

Worksheet
Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management

FIELD OFFICE: Stillwater Field Office

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2013-0016-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: NVN-091364

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Fairview Peak Communications Site

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MDM, T. 16 N., R. 34 E., Section 28: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

APPLICANT (if any): Arizona Nevada Tower Corporation (ANTC)

A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures

ANTC proposes to construct a new communications site (comm site) facility on Fairview Peak, south of the existing comm sites, to provide telecommunications services primarily to the Gabbs Valley. The new comm site would consist of an 80-foot self-supporting steel lattice tower, a 10-foot by 24-foot equipment building, a buried electrical cable to connect to the existing power supply that serves the other comm sites, approximately 200-feet of new road construction, and a 20-foot by 30-foot parking area next to the equipment building.

The layout of the comm site reflects joint planning with the U.S. Navy which plans to submit an application for a second new comm site, adjacent to the proposed ANTC comm site, in the near future. The new road construction will allow both ANTC and the Navy to access their comm sites without disturbing the Fairview Peak summit survey marker. The new road alignment crosses the existing helicopter landing pad (flat bladed area), so it is likely the pad will be extended to the east slightly to make up for the area lost to the road.

The new comm site would be accessed from U.S. Highway 50 via the Earthquake Faults Road and the existing improved road which serves the current comm site operators. ANTC would contribute to the maintenance of the access road in coordination with the current operators.

The applicant provided Plan of Development (POD) contains a complete description of the planned construction and operation of the new comm site. Project specific design features are contained in the POD as well.

B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance

LUP Name* Carson City CRMP

Date Approved May 11, 2001

Other Document Central Nevada Communications Sites Plan Amendment

Date Approved June 24, 1996

Other Document Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment

Date Approved August 21, 1998

**List applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto)*

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

The Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment of August 21, 1998 specifically identifies Fairview Peak as a preferred location where both private and military communications site facilities could be grouped.

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions): N/A

C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

Central Nevada Communication Sites Proposed Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment (NV-030-96035), March 21, 1996

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria

1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The development of new comm sites on Fairview Peak was analyzed during the completion of the Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment.

2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document is appropriate with respect to the new proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.

3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, range- land health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. A review of the proposed action by BLM resource specialists, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, did not identify new resources concerns related to the new proposed action. The effects of the new proposed action are not expected to meaningfully differ from those disclosed during the completion of the Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment.

4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects which may result from the implementation of the new proposed action are similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The public involvement and interagency review conducted during the completion of the existing NEPA document are adequate for the current proposed action.

E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted:

Name:	Title/Resource Discipline	Resource/Agency Represented
Steve (Chip) Kramer	Planning and Environmental Coordinator Navy Liaison	BLM <i>PK 12/10/2012</i>
Jill Devaurs	Public Health & Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds	BLM
Dan Westermeyer	Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC	BLM
Jason Wright	Archeology	BLM <i>2/10/12</i>
Kelley Sterle	Water Quality	BLM <i>12/10/2012</i>
Jill Devaurs	Soils	BLM
Linda Appel		
Chelsy Simerson		

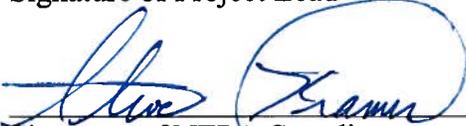
Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator



Signature of Responsible Official

Date 12/10/2012

Note: The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.

Existing Electric Terminates at approximately this location

Approximate location of electrical run, and boxes, final path of buried electric pursuant to Navy direction.

Final Proposed Agreement between US Navy and Arizona Nevada Tower for site layout 06-10-2012.

Helicopter Landing Area

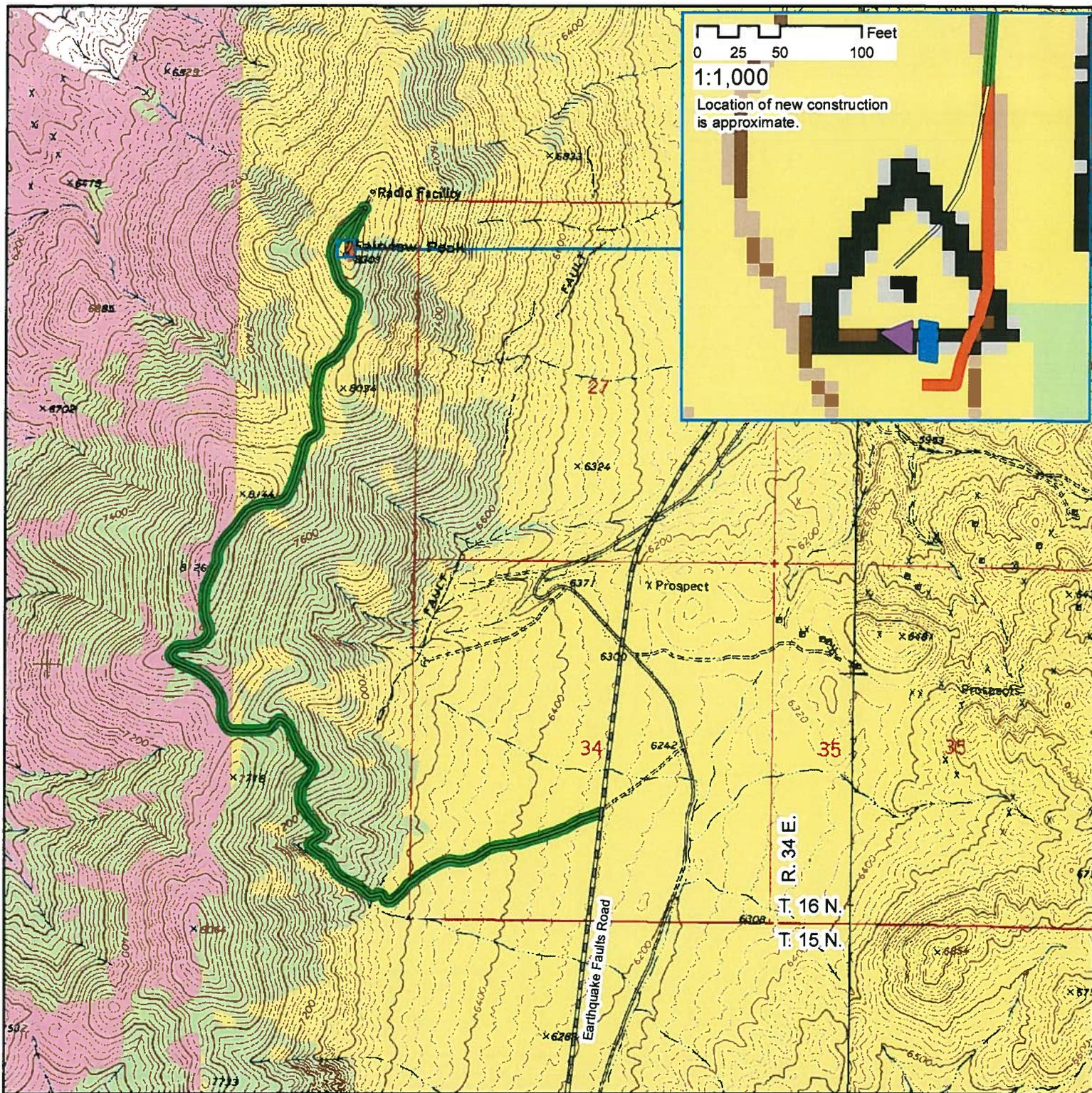
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- A-N Tower
- US Navy
- US Navy ROW Mod
- Road Mods

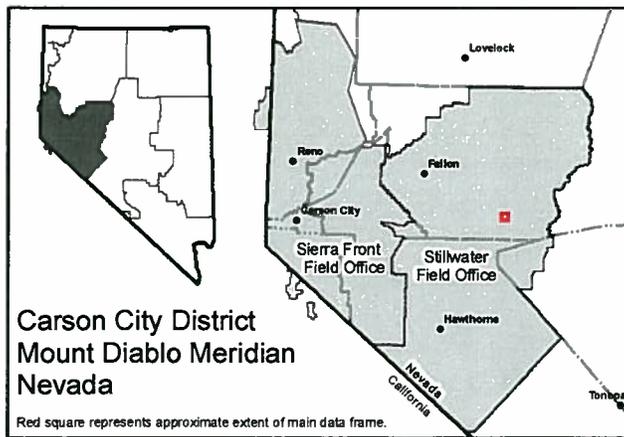
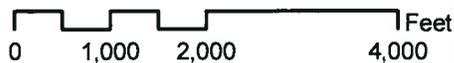


Original Survey Lines are square 100' x 100'. Shaded area is request for Right of Way after cooperation with US Navy regarding their request for consideration for new development



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Carson City District
Mount Diablo Meridian
Nevada

Red square represents approximate extent of main data frame.

NVN-091364 - Site Layout

- Proposed 10' by 24' equipment building
- Proposed 80' steel tower

NVN-091364 - Access Road

- Existing improved road
- New construction

Roads

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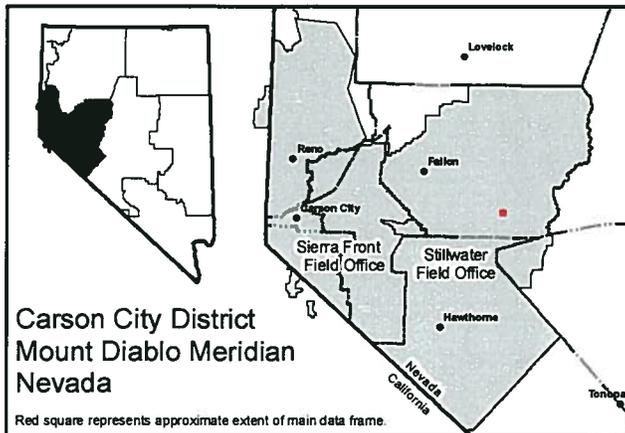
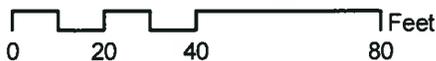
Land Status

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- Department of Defense



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