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Bureau of Land Management  
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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**Project Lead:** Erik Pignata  
**Field Office:** Sierra Front  
**Lead Office:** Sierra Front  
**Case File/Project Number:** NVN 075639 01 renewal

**Applicable Categorical Exclusion (cite section):**

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-C020-0035-CX

**Project Name:** Washoe County / Silver Arrow Archery Range Recreation and Public Purposes Lease Renewal

**Project Description:**

A Recreation and Public Purposes lease was issued to Washoe County for a period of five years on May 10, 2007. It will expire on May 9, 2012. The authorized use is for an archery range with ancillary facilities such as a few check-in buildings for tournaments, storage containers, a portable bathroom, benches, fences, and of course, targets – including extra hay bales and distance markers (partially buried cement pegs noting distance to targets).

The original FONSI and Decision Record, signed on May 10, 2006, approved a 25 year lease. However, the lease was issued for five years. This renewal will be for 20 years. Improvements towards the plan of development have been made, such as an increase in the number of targets and loop trails, and fencing.

This would be a standard Recreation and Public Purposes lease renewal action for current facilities and disturbance activities already analyzed and approved for future development in an Environmental Assessment (EA-NV-030-05-20) for this same project.

This archery range is east of Matterhorn Blvd. as it rises out of Lemmon Valley through the pass to Antelope Valley. The total acreage, described below, is approximately 110.0 acres.

**Applicant Name:** Washoe County

**Project Location (include Township/Range, County):**

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 21 N., R. 19 E.,

sec. 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 11, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

This archery range is located in Washoe County, Nevada.

**BLM Acres for the Project Area:** 110.0 acres

**Land Use Plan Conformance** (cite reference/page number):

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:** NV – Carson City RMP.

**Quad:** Reno NE, 1997

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

(Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

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

see weed stipulations

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

Erik Pignata, Realty Specialist

Arthur Callan, Outdoor Recreation Planner

Niki Cutler, Hydrologist

Rachel Crews, Archaeologist

Pilar Ziegler, Wildlife Biologist/BLM Sensitive Species - Wildlife

Dean Tonenna, Botanist - Natural Resource Specialist/BLM Sensitive Species - Plants

Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

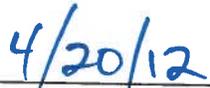
Although BLM Sensitive Species is not described in one of the 12 extraordinary circumstances question, review of the applicability of this CX has taken them into consideration.

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

Approved by:

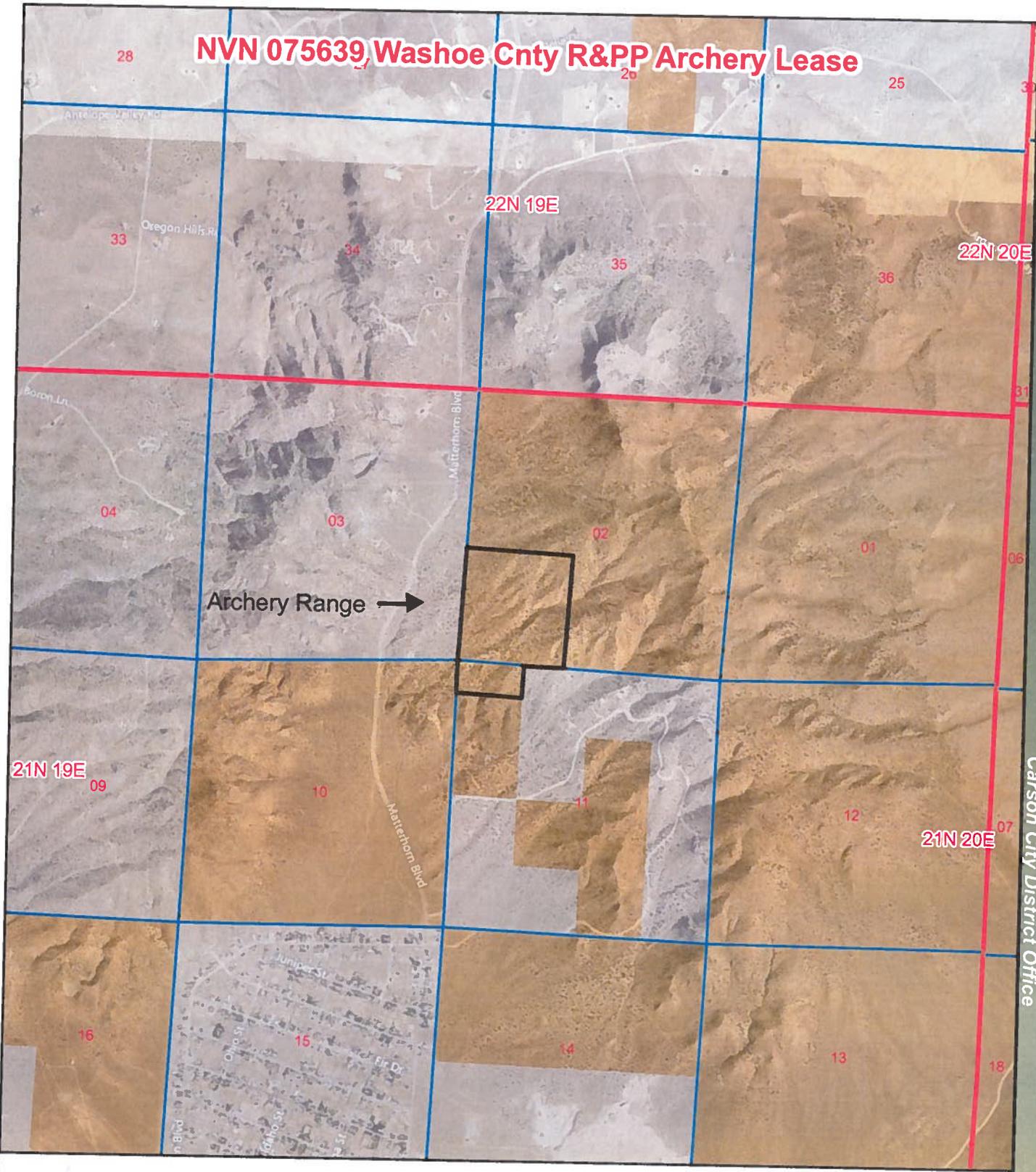


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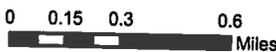
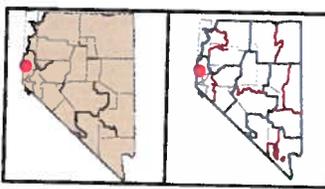


Exhibit A



**Legend**

	Range_Bounds		Private
	Section		Water
	Bureau of Land Management		

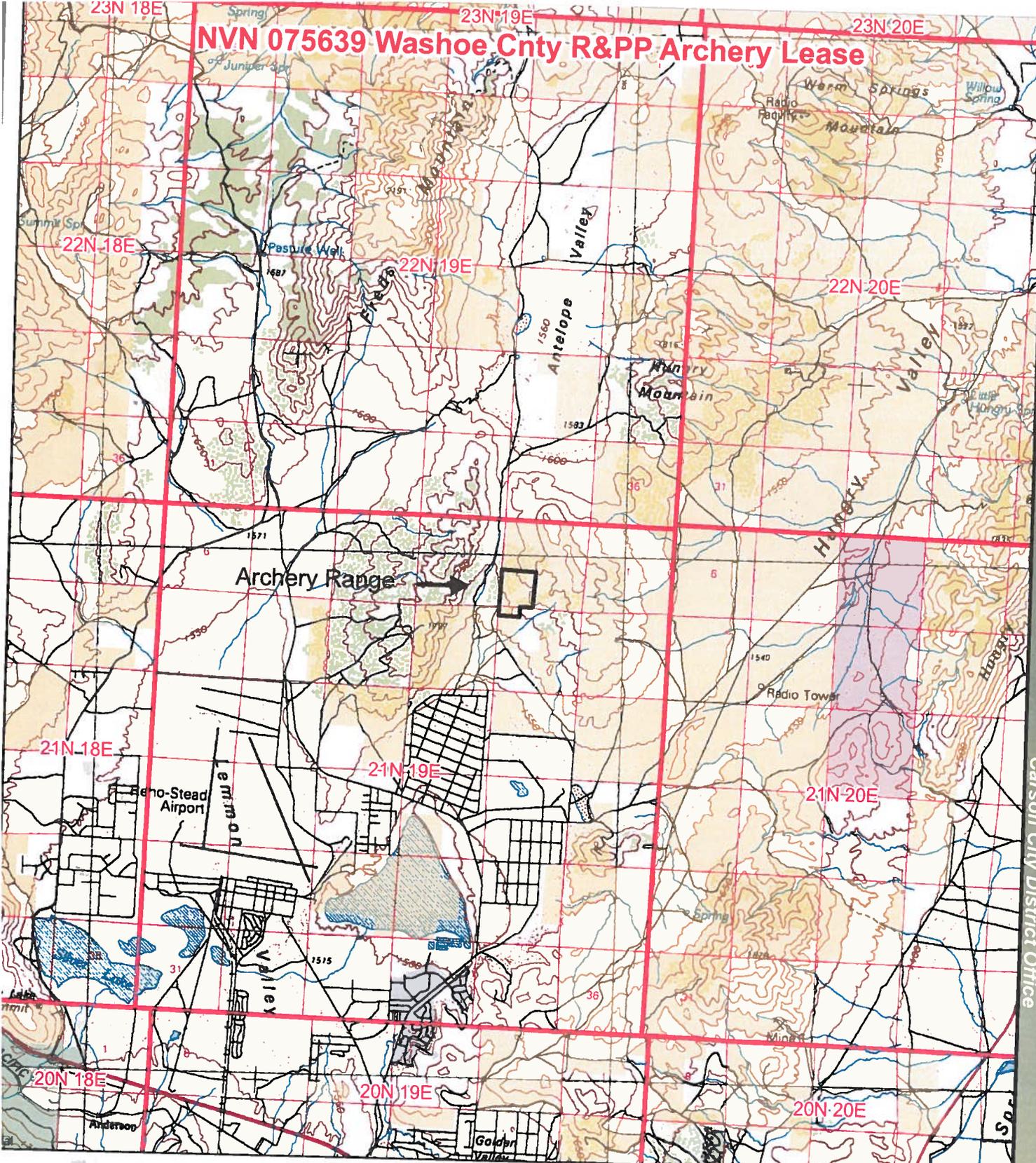


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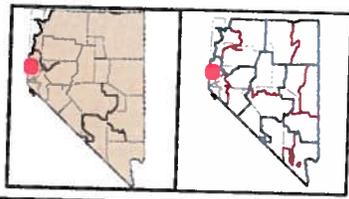


Overview



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Range_Bounds	FS
BIA	PVT
BLM	WTR
CNTY	



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