3 through 800.7, RUS/NTIA will not need

to notify the ACHP about adverse effects findings under 36 CFR § 800.6(a)(1). The ACHP will still retain the ability to join consultation under 36 CFR § 800.6 at its own initiative, including in response to a request for ACHP participation by SHPO/Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), Indian tribe, Native Hawaiian organizations, NTIA or RUS.

III. BIP/BTOP UNDERTAKINGS NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION 106 REVIEW

RUS and NTIA do not need to take into account the effects of the following components of BIP/BTOP undertakings on historic properties:

- A. Broadband over existing power lines¹; and
- B. Sustainable broadband adoption² projects such as educational efforts, awareness, training, equipment purchase, or support.

If a BIP/BTOP undertaking is made up solely of these components, then the entire undertaking will be exempt from Section 106 review.

IV. AMENDMENT

This PA may be amended when such an amendment is agreed to in writing by all signatories. The amendment will be effective on the date it is executed by all of the signatories.

V. TERMINATION

If any signatory to this PA determines that its terms will not or cannot be carried out, that party shall immediately consult with the other signatories to attempt to develop an amendment in accordance with Stipulation IV. If within thirty (30) calendar days an amendment has not been executed, any signatory may terminate this PA upon written notification to the other signatories.

Once the PA is terminated, RUS and NTIA must either (a) execute another PA pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.14(b) or (b) proceed in accordance with 36 CFR §§ 800.3 through 800.7, or an applicable alternate process under 36 CFR § 800.14. The RUS and NTIA shall notify the signatories as to the course of action they will pursue.

VI. DURATION

This PA will be considered in full force and effect until September 30, 2013.

¹ Please see the FCC's information available regarding Broadband Over Powerlines (BPL): <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/index.htm?job=bp>

² Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) is a component of the BTOP grant program, please see references at: http://www.ntia.doc.gov/frnotices/2009/FR_BBNofA_090709.pdf, page 33114, and <http://www.broadbandusa.gov/presentations/SustainableAdoption0721.pdf> for further information. Exemptions would not extend to any projects that would engage in construction or any ground-disturbing activities.

Execution of this PA and implementation of its terms evidence that RUS and NTIA have taken into account the effects of BIP/BTOP undertakings on historic properties and afforded the ACHP an opportunity to comment on them.

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THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE,
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION,
NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS, AND
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
FOR THE BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM AND
BROADBAND INITIATIVES PROGRAM**

SIGNATURES

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service

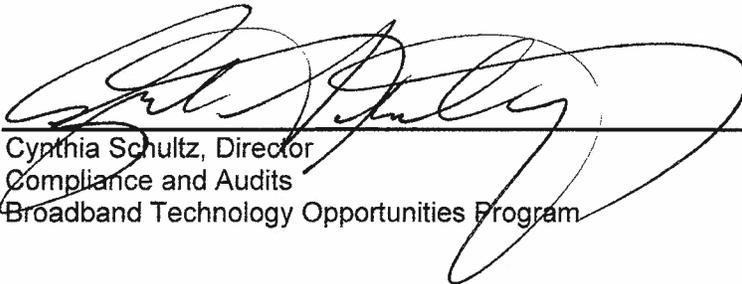


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Mark S. Plank, Director
Engineering and Environmental Staff
Water and Environmental Programs

Date

**U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information
Administration**



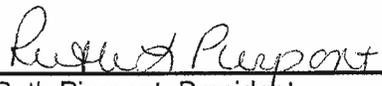
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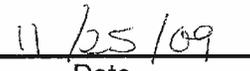
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National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers


Ruth Pierpont, President


Date

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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation



John M. Fowler, Executive Director



Date

Executive Summary

NV Hospital Assoc (NHA) is proposing to build a state-wide broadband network to serve hospitals and other entities. This project is being funded by ARRA funds. The lead federal agency is the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) under the US Department of Commerce.

To comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, NHA engaged Gnomon, Inc. to conduct this Class I Cultural Resource Inventory to assess the nature and extent of previous Cultural Resource Investigations within $\frac{1}{8}$ mile ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile corridor) of the proposed buried fiber optic alignments. Placement of lines on existing overhead poles is exempt from Section 106 review, per the *Programmatic Agreement Among the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and the Broadband Initiatives Program* (BTOP PA). Placement of fiber in existing conduit should have no effect on historic properties. Several alignments will, however, require construction of new underground fiber optic lines. Newly constructed routes may require subsurface boring or trenching for line placement. Where possible, the proposed underground routes will follow previously disturbed utility alignments or be placed in the prism of existing roads.

The majority of the buried project area is located in metropolitan or suburban areas near major towns in northern and southern Nevada. As a result, the terrain is characterized by extensive residential, commercial and industrial development and land disturbance. Very little undisturbed land is traversed by the proposed alignment.

The record search revealed 355 architectural resources and 77 archaeological sites within the project corridor. The record search buffer comprises 14,245 acres; 5,012 acres were previously inventoried for architectural resources and 4,693 acres were subjected to archaeological survey.

Buried fiber optic line construction will be confined to existing roadways through developed areas and will have no effect on the architectural resources. Since the project will not affect architectural resources, no additional architectural inventory is recommended.

Construction disturbance has the greatest potential to affect buried or surface archaeological deposits. We recommend that newly buried fiber alignments be confined to disturbed areas within existing right-of-ways. If alignments through eligible archaeological sites and un-inventoried areas can be confined to the existing road prism, then construction should have no adverse effect on significant resources. Additional stipulations may be required to protect sites during construction.

Introduction

The Nevada Hospital Association proposes construction of a network of fiber optic lines to serve community hospitals throughout Nevada. The majority of the project area is located in metropolitan or suburban areas near major towns in northern and southern Nevada. As a result, the terrain is characterized by extensive residential, commercial and industrial development and land disturbance. More rural areas contain a mix of residential development and agricultural fields. Very little undisturbed land is traversed by the proposed alignment. The lead federal agency is the National Tele-communications and Information Administration (NTIA) under the US Department of Commerce.

The proposed project will install fiber optic lines on existing VEA and NV Energy Overhead Pole or in buried conduit (to the extent possible), with some new buried alignments anticipated. Placement of lines on existing overhead poles or in existing conduit is exempt from Section 106 review per the BTOP PA.

Several alignments will, however, require construction of new underground fiber optic lines. Newly constructed routes may require subsurface boring or trenching for line placement. Where possible, the proposed underground routes will follow previously disturbed utility alignments or be placed in the prism of existing roads.

Types of Construction

Three basic methods would be used for placement of ADSS fiber optic cable below ground: 1) the plow method, 2) the trench method, and 3) directional bore method. The specific method used will be determined based on existing conditions and as described below.

Cable Placement using the Plow Method

In the NDOT ROWs, the cable route will be plowed using a rip shank with attached cable chute. The depth of the cable will be three feet in normal conditions and up to six feet in areas where more protection is desired, such as washes and high erosion areas. (For depths over 3 feet, boring methods, described below, will be used.)

The process of plowing cable into the ground does not leave an excavation; instead it lifts the soil and leaves a 'heaved' area on each side of the plow slot. Restoration and compaction is limited to driving the dozer (either the cable plow itself, a second dozer used for pulling the plow or a "clean up" dozer working behind the cable plow) over each side of the plow rip to push it back to a level state. There is no need for material excavation or imported material to restore the trench. The disturbed soil from the trench will vary depending on how rocky the soil is, but generally would be one to two feet wide.

Cable Placement using Trenching Method

Trench sections are only anticipated as necessary where it is not possible or practical to plow the cable. For instance, in areas containing solid rock or large boulders a trench will be opened either by rock saw or excavator/hydraulic breaker. Further, trenches are generally used where conduit is required. Conduit will be used in selective areas due to work operation or right-of-way owner requirements. Conduit material may be HDPE, PVC, galvanized or black iron pipe.

Once the conduit/cable is placed in the open trench, the original material is used to backfill the trench. In some exceptional cases where there isn't enough granular fill to "pad" the conduit/cable before backfilling excavated rock, then sand or other suitable material may be brought in to provide protection to the facilities. Final backfill is completed using dozers, an excavator and/or skid steer loaders, and typically "wheel-walked" for compaction. Along open areas of the right-of-way, specialized compaction equipment and compaction testing is not necessary.

Some examples of trench excavation and average dimensions include:

- Backhoe trenching depending on bucket size can range from one-foot to two feet for backhoe/loader machinery. These dimensions assume dirt excavation. Rock areas, especially those with loose boulders, tend to create irregular trenches that can approach five feet in width.
- Rock sawing can vary depending on equipment used but generally are eight to twelve inches wide and up to four feet deep.

Directional Boring

Hard surfaces such as paved roads will be bored wherever possible. Boring does not create a "trench" visible from the surface. However, pits eight to ten feet in length are necessary to tie conduit together where two bore sections meet. Bore diameters for fiber optic construction are large enough to accommodate (dependent on right-of-way owner requirements) one or more 1 ½-inch high-density polyethylene (HDPE) conduit(s) or a single four inch Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) or steel casing. Bore pits will be backfilled and, where appropriate, compacted using hand tamps such as mechanical whackers or compaction attachment on a backhoe.

Utility Crossings

Crossings of existing pipelines, power lines or telephone cables will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. In general, if an existing facility can be crossed by placing cable at the normal specified depth (36-inch minimum) and still maintaining a 12-inch clearance from the existing appurtenance, then the cable will cross over the facility. Otherwise the cable/conduit will be placed under the existing facility and maintain a minimum 12-inch clearance from the existing obstruction.

Wash Culvert Crossings

Dry wash will be plowed or bored as conditions allow. Culverts will be bored.

Project Area and Records Search

Under the BTOP PA, NTIA must encourage award recipients to design their projects to avoid historic properties. In consultation with the NV SHPO, Gnomon, Inc. conducted a cultural resources record search with the purpose of identifying previous cultural resource investigations and known cultural resources within 1/8 mile of the proposed fiber optic routes. This baseline data provides NV Hospital with some basis for evaluating the potential for avoidance, and preliminarily identifying the project's potential effect on identified historic properties. This review also identifies the portions of routes where no previous cultural resource investigation has occurred, to help determine the need for further identification efforts.

Project alignments were provided in draft form, generally consisting of penciled routes on Google Earth aerial maps. Prior to submitting a record search request, routes were digitized and attribute tables annotated. The resulting shapes provide an approximation of the alignment sufficient for baseline analysis, but do not represent engineered plans. A 1/8 mile radius was applied to the project centerline to provide a 1/4 mile record search mask over the proposed alignments.

As received, the alignments are grouped by geographic and administrative boundaries. For the sake of clarity, each alignment is assigned a distinctive map number within the overall group. The five groups are:

- Group 1: Rural Nevada Locations
- Group 2: Reno / Carson Nevada Locations
- Group 3: Las Vegas Nevada Locations
- Group 4: Southern Nevada Routes
- Group 5: Northern Nevada Routes

During July and August, 2011 an electronic file search request was made to the Nevada Cultural Resource Information System (NVCRIS). The search returned five GIS datasets. These comprised all archaeological inventories and architectural surveys, associated sites and historic structures, and National Register listings within a 1/8 mile buffer of the approximate fiber optic routes. All records were checked for completeness of their data fields, and pertinent fields were updated if information was missing. Duplicate or redundant entries were eliminated after they were conflated to the retained entries.

Results

Five different sets of information are presented for each of the maps. The information sets are:

- Known archaeological sites
- Known historic structures, buildings, and historic districts
- Field inventories to find archaeological sites

- Architectural surveys reporting on buildings, structures,
- National Register listed properties.

As mentioned above, the proposed routes fall in to five groups. These five groups were further separated in to maps for each group. These are shown in Table 1. A total of 873 records were present within the data (Table 2.). All records were checked for completeness of data fields, and pertinent fields were updated if information was missing or duplicate (redundant) entries were present. Utilizing GIS, the each alignment was queried for associated cultural shapes cultural shapes and the results presented in tabular form.

Table 2. Summary of Record Search Results.

	<i>Number of Records</i>	<i>Inventory</i>	<i>Record Search</i>
Architectural Inventory	60	5,012 acres	14,245 acres
Archaeology Inventory	180	4,693 acres	14,245 acres
Architectural Resources	355		
Archaeological Sites	77		
National Register Listed Properties	13		

Appendix A contains the record search results. For each map, up to four tables follow each of the maps. If a map had no information of a particular type, then no table was generated for it. Table 3 shows the results of the record search within the 1/8-mile buffer (1/4 mile corridor). Of the 39 corridors, 5 contain no inventories or resources. All but one of those corridors lie in developed areas of Reno or Las Vegas. Line 1-8 lies adjacent to two disturbed lots in Hawthorne, Nevada.

National Register resources are present on some routes. These are noted in the results shown, usually for the architectural (building, structure) resources.

Some limitations on these results are that they rely upon the data contained in the NVCRIS data system. Some of this information is out of date or partial. For example, the Bureau of Land Management may hold other reports (especially for archaeology) that are not yet in NVCRIS. Also, polygons representing sites and inventories may not be sufficiently accurate to provide a reliable analysis of features within the construction corridor. For example, the US 395 alignment adjacent to the Carson Valley Medical Center was inventoried by NDOT. The inventory extent was plotted and digitized from USGS 7.5 minute maps, but the resulting shape is offset from the highway right-of-way on our base layer. Furthermore, although an area may be shown as having been inventoried for archaeology or reported upon in an

architectural survey, the resulting National Register evaluations for cultural resources may be out of date, or the inventory inadequate for addressing current Section 106 compliance.

Bearing these cautions in mind, Appendix A presents an accurate summary of the known archaeology and built environment resources within the proposed routes. The resource tables present two values for National Register eligibility status - the field evaluation (often performed by a consultant) and the SHPO evaluation (always performed by SHPO staff). As only a handful out of the hundreds of NVCRIS records included the land-managing agency eligibility statements for resources, these are not shown in the results tables. In general, one is wisest in assuming that the most "restrictive" value for National Register status is best used in a conservative approach to decision-making. Generally, one follows a planning effort that identifies potential resource conflicts with some further investigation to determine the resource's status viz. the National Register, either through detailed archive searches or through field examination.

Evaluation of Effect and Inventory Needs

In order to evaluate the need for additional inventory and potential effects of the project to known resources, the alignment centerlines were buffered by 50 feet, assuming a maximum construction disturbance of 100 feet. Results are slightly different from the 1/8 mile record search buffer since the review focused on a much narrower footprint. It should be noted that at this scale of analysis, mapping inaccuracies inherent in the NVCRIS data slightly skew the results since digitized inventory areas may not accurately depict their true extent. A visual examination of the overview maps added valuable subjective analysis. Table 4 shows inventories and resources within the 100 foot boundary, and provides recommendations for additional inventory or avoidance measures.

Most of the project area is heavily developed and the proposed fiber optic alignments will be constructed within existing road prisms or disturbed areas. Of the 39 project corridors, 11 have no previous inventory. Two of these lie in disturbed, but undeveloped areas of Hawthorne and Ely, Nevada. The remaining 9 occur in extensively developed areas of Reno and Las Vegas. As proposed, construction disturbance will have no effect on National Register eligible sites whose significance is derived from Criteria A, B, or C. Trenching and boring have the greatest potential for destroying archaeological sites eligible under Criterion D.

Architectural inventories have been completed in the vicinity of a number of alignments and in some instances, significant architectural resources lie adjacent to the proposed corridor.. Construction within the fiber optic corridors will be limited to subsurface disturbance, usually directional boring, in existing streets. It should have no effect on architectural resources. No additional architectural inventory is recommended since project construction will have no effect on architectural resources.

Archaeological inventories exist for portions of the proposed alignments. Surveys of State Routes and Federal Highways were completed by NDOT between the late 1970s and as

recently as 2010. They provide good baseline information regarding site densities and extents. The assumed 100 foot APE avoids most of the known eligible archaeological sites.

Four National Register eligible sites will be traversed by the alignment. If proposed alignments are confined within existing road prisms or disturbed utility corridors, providing that they are of sufficient thickness and width to cap the historic surface of eligible sites, the project should have no adverse effect on National Register eligible archaeological resources. Several measures or combination of measures, including pre-construction routing of the alignment through significant properties, avoidance fencing, and construction monitoring may be appropriate to ensure site avoidance.

With extensive development and disturbance over most of the project area, no additional archaeological inventory is recommended. Line 4-3, along the east side of US 95 between Goldfield and Lida Junction is the only alignment that traverses open country. The entire highway right-of-way was inventoried in 1985 with more recent inventories along the northern half in subsequent years. Those inventories should be sufficient for planning purposes and all sites can be avoided by confining excavation to the existing road prism. Site 26ES597 is a National Register site that lies within the highway right-of-way. It should be flagged for avoidance prior to alignment construction.

Most of the National Register-listed properties are significant buildings (Table 5.). Four of these properties lie adjacent to the 100 foot construction corridor. Construction within the corridor and placement of fiber optic lines should have no effect on these National Register listed properties.

Management Summary

Management recommendations are included in Table 4. Of the 39 map routes evaluated for the project, 38 occur within extensively developed or sufficiently disturbed urban or suburban areas. A 14 mile long alignment along US 95 between Goldfield and Lida Junction traverses minimally disturbed areas. The highway right-of-way was previously inventoried. With extensive development and previous inventory, no additional archaeological surveys area recommended. Due to the nature of construction impacts, the project will have no effect on architectural resources. Additional architectural inventory is not required.

Construction disturbance has the greatest potential for destroying buried or surface archaeological deposits. If alignments through eligible sites and un-inventoried areas can be confined to the existing road prism, construction will have no adverse effect on significant resources. We recommend that fiber optic alignments in the vicinity of sites be confined to disturbed areas within the existing road prism. Additional stipulations may be required to protect sites during construction.

Tribes



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Washington, DC 20230



**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION(S) WHICH WERE SENT PROPOSED
BROADBAND PROJECT NOTIFICATION INFORMATION**

NEVADA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
BILL WELCH
H.C. HOOVER BUILDING, ROOM 4228
14TH STREET AND CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20230

Date: 10/22/2010
Reference Number:

Dear Sir or Madam:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is using a modified version of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) as a means of expediting its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), part of President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This notice is to inform you that the following authorized parties were sent information about the application that you submitted to BTOP.

Those authorized parties who have received the information about your BTOP application include leaders of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native villages (collectively "Tribes"), or their designees, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). For your convenience in identifying the referenced Tribes and in making further contacts, the City and State of the Seat of Government for each Tribe and NHO, as well as the designated contact person is included in the list below. NTIA notes that Tribes might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties located in their ancestral homelands or other areas far removed from their current Seat of Government.

The information you provided was forwarded to the following Tribes and NHOs who have set their geographic preferences on TCNS.

1. Historic Preservation Officer - Marlin Thompson - Yerington Paiute Tribe - Yerington, NV
2. Culture Society Director - Linda D Otero - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe - Mohave Valley, AZ - electronic mail
3. Tribal Chairperson - Virginia Sanchez - Duckwater Shoshone Tribe - Duckwater, NV - electronic mail
Details: The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe **REQUIRES** a cultural survey, a topo map, and photos of the area to be disturbed for **EVERY** proposed site. Please send this information to: Maurice Frank-Churchill, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, P.O. Box 140068, Duckwater, Nevada 89314.

Thirty days **AFTER** you have mailed the cultural survey, topo map, and photos of the area to be disturbed for the proposed site, if you have not received a response, you may assume that the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

Reminder: Please start counting the 30 day period AFTER you have placed the cultural survey, topo map and photos of the area to be disturbed in the mail. Thank you.

4. Administrator/Vice-Chair - Ed Naranjo - Goshute Tribe - Ibapah, UT - electronic mail

Details: If the Applicant receives no response from the Tribe within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Tribe has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the site. The Applicant, however, must notify the Tribe in the event archeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

5. Cultural Resources Director - Ted Howard - Shoshone-Paiute Tribes - Owyhee, NV - electronic mail

Details: Were there cultural surveys completed at the sites provided? Results? Please send if they have not already been provided. These sites are within the homelands of the Shoshone and Paiute people. Whenever there is ground disturbance planned, it is of concern to our people because there is no telling what may be discovered beneath the surface. I would appreciate cultural information and pictures of any proposed sites.

Thank you

Ted Howard, Shoshone Paiute Tribes

6. EPA Coordinator - Bernice Lalo - Battle Mountain Band Council - Battle Mountain, NV - electronic mail

7. Aide to Tribal Government - Suzanna Sandoval - Elko Band Council of the Te Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone - Elko, NV - electronic mail

8. Tribal Administrator - Cindy Pierce - South Fork Band Council - Spring Creek, NV - electronic mail

9. Chairwoman - Kristi Begay - Wells Band Council - Wells, NV - electronic mail

If the applicant/tower builder receives no response from the Wells Band Council within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Wells Band Council has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Wells Band Council in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

10. Cultural Coordinator - Ray Stands - Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe - Fallon, NV - electronic mail

Details: The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe requires the information listed below for all proposed projects (including collocations). Please note that we require at least three pages of information for each submittal.

Page one - Please provide us with your project number, the TCNS number for the proposed project (this is very important), the site address, the site locus (topographic quadrangle), the subject property, a property description, and let us know whether or not there will be any ground disturbance. If there will be ground disturbance, please explain the extent of the disturbance. Please also provide any additional information that you may have regarding this proposed project (any available archaeological reports, for example), and please provide us with your contact information.

Page two - Please provide us with figures, drawings, and maps of the proposed project and proposed location of the project.

Page three - Please provide us with any photographs of the proposed site, and let us know the direction from which each photograph was taken (taken from the north, south, east or west, looking up or looking down, etc.).

Please send this information in paper copy to: Ray Stands, Cultural Coordinator, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, 565 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada 89406.

Thank you!

Ray Stands, Cultural Coordinator
(775) 423-8065, x228 (Pacific Time)

11. Chairman - Victor Mann - Lovelock Paiute Tribe - Lovelock, NV - electronic mail

12. Museum Collections Manager - Ben Aleck - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - Nixon, NV - electronic mail

13. Planning Director - Scott Nebesky - Reno-Sparks Tribal Council - Reno, NV - electronic mail

14. Director, Natural Resources Dept - William Cowan - Summit Lake Paiute Tribe - Sparks, NV - electronic mail
Details: To ensure your contact information for the Tribe is correct (we changed addresses in early 2008 and Council Member names change), please visit the Tribe's web site at www.summitlaketribe.org

The governing body of the Tribe (the Summit Lake Paiute Council) currently meets the 3rd Saturday of each month. The Council meets either on the remote Summit Lake Reservation (50 miles south of the Oregon border, and 68 miles east of the California border) or at the Tribe's primary administrative/forwarding agent office in Sparks, Nevada. To have an issue placed on the Council's Agenda, at least 10 days actual notice to the Tribe's Administrator is required (messages or unanswered emails are not acceptable).

Please contact the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe's Environmental Coordinator by email (as stated in the Tribe's web site) NOT by U.S. Mail or delivery service.

15. Vice-Chair & Economic Dev. Coordinator - Raynell Miller - Walker River Paiute Tribal Council - Schurz, NV - electronic mail

Details: If the Applicant/tower builder receives no response from the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must notify the Walker River Paiute Tribal Council in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

16. THPO - Darrel Cruz - Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California - Gardnerville, NV - electronic mail

17. Environmental Director - Teloa Brady - Yomba Tribal Council - Austin, NV - electronic mail

18. Environmental Program Director - LeAnn Skrzynski - Kaibab Paiute Tribe - Fredonia, AZ - electronic mail

If the applicant/tower builder receives no response from the Kaibab Paiute Tribe within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Kaibab Paiute Tribe has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Kaibab Paiute Tribe in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

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jbuckhouse@shoshonebannocktribes.com

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26. Acting THPO - Barbara Durham - Timbisha Shoshone Tribe - Death Valley, CA - electronic mail
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Notification Received: 10/15/2010

Notification ID: 69309

Project Number: 7648

Applicant: Nevada Hospital Association

Applicant Contact: Bill Welch

Project Type(s): Multiple Project Components

Region(s) affected (State, County): NEVADA, CARSON CITY NEVADA, CHURCHILL NEVADA, CLARK NEVADA, DOUGLAS NEVADA, ELKO NEVADA, EUREKA NEVADA, HUMBOLDT NEVADA, LANDER NEVADA, LINCOLN NEVADA, LYON NEVADA, MINERAL NEVADA, NYE NEVADA, PERSHING NEVADA, WASHOE NEVADA, WHITE PINE

Address or Geographical Location Description: Please refer to attached map for more information; effected counties are within state of NV.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the content of this notice, please contact NTIA at btoptcns@ntia.doc.gov or the following:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Washington, DC 20230



**NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION(S) WHICH WERE SENT PROPOSED
BROADBAND PROJECT NOTIFICATION INFORMATION**

NEVADA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
BILL WELCH
H.C. HOOVER BUILDING
1401 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20230

Date: 07/29/2011
Reference Number:

Dear Sir or Madam:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is using a modified version of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) as a means of expediting its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), part of President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). This notice is to inform you that the following authorized parties were sent information about the application that you submitted to BTOP.

Those authorized parties who have received the information about your BTOP application include leaders of federally-recognized American Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native villages (collectively "Tribes"), or their designees, Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs), and State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs). For your convenience in identifying the referenced Tribes and in making further contacts, the City and State of the Seat of Government for each Tribe and NHO, as well as the designated contact person is included in the list below. NTIA notes that Tribes might attach religious and cultural significance to historic properties located in their ancestral homelands or other areas far removed from their current Seat of Government.

The information you provided was forwarded to the following Tribes and NHOs who have set their geographic preferences on TCNS.

1. Historic Preservation Officer - Marlin Thompson - Yerington Paiute Tribe - Yerington, NV - regular mail
2. Culture Society Director - Linda D Otero - Fort Mojave Indian Tribe - Mohave Valley, AZ - electronic mail and regular mail
3. Tribal Chairperson - Virginia Sanchez - Duckwater Shoshone Tribe - Duckwater, NV - electronic mail and regular mail
Details: The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe REQUIRES a cultural survey, a topo map, and photos of the area to be disturbed for EVERY proposed site. Please send this information to: Maurice Frank-Churchill, Duckwater Shoshone Tribe, P.O. Box 140068, Duckwater, Nevada 89314.

Thirty days AFTER you have mailed the cultural survey, topo map, and photos of the area to be disturbed for the proposed site, if you have not received a response, you may assume that the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe in the event archaeological properties or human remains are

discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

Reminder: Please start counting the 30 day period AFTER you have placed the cultural survey, topo map and photos of the area to be disturbed in the mail. Thank you.

4. Administrator/Vice-Chair - Ed Naranjo - Goshute Tribe - Iapah, UT - electronic mail and regular mail

Details: If the Applicant receives no response from the Tribe within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Tribe has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the site. The Applicant, however, must notify the Tribe in the event archeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

5. Cultural Resources Director - Ted Howard - Shoshone-Paiute Tribes - Owyhee, NV - electronic mail

Details: Were there cultural surveys completed at the sites provided? Results? Please send if they have not already been provided. These sites are within the homelands of the Shoshone and Paiute people. Whenever there is ground disturbance planned, it is of concern to our people because there is no telling what may be discovered beneath the surface. I would appreciate cultural information and pictures of any proposed sites.

Thank you

Ted Howard, Shoshone Paiute Tribes

6. EPA Coordinator - Bernice Lalo - Battle Mountain Band Council - Battle Mountain, NV - regular mail

7. Administrator - Suzanna Sandoval - Elko Band Council of the Te Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone - Elko, NV - electronic mail and regular mail

8. Tribal Administrator - Cindy Pierce - South Fork Band Council - Spring Creek, NV - electronic mail

9. Chairwoman - Kristi Begay - Wells Band Council - Wells, NV - electronic mail and regular mail

If the applicant/tower builder receives no response from the Wells Band Council within 30 days after notification through TCNS, the Wells Band Council has no interest in participating in pre-construction review for the proposed site. The Applicant/tower builder, however, must immediately notify the Wells Band Council in the event archaeological properties or human remains are discovered during construction, consistent with Section IX of the Nationwide Programmatic Agreement and applicable law.

10. Cultural Coordinator - Ray Stands - Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe - Fallon, NV - electronic mail and regular mail

Details: The Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe requires the information listed for all proposed projects (including COLLOCATIONS). Please note that we require at least three pages of information for each submittal.

Page One - Please provide us with your project number, the TCNS number (this is very important), the site address, the site locus (topographic quadrangle), the subject property, a property description, CULTURAL REPORT and let us know whether or not there will be any ground disturbance. If there will be ground disturbance, please explain the extent of the disturbance. Please also provide any additional information that you may have regarding this proposed project for example, any new buy outs, leases that have no previous TCNS information, including updating sites. Please provide us with your contact information.

Page Two - Please provide us with figures, drawings, and maps of the proposed project and proposed location of the project.

Page Three - Please provide us with photographs of the proposed site, and the direction from which each photograph was taken (taken from the north, south, east or west, looking up or looking down, etc.).

Please MAIL this information in paper FORM to: Ray Stands, Cultural Coordinator, Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe, 565 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, Nevada 89406.

Thank you!
Ray Stands, Cultural Coordinator
(775) 423-8065, x228 (Pacific Time)

11. Chairman - Victor Mann - Lovelock Paiute Tribe - Lovelock, NV - electronic mail and regular mail

12. Museum Collections Manager - Ben Aleck - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe - Nixon, NV - electronic mail and regular mail

13. Planning Director - Scott Nebesky - Reno-Sparks Tribal Council - Reno, NV - electronic mail

14. Director, Natural Resources Dept - William Cowan - Summit Lake Paiute Tribe - Sparks, NV - electronic mail and regular mail

Details: To ensure your contact information for the Tribe is correct (we changed addresses in early 2008 and Council Member names change), please visit the Tribe's web site at www.summitlaketribe.org

The governing body of the Tribe (the Summit Lake Paiute Council) currently meets the 3rd Saturday of each month. The Council meets either on the remote Summit Lake Reservation (50 miles south of the Oregon border, and 68 miles east of the California border) or at the Tribe's primary administrative/forwarding agent office in Sparks, Nevada. To have an issue placed on the Council's Agenda, at least 10 days actual notice to the Tribe's Administrator is required (messages or unanswered emails are not acceptable).

Please contact the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe's Environmental Coordinator by email (as stated in the Tribe's web site) NOT by U.S. Mail or delivery service.

15. Vice-Chair & Economic Dev. Coordinator - Raynell Miller - Walker River Paiute Tribal Council - Schurz, NV - electronic mail and regular mail

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Project Number: 7648

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Applicant Contact: Bill Welch

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Address or Geographical Location Description: This is an addition to TCNS #69309; The scope of the project has changed. Please refer to the attachments and the previous TCNS submittal for more information.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the content of this notice, please contact NTIA at btoptens@ntia.doc.gov or the following:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and
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October 25, 2011

Ms. Melanie I. McFalls
Chairperson
Walker River Paiute Tribe
P.O. Box 220
Schurz, Nevada 89427

Dear Chairperson McFalls:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has awarded a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) to construct, maintain and operate a statewide telemedicine network that will serve a minimum of 37 hospitals, medical facilities, public safety entities, and educational institutions. NTIA, an operating unit of the Department of Commerce, is the lead federal agency responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) on this project. The Department works with Tribes on a government-to-government basis to address issues concerning tribal self-government, trust resources, and other rights.

The proposed broadband installation will cross approximately 9.0 miles of Walker River Paiute Tribe (WRPT) land and require environmental review, a resolution of tribal support, and Bureau of Indian Affairs easements. NTIA introduced the project generally to you and to Ms. LaVerne Williams at the Tribal Council headquarters on September 29, and has also met with Mr. Dan Allen at the BIA Western Nevada Office to discuss rights of way issues. The portion of the proposed project crossing WRPT land will involve the installation of overhead cable on existing poles. During recent discussions between our NEPA Specialist, Dr. Frank Monteferrante and Ms. Victoria Guzman, Land Specialist for the WRPT, it was agreed that the Federal government would propose a Statement of Cooperation to serve as a set of guiding principles and agreement between NTIA and the WRPT as we cooperatively work to perform and complete the NEPA environmental review.

As such, NTIA proposes the following Statement of Cooperation that will guide NTIA's interaction, as the lead federal agency, with WRPT in the review, siting and approval of NHA's Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative:

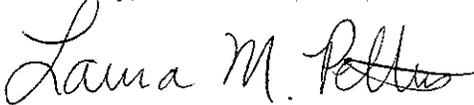
1. NTIA will keep the WRPT apprised of current events in relation to the proposed project.
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3. NTIA will ensure that the EA adequately addresses all NEPA and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. § 470 et seq.) requirements, including taking the WRPT's comments into account on both the draft and final document to facilitate the WRPT's acceptance of the EA.

4. NTIA will ensure that the input from the WRPT is appropriately incorporated into the draft and final EA, and will utilize the WRPT's comments to the maximum extent possible, consistent with legal requirements and our responsibilities as the lead agency.
5. WRPT will be the environmental technical lead in all discussions with the public, local governments and regulatory agencies for those portions of the project related to WRPT land and regulated resources. NTIA will work with WRPT as a partner in all external discussions.
6. WRPT will assist, upon request of NTIA, in the scoping, development of alternatives, environmental analysis, review of other agency comments, and the NEPA documentation process, as necessary, for portions of the project for which WRPT has special expertise or knowledge.
7. WRPT will issue Rights-of-Entry for all studies on lands over which it has jurisdiction.

NTIA, through its grantee, Nevada Hospital Association, provided the draft EA to WRPT on October 5, 2011. It is anticipated that the EA will be completed by the end of 2011.

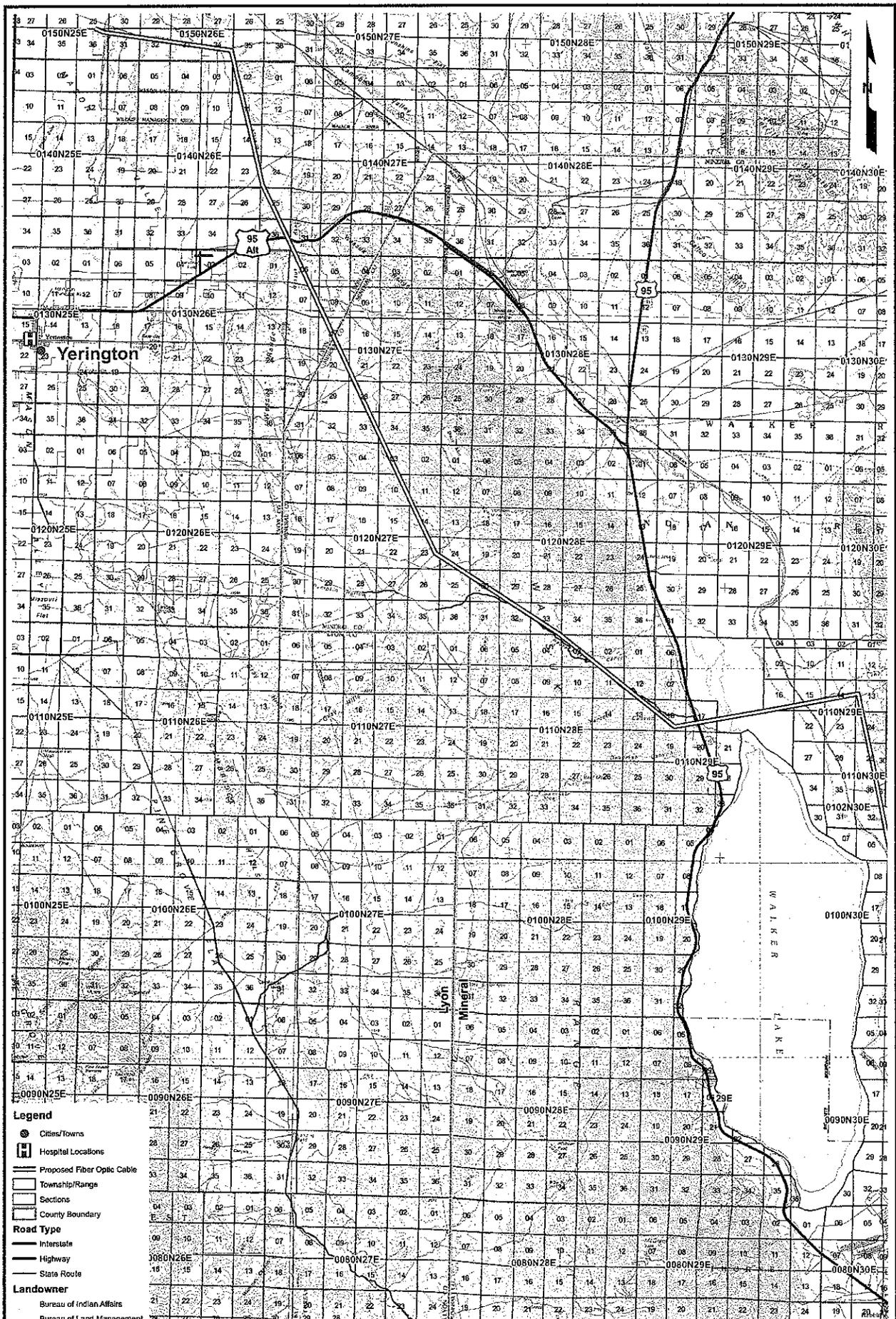
If you have any questions concerning the NEPA review or the Statement of Cooperation outlined in this letter, please contact Dr. Frank Monteferrante, NEPA Compliance Specialist at 202-482-4208 or fmonteferrante@doc.gov. We look forward to working with you to complete the environmental review of this proposed project, expanding broadband service in the State of Nevada in a timely manner.

Sincerely,



Laura M. Pettus
Senior Communications Program Specialist
Office of Telecommunications and Applications

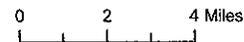
cc: Bill Welch, NHA
Heather Kydd, e-Care Nevada
Lynn Zonge, Resource Concepts
Victoria Guzman, WRPT



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 - Department of Defense
 - Forest Service
 - Nevada State
 - Private

**Yerington to Goldfield (1 of 5)
Township/Range/Landuse Map**

NBTI Proposed Routes
Nevada Hospital Association



Source: USGS 100k Quads, BLM Township/Range/Section/Land Ownership Data, File: P:\PROJECTS\02_Goldfield_01\010000\02\Range_LandOwnership_Goldfield_1.mxd Date: 5/3/2011

From: Elijah Veenendaal [<mailto:Eveenendahl@ntia.doc.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2010 8:27 AM
To: Bill Welch
Subject: FW: Reply to Proposed Tower Structure (Notification ID: 69309) - Email ID #2631617

Mr. Welch,

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes has given permission for you to contact them directly regarding the potential impact of Nevada Hospital's NTIA-BTOP Project. Please promptly respond to the request, listed below, and copy me on all communications.

Regards,

Eli

Eli Veenendaal
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Business and Industry Specialist
1401 Constitution Ave, NW
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-----Original Message-----

From: towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov [<mailto:towernotifyinfo@fcc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2010 12:42 PM
To: BTOPTCNS
Cc: tcns.fccarchive@fcc.gov; thoward4shopai@yahoo.com
Subject: Reply to Proposed Tower Structure (Notification ID: 69309) - Email ID #2631617

Dear Environmental Compliance Specialist Frank Monteferrante PhD,

Thank you for using the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS). The purpose of this email is to inform you that an authorized user of the TCNS has replied to a proposed tower construction notification that you had submitted through the TCNS.

The following message has been sent to you from Cultural Resources Director Ted Howard of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes in reference to Notification ID #69309:

The Shoshone-Paiute Tribes would like more information on the site at Midas. Is this a new location? Was there a cultural survey completed for this site, Botanical survey, sensitive species survey? Results?

Sincerely,

Ted Howard
Director, Cultural Resources Protection Authority
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
P.O. Box 219
Owyhee, Nevada 89832
Wk. (208) 759-3100 ext. 243
Fx. (208) 759-3202
Cell (208) 871-7064

For your convenience, the information you submitted for this notification is detailed below.
Application Details

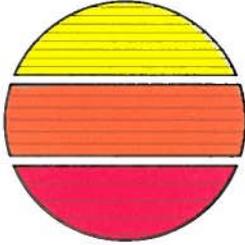
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NEVADA, PERSHING
NEVADA, WASHOE
NEVADA, WHITE PINE

Address or Geographical Location Description: Please refer to attached map for more information; effected counties are within state of NV.



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February 25, 2011

Ted Howard
Director, Cultural Resources Protection Authority
Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
P.O. Box 219
Owyhee, Nevada 89832

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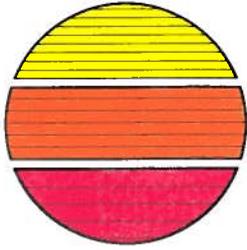
Sincerely,

Marvin Tebeau
Principal

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January 10, 2011

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Owyhee, Nevada 89832

RE: Tribal Consultations Regarding Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Recipient # 7648, Nevada Hospital Association, Fiber Optic Network Infrastructure Project

Dear Mr. Howard:

This letter is a follow-up to the Proposed Tower Structure (Notification ID: 69309) - Email ID #2631617 for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the US Department of Commerce. We were informed by the NTIA that we could contact you directly regarding the Nevada Hospital Association, Fiber Optic Network Infrastructure Project.

Resource Concepts, Inc. has been selected by NTIA as the contractor to complete the necessary NEPA analyses for the Nevada Hospital Association, Fiber Optic Network Infrastructure Project. We are starting to assemble information on the project including agency scoping. The entire project proposes to install new broadband fiber optic segments to targeted medical institutions throughout the state (reference attached map.) The Proposed Project will occur within existing road right-of-ways within the following counties: Carson City, Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Washoe, and White Pine. We will provide you with more specific project information when it is available.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

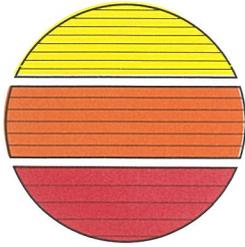
Lynn Zonge
Assistant Project Manager

LZ:cb

cc: Amber Orrock, Broadband group, aorrock@broadbandgroup.com
Stacy Jenkins, The Optica Group, stacy.jenkins@opticaengineering.com
Tom Lane, The Optica Group, Tom.Lane@opticaengineering.com
Elijah Veenendaal Eveenendahl@ntia.doc.gov

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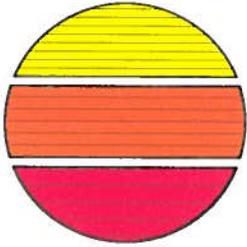
Sincerely,

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Principal

MT:td

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February 25, 2011

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565 Rio Vista Drive
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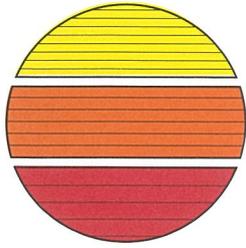
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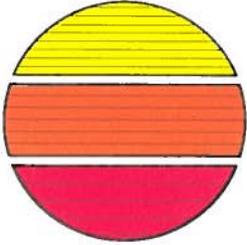
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Principal

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February 25, 2011

Maurice Frank-Churchill
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
P.O. Box 140068
Duckwater, NV 89314

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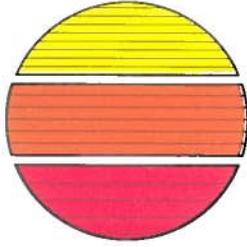
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Sincerely,

W. Marv Tebeau
Principal

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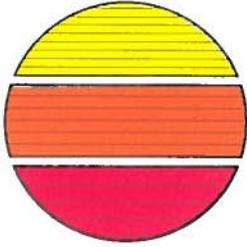
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February 25, 2011

The Hualapai Tribe
Attn: Dawn Hubbs
Program Manager
Department of Cultural Resources
P.O. Box 310
Peach Springs, AZ 86434

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Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources

P.O. Box 310

Peach Springs, Arizona 86434

Office: 928.769.2223 FAX: 928.769.2235

Date: May 9, 2011

File: 2011-10

TCNS# 69309

**Resource Concepts, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Marvin Tebeau
P.O. Box 11796
Zephyr Cove, NV 89448**

Dear Mr. Tebeau,

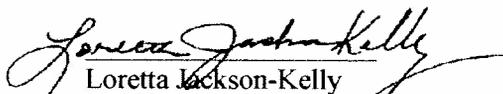
The Hualapai Tribal Historic Preservation Office has evaluated your submission and agrees that the Nevada Hospital TCNS 69309 for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration **will not adversely affect properties of cultural or sacred significance to the Hualapai Tribe.** The findings of this S106 review has resulted in a determination of **"No Effect."**

In accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, [NHPA 16U.S.C. 470 et seq.] 1966, undertakings that have a direct bearing on the review process are referred to in S101(d)(6)(A), which clarifies that historic properties may have religious and cultural significance to Indian tribes. Additionally, Section 106 of NHPA requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their actions on historic properties (36 CFR Part 800) as does the National Environmental Policy Act (43 U.S.C. 4321 and 4331-35 and 40 CFR 1501.7(a) of 1969). **The Hualapai Tribe agrees that as a part of the scoping process Resource Concepts Inc., fulfilled NHPA and NEPA compliance by consulting with the Hualapai Tribal Office of Historic Preservation in regards to the proposed project referenced as TCNS#69309.**

The Hualapai Tribe expresses a 'no interest opinion,' relating to this project however, please inform our office if during the course of the project cultural resources are inadvertently discovered. We will be happy to assist. Thank you for consulting with the Hualapai Tribe on this matter.

Please find enclosed our invoice for our research services. Thank you for consulting with the Hualapai Nation on this matter.

Sincerely,


Loretta Jackson-Kelly
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer


Dawn Hubbs,
Program Manager, Archaeologist



Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources
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Date: May 9, 2011

INVOICE: HDCR2011-10

TCNS# 69309

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Project Reference: Cell Tower Submittals

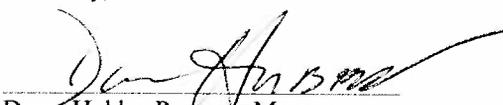
Line Item	Project Address	HDCR File#	TCNS	New Construction	Co-location	Total
1.0	Nevada -S106 Review Nevada Hospital	2011-10	69309	\$450.00		\$450.00
	NTIA					
					Total Due	\$

Payable within 30 days upon receipt. Please make check(s) payable to:
HUALAPAI TRIBE.
Please Reference Invoice No. 2011-10

Send to:
Hualapai Tribe Department of Cultural Resources
P.O. Box 310 Peach Springs, AZ 86434

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Sincerely,


Dawn Hubbs, Program Manager

DATE: 5/9/11



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Peach Springs, Arizona 86434
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Date: August 31, 2010
From: Dawn Hubbs, Program Manager

To Whom It May Concern,

This is to inform your offices that as of November 15th, 2007, the Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources will implement the following fee services in accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and professional services solicited under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. The payment of fees for professional services rendered by Indian Tribes during the identification phase of consultation has been established by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation in the following excerpt of a memorandum issued July 6, 2001 and updated April 26, 2002; www.achp.gov/regs-fees.html:

When, during the identification phase of the Section 106 process, an agency or applicant seeks to identify historic properties that may be significant to an Indian tribe, it may ask for specific information and documentation regarding the location, nature, and condition of individual sites, or actually request that a survey be conducted by the tribe.

In doing so, the agency essentially asks the tribe to fulfill the role of a consultant or contractor. In such cases, the tribe would seem to be justified in requiring payment for its services, just as any other contractor. The agency or applicant is free to refuse, but retains the obligation for obtaining the necessary information for the identification of historic properties, the evaluation of their National Register eligibility, and the assessment of effects on the historic properties.

Thus, in the course of soliciting information from the Hualapai Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) the request for information regarding places/sites/resources of importance to the tribe triggers a consultant role for the THPO in regards to searching its records, interviewing elders, or performing other professional services to aid in the resolution of the identification phase of the Section 106 compliance process.

Protocol: The Hualapai Department of Cultural Resources fee schedule for *Cell Tower Notification Submittals* are provided below. To be processed fees must accompany each TCNS at time of submittal.

- 1. PER NEW CELL TOWER NOTIFICATION (Each TCNS).....\$ 450.00
- 2. PER CELL TOWER NOTIFICATION (Each TCNS) CO-LOCATION \$ 250.00

NOTE: Upon a finding of "ADVERSE EFFECT," further consultations can proceed under the HDCR. Please contact our office for further information.

Thank You for Consulting with the Hualapai Tribe

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

Give form to the requester. Do not send to the IRS.

Print or type
See Specific instructions on page 3.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)
Navakapai Tribe

Business name, if different from above

Check appropriate box: Individual/Sole proprietor Corporation Partnership Other Exempt from backup withholding

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)
PO BOX 179

City, state, and ZIP code
Peach Springs, AZ 860434

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
| | | | | | | | | |

or

Employer identification number
86-0109121812

Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest and dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
- I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. (See the instructions on page 4.)

Sign Here Signature of U.S. person Wade East Date 5/17/07

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS, must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

U.S. person. Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued).
- Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
- Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee.

In 3 above, if applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

For federal tax purposes, you are considered a person if you are:

- An individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States,
 - A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States, or
 - Any estate (other than a foreign estate) or trust. See Regulations sections 301.7701-6(a) and 7(a) for additional information.
- Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.
- The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:
- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

CONSENT OF LANDOWNER TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION
FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE SURVEY ON TRUST AND RESTRICTED INDIAN LAND

DATE: November 10, 2011

LANDOWNER NAME: WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE ALLOTMENT NUMBER: N/A

LAND DESCRIPTION: TRIBAL LAND

EASEMENT DESCRIPTION:

Approximately eight (8) miles of Tribal land situated within a portion of Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 24, & 25, T11N., R29E., MDM, Nevada, and a portion of un-surveyed Tribal lands located in T11N., R29E., MDM, Nevada.

The undersigned owner of said land hereby consents to the granting of permission to survey only, as contemplated by the application submitted by Nevada Hospital Association/e-Care Nevada. (It is understood that when the right-of-way location is definitely established that the applicant will submit a formal application for the right-of-way in accordance with current laws and regulations). This consent has been granted on the following terms and conditions: **Resolution No. WR-90-2011**

Owner Melanie McFalls Date Signed 12/8/2011
Melanie McFalls, Tribal Chairman

Witnesses J. D. McFalls
Roy Begay

(Use reverse side of this sheet if additional space is needed for the owners' signatures).

TIMBISHA SHOSHONE INDIAN TRIBE

TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-027

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative (NBTI) Installation of Fiber Optic Cable and Appurtenances on Existing Poles on Timbisha Shoshone Tribe Homelands Township 7, South Range 44, East Section 33 and Township 8, South Range 44, East Section 3

WHEREAS, the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe adopted pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended; and

WHEREAS: The governing body of the Tribe is the General Council consisting of all Tribal Members sixteen years of age and older, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS: The General Council includes a Tribal Council composed of (5) persons elected by the General Council, who shall exercise, concurrently with the General Council, all powers delegated to the Tribal Council by the General Council and the Tribal Constitution and the Constitution pursuant to Article IV, § 3 of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) has been awarded a \$19.6 million grant under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to construct and operate a statewide broadband network, known as the Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative (NBTI), to improve patient care by eliminating technology disparities between rural and urban areas through telemedicine and health information exchange; and

WHEREAS, through a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process, NHA has contracted with e-Care Nevada, a Las Vegas based Nevada Corporation, to design, implement, and operate the network; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action includes installation of fiber optic cable and appurtenances including primary, or backhaul routes and connections to hospitals in which the Pahrum Lida Junction Route will cross approximately 1.47 miles of Tribal lands by hanging the cable on existing Valley Electric Association (VEA) poles situated within a portion of sections including:

- Township 7, South Range 44, East Section 33
- Township 8, South Range 44, East Section 3; and

WHEREAS, the VEA poles to be used are included under a Right of Way issued by the Department of the Interior, Serial Number NVN 0066116; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Timbisha Shoshone Indian Tribe does hereby grant consent and permission for the NBTI to continue as proposed across the Tribal lands of the Timbisha Shoshone Indian Tribe.

RESOLUTION 2011-027

CERTIFICATION

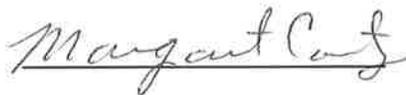
We the undersigned duly elected officials of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that on the 17th day of December 2011, the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called meeting of the Tribal Council pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2 of the Constitution, with a quorum of a majority of the voting members of the Tribal Council present pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(d) of the Constitution, by a vote of:

3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTAINING 1 Absent



George Gholson

Chairman



Margaret Cortez

Secretary/Treasurer



Walker River Paiute Tribe Environmental Department

P.O. Box 220 • Schurz, Nevada 89427

Phone: (775) 773-2306

FAX: (775) 773-2585

November 16, 2011

Resource Concepts, Inc.
340 N Minnesota Street
Carson City, NV 89703-4152

Reference: Administrative Draft Review EA Nevada Broadband Telemedicine Initiative, BLM EA #DOI BLM NV C020 2011 0512 EA

Dear RCI:

I did not review the environmental assessment in detail. However, the project over all should have limited impact the Walker River Paiute Tribe (WRPT) if there is a conscious effort to limit environmental impacts. My concerns at this time are shown below:

1. The maps should accurately reflect the location of the power line that is being considered for use. It appears that a power line has been identified that crosses through the center of Schurz, Nevada. However, I believe the power line being considered for the project is actually several miles south of the center of Schurz, Nevada.
2. Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) should be submitted to the Walker River Paiute Tribe Environmental Department for hazardous materials that may be stored on vehicles and/or in the construction area. This information is important for emergency responders in the event of a vehicle fire or other type of emergency.
3. Notification to the State of Nevada is mentioned for a spill. However, there is no mention of clean-up of the spill and after spill soil testing to confirm clean-up has been completed to adequate standards. Plus, notification to the WRPT Environmental Department should occur for any spills.
4. We would like copies of all permits obtained from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection related to this project.

My comments are strictly environmental concerns and that the WRPT Tribal Council and other WRPT personnel may have further concerns and requirements. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at 775 773 2306 x 312 or twilliams@wrpt.us.

Respectfully,

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