

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

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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**Project Lead:** Perry Wickham

**Field Office:** Sierra Front

**Lead Office:** Sierra Front

**Case File/Project Number:** NVN 055457/2800

**Applicable Categorical Exclusion** (cite section): 516 DM 11.5 E (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-C020-2012-0053-CX

**Project Name:** City of Carson City, Flint Drive, existing access road to Carson City Landfill

**Project Description:** The City of Carson City has applied for a renewal of an existing Right-of-Way Grant, (NVN 055457). The Right-of-Way grants the City of Carson City a right to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate an access road across public lands described as follows: Mt. Diablo Meridian, Township 15 North, Range 20 East, Section 1, W1/2 Lot 2 NE1/4, Lot 1 NE1/4, and E1/2 Lot 2 NW1/4. The Right-of-Way granted is sixty (60) feet in width and Thirty Three Hundred (3300) feet in length and contains 4.54 acres, more or less. The Right-of-Way grant was granted for a term of twenty (20) years and was to terminate on June 1, 2012. We received an application for renewal of the Right-of-Way grant from the City of Carson City on April 5, 2012, requesting a renewal term of thirty (30) years. The terms and conditions of the original Right-of-Way Grant provided for renewal, 2(d), and stated that *“If renewed, the Right-of-Way shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the Authorized Officer deems necessary to protect the public interest”*. All existing terms and conditions of the original grant, 3(a-e), shall remain in effect. No new surface disturbance would be authorized under the proposed ROW Grant.

The project area is not located within preliminary general or priority habitat for the greater sage-grouse.

**Applicant Name:** City of Carson City

**Project Location (include Township/Range, County):** : Mt. Diablo Meridian, Township 15 North, Range 20 East, Section 1, W1/2 Lot 2 NE1/4, Lot 1 NE1/4, and E1/2 Lot 2 NW1/4.

**BLM Acres for the Project Area:** 4.54 acres, more or less.

**Land Use Plan Conformance** (cite reference/page number): Page LND-7 states “non-bureau initiated realty proposals would be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public”.

**Name of Plan:** NV – Carson City RMP.

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

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (project lead/P&EC)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (project lead/P&EC)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (project lead/P&EC)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? (project lead/P&EC)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>
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)		<b>X</b>

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

- Realty Specialist:** Perry Wickham PW
- Outdoor Recreation Planner:** Arthur Callan AC
- Hydrologist:** Niki Cutler nc
- Archaeologist:** Jim Carter \_\_\_ or Rachel Crews RC
- Wildlife Biologist:** Pilar Ziegler PZ
- Botanist:** Dean Tonenna DT
- Planning & Environmental Coordinator:** Brian Buttazoni BB
- Range Management Specialist:** Katrina Leavitt KL or Ryan Leary \_\_\_
- Wild Horse and Burro Specialist:** John Axtell JA
- Geologist:** Dan Erbes DE
- Forester:** Coreen Francis CF

**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.

Approved by:

  
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Leon Thomas  
Field Manager  
Sierra Front Field Office

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