

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

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Creator: Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist

Field Office: Stillwater

Lead Office: Stillwater

Case File/Project Number: NVN 089435 (renewal of NVN 029855)

Applicable Categorical Exclusion:

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

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-2012-C010-0031-CX

Project Name: Nevada Division of State Lands (NDSL) Fairview Comm. Site Renewal

Project Description:

NDSL has held an authorization for its communication facilities on Fairview peak since September 26, 1980. The authorization expired on September 25, 2010.

On January 19, 2011, BLM received an application for renewal of the authorization. Current policy has us reserialize applications to renew that are received after the expiration date, so the old case number NVN 029855 is being superseded by NVN 089435.

A compliance inspection conducted July 20, 2011, found the authorization to be in full conformance with the stipulations in the communications use lease. This is a standard FLPMA renewal, with no new surface disturbance authorized.

The State’s facilities consist of two towers, two equipment sheds, a generator building, and some propane tanks. A number of sub-lease authorizations also utilize the towers and buildings, such as the Dept. of the Navy, NDOT, and UNR seismology lab. The Navy has their own equipment building just south of the arrays.

The current authorization is for a 60 foot by 60 foot area. Note that the shape file on Exhibit A is a bit larger than this; it is about a 100 foot by 100 foot area (0.23 acres), encompassing the Navy building and the disturbed area around this facility.

Applicant Name: Nevada Division of State Lands

Project Location:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 16 N., R. 34 E.,
sec. 28, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 0.08 acres

Land Use Plan Conformance:

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

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

Special Stipulation:

a. The holder shall contact the BLM and obtain approval from the authorized officer before beginning any activity that is a substantial deviation from this grant or that will cause new surface disturbance.

Quads: Bell Canyon, NV 1972

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

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

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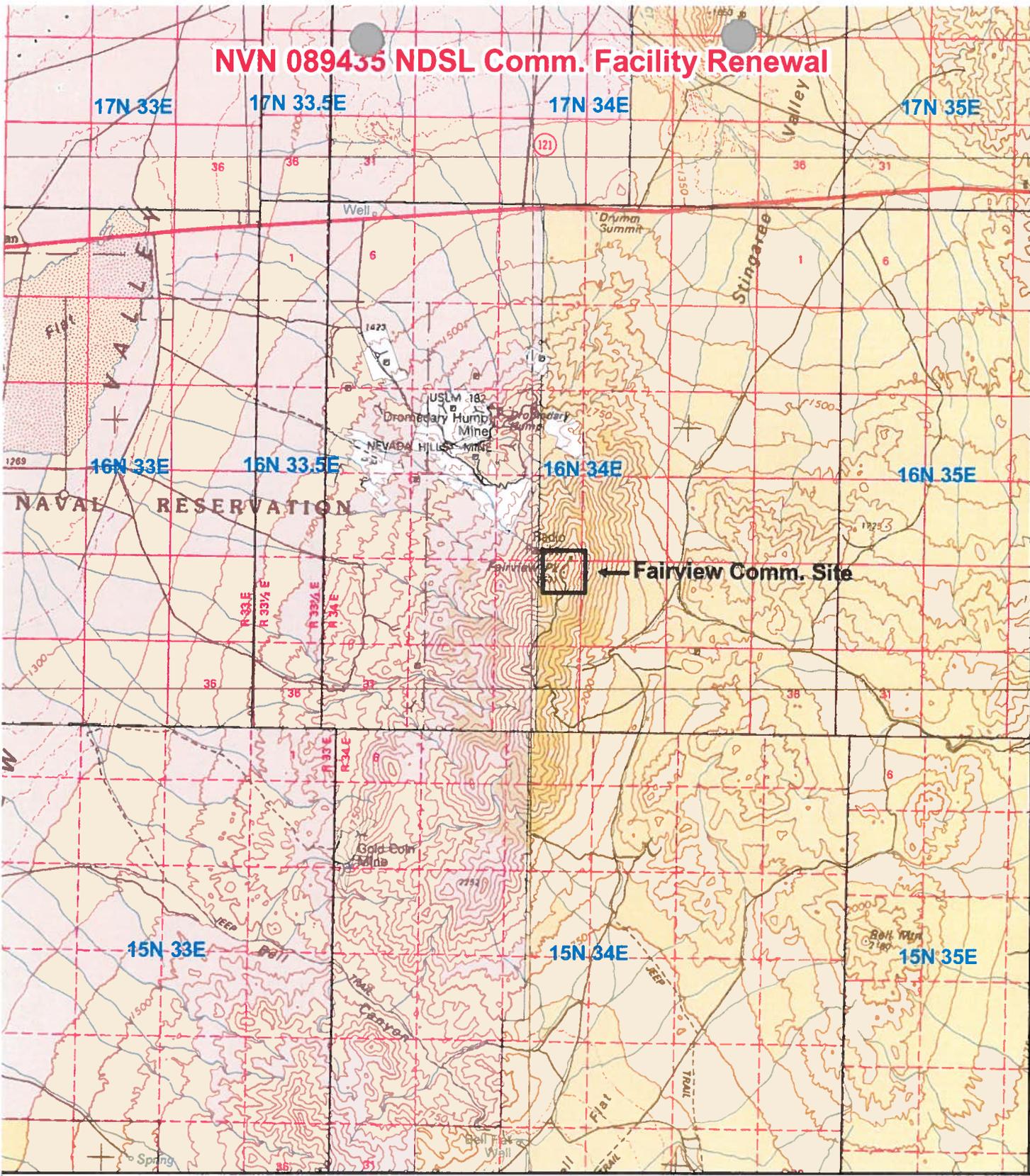
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Legend
[Black Box] Comm. Lease Boundary

Exhibit A

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Exhibit B
 Overview Map