

KINGMAN FIELD OFFICE SCOPING FORM

Proposal: Communication Facility Use Assignment

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Land Description: (AZA 22110) T. 14 N., R. 19 W, sec. 12, 13, 14
(AZA 22955) T. 20 N., R. 15 W., sec.30.

Applicant: Hero Licenseco LLC

INVOLVEMENT: Indicate in the left column which disciplines need to provide information into the EA/CX.

Needed Input (X)	Discipline	Signature
	Lands	
	Minerals	
	Range	
	Wild Horse and Burro	
	General Recreation	
X	Cultural and Paleontological Resources	/s/ Tim Watkins 05/23/2013
	Wilderness	
	Soils	
	Surface and Groundwater Quality/Water Rights	
	Air Quality	
X	Wildlife	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 05/23/2013
X	Threatened and Endangered Plants and Animals	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 05/23/2013
X	Migratory Birds	/s/ Rebecca L. Peck 05/23/2013
	Surface Protection	
	Hazardous Materials	
	Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	
	Visual Resources	
	Socio-Economics/Environmental Justice	
	General Botany/Noxious Weeds	
	Energy Policy	

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Date: 09/09/2013

Environmental Coordinator: /s/ Ramone B. McCoy

Date: 09/09/2013

Field Manager: /s/ Ruben A. Sánchez

Date: 09/10/2013

Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and Fire Rehabilitation Actions

Project Name: Assignment of Communication Leases (Hero Licenseco)
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A. Background

BLM Office: Kingman Field Office

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: AZA 22110 and AZA 22955

Proposed Action Title/Type: Assignment of communication leases (Hero Licenseco)

Location of Proposed Action:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

AZA 22110 T. 14 N., R. 19 W.,

sec.12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

sec.13 W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW;

sec.14 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

AZA 22955 T. 20 N., R. 15 W.,

sec.30. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Description of Proposed Action: Assignment of Communications Use Leases AZA 22110 (Goldroad Crest) and AZA 22955 (Potato Patch) from Hero Broadcasting, LLC to Hero Licenseco, LLC. Hero Licenseco, LLC agrees to the terms and conditions of the communication use leases and no additional rights would be conveyed beyond those granted by the original communication use leases.

B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: *Kingman Resource Management Plan/EIS*

Date Approved/Amended: March 1995

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): N/A

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 decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): LR14/B3 Commercial mountaintop development for communication sites are restricted to the eleven described on page 67 [of the Kingman RMP/FEIS]. Potato Patch and Goldroad Crest, on which the leased facilities are located, are designated as communications sites in the Kingman RMP/FEIS.

Attachment 1: Extraordinary Circumstances	Comment (Yes or No with supporting Rationale)
1. Have significant effects on public health or safety.	No. The operation of the facilities authorized under the communications use leases must be in conformance with FCC guidelines, which require for the safe operation of the facilities and equipment.
2. 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988) national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.	No. No such resources are known to exist in the affected area nor is it anticipated these would be affected.
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].	No. The assignment of these leases would not be controversial nor would it involve conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	No. The facility authorized under AZA 22110 and 22955 are already in operation and there have been no highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects from these nor have there been unique or unknown environmental risks. It would be anticipated this would remain the same.
5. Establishes a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about future actions with significant environmental effects.	No. The assignment of these leases would not establish any precedents. Any substantial deviations of the facilities and improvements and their operations would require further analysis in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	No. No direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects are anticipated as a result of the assignment of these leases.
7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau or office.	No. No listed properties or properties eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are known in the affected area nor is it anticipated any such properties would be affected.
8. 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.	No. The facilities are currently in operations and no significant impacts on sensitive species have occurs. It is anticipated this would continue.
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	No. No laws or requirements for the protection of the environment would be violated as a result of the assignment of these leases.
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).	No. No distinct populations have been affected differently from these facilities nor is it anticipated any would be affected by the assignment of these leases.
11. 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 (Executive Order 13007).	No. No sacred sites are known to exist in the affected area nor is it anticipated the assignment of these leases limit access to any such site or otherwise affect the physical integrity of any sacred sites.

<p>12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive 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 Executive Order 13112).</p>	<p>No. The assignment of these communications use leases would not contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species.</p>

Approval and Decision Attachment 2

Compliance and assignment of responsibility: Lands and Realty

Monitoring and assignment of responsibility: Lands and Realty

Review: *We have determined that the proposal is in accordance with the categorical exclusion criteria and that it would not involve any significant environmental effects. Therefore, it is categorically excluded from further environmental review.*

Prepared by: /s/ Maria Troche **Date:** 09/09/2013

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Reviewed by: /s/ Ramone B. McCoy **Date:** 09/09/2013

Ramone McCoy
NEPA Coordinator

Reviewed by: /s/ Ruben A. Sánchez **Date:** 09/10/2013

Ruben A. Sánchez
Field Manager
Supervisor

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Decision: Based on a review of the project described above and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that the project is in conformance with the land use plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. It is my decision to approve the action as proposed, with the existing terms and conditions contained in Communications Use Leases AZA 22110 and AZA 22955.

Approved By: /s/ Ruben A. Sánchez **Date:** 09/10/2013

Ruben A. Sánchez
Field Manager, Kingman Field Office

Exhibits: Communication Use Leases AZA 22110, AZA 22955.