

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

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Creator: Matt Simons, Realty Specialist

Field Office: Stillwater Field Office

Lead Office: Stillwater Field Office

Case File/Project Number: NVN-091567

Applicable Categorical Exclusion:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, as found in H-1790-1, Appendix 4(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-C010-2013-0019-CX

Project Name: Buckskin Mountain Communications Site

Project Description: Reactivation of the existing communications site to serve the Rawhide Mine and other local entities/people needing wireless telecommunications services. The existing BLM right-of-way has expired, so it cannot be assigned. The new proposal seeks to utilize the existing building, towers, and access road to provide similar services as the previous operator, essentially an assignment of the existing facilities.

Applicant Name: Reese River Associates, LLC

Project Location: MDM, T. 13 N., R. 32 E., Section 7: NW¼SW¼, within MS 3668

BLM Acres for the Project Area: Approximately .060 acres

Land Use Plan Conformance: Administrative Actions #6, page LND-7: "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)

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)		JD
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)		KS DLW
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)		LWZ
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		LWZ
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)		LWZ
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		LWZ
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)		PW
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)		LWZ
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)		LWZ
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		LWZ
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)		PW
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

SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

Planning Environmental Coordinator, Steve Kramer: *SK 12/17/2012*
Public Health and Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds, Jill Devaurs: *JD 12-18-12*
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC, Dan Westermeyer: *DW 12/17/12*
Archeology, Jason Wright: *JW 12/17/12*
Water Quality, Kelley Sterle: *KMS 12/17/12*
Soils, Jill Devaurs/Linda Appel/Chelsy Simerson: *CS for LA 12/17/12*

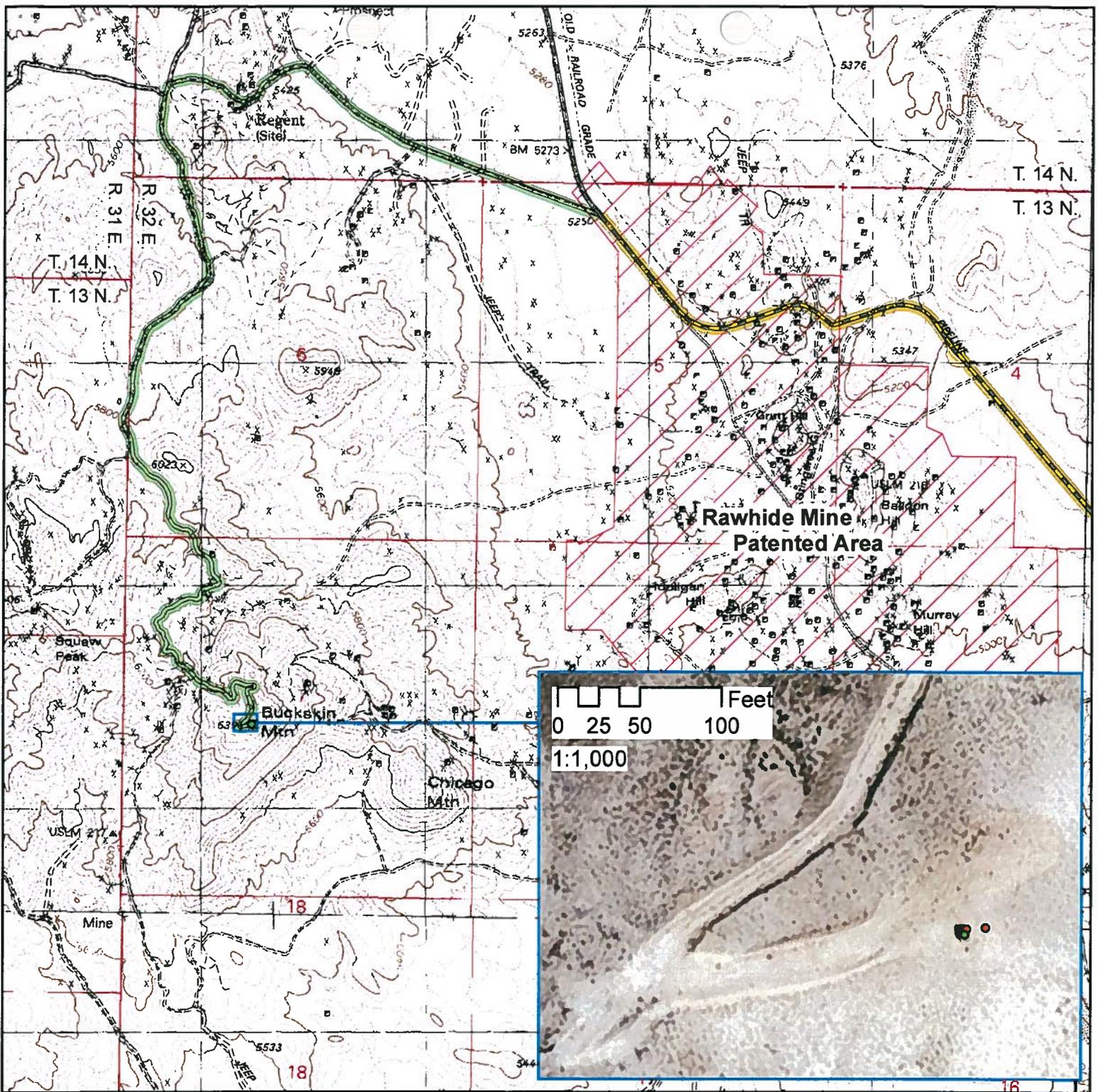
CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

Carla J. Knutson, Acting

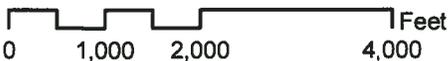
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Stillwater Field Office

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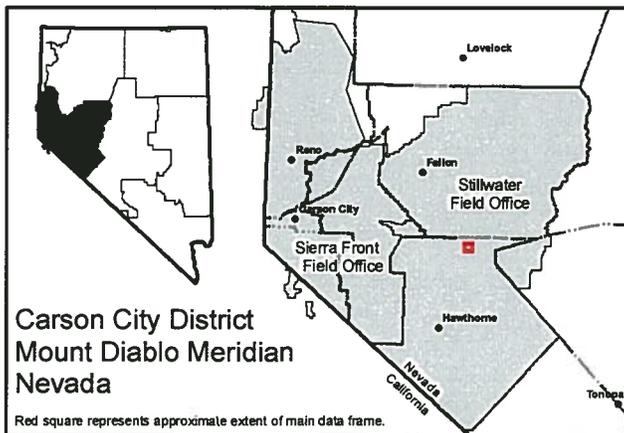


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NVN-091567 24K Map 11-26-2012 (ms)



NVN-091567 - Access Road

- Existing improved roads
- Existing primitive road

NVN-091567 - Comm Site

- Equipment shelter
- Existing steel tower

Roads

- Light duty road, graveled
- Light duty road, dirt
- Unimproved road
- 4WD road
- Trail
- Private land



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