

**Categorical Exclusion Documentation Format for Actions Other Than Hazardous Fuels and  
Fire Rehabilitation Actions  
NPG Cable LLC Assignment  
DOI-BLM-AZ-C030-2013-0009-CX**

**A. Background**

**BLM Office:** Lake Havasu Field Office                      **Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** AZA 33634

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Assignment to NPG Cable, LLC dba: Suddenlink

**Location of Proposed Action:** The fiber optic cable line ROW AZA 33634 is located in Bullhead City, Arizona.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 19 N., R. 22 W.,  
    sec. 2, lot 2, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;  
T. 20 N., R. 22 W.,  
    sec. 12, lots 5-7, 9;  
    sec. 20, lots 1-3, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;  
    sec. 30, lot 12, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

**Description of Proposed Action:**

On September 5, 2006, Right-of-Way (ROW) AZA 33634 was granted to NPG Cable, Inc. for a fiber optic cable for a twenty year term. The row is 27,086 feet long and 10 feet wide, containing 6.220 acres. On August 26, 2011, NPG Cable LLC submitted an application request for assignment of ROW AZA 33634 from NPG Cable Inc. to NPG Cable LLC dba: Suddenlink. The original ROW and renewal terms, conditions, and the expiration date of December 31, 2025, shall remain unchanged.

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance:**

Land Use Plan (LUP) Name: *Lake Havasu Field Office Resource Management Plan*  
Date Approved/Amended: May 10, 2007

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s): On Page 37: Lake Havasu Field Office may allow the use of the public lands or interests in lands through issuance of ROWs, leases, and permits. The types of uses that would be authorized by a ROW issued pursuant to Title 5 FLPMA would include access roads, power lines, telephone lines, fiber optic systems, communications facilities, and so forth. Examples of uses authorized pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act include crude oil pipelines and oil and gas pipelines. Typical uses authorized by permits would include filming and establishing and maintaining apiary sites.

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):

**C: Compliance with NEPA:**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 4, 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.”

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

I considered the possibility of significant impacts by authorizing this action, but there are none as demonstrated by the signatures in Attachment 1.

**D: Signature**

Authorizing Official: /s/ Kimber Liebhauser Authenticated: Lisa Stapp Date: 2/4/2013  
Kimber Liebhauser  
Field Manager, Lake Havasu Field Office

**Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact:  
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BLM Categorical Exclusions: Extraordinary Circumstances<sup>1</sup>  
Attachment 1

<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES REVIEW AND CHECKLIST</b>			
IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed below, comment and initial for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included where appropriate.			
<b>EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES</b>	<b>YES/NO &amp; RATIONALE (If Appropriate)</b>	<b>RESOURCE/PROGRAM AND STAFF SIGNATURE(S)</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Does the proposed action...			
1. Have significant impacts on public health and safety?		Health & Safety – Project Lead	
		Operations/Engineering Review – Project Lead	
		Fuels / Fire Management – Project Lead	
		Wastes, Hazardous or Solid – Project Lead	

<sup>1</sup> If an action has any of these impacts, you must conduct NEPA analysis.

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2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study 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 (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?			
		Geology – Project Lead	
		Cultural/Paleontological –George Shannon	
		Recreation – Project Lead	
		Wilderness & WSA – Project Lead	
		Wild & Scenic Rivers – Project Lead	
		National Natural Landmark – Project Lead	
		Soils –	
		Water quality –	
		Air –	
		Prime Farmland – Project Lead	
		Wetlands - Doug Adams	
		Floodplains – Doug Adams	

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	No. By definition, there are no “National Monuments” on BLM-administered lands within LHFO.		
		National Monuments – Project Lead	
		Migratory Birds – Doug Adams	
		Areas of Critical Environmental Concern – George Shannon	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?			
		Biology – Doug Adams	
		Lands/Realty – Lisa Stapp	
		Minerals – Project Lead	
		Law Enforcement – Mike Dodson	
		Visual Resource Mgmt – Project Lead	
		Wild Horses/Burros – Project Lead	
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?			
		Biology – Doug Adams	

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5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?			
		Project Lead	
		Biology – Doug Adams	
		Recreation – Project Lead	
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		Project Lead	
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?		Archeology – George Shannon	
		Birds/Wildlife/Habitat – Doug Adams	
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?		Fisheries/Habitat – Doug Adams	
9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		Project Lead	

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10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		Project Lead	
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)?		Native American Coordinator – George Shannon	
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)?		Invasive & Non-Native Weeds – Doug Adams	

## Approval and Decision

### Attachment 2

**Compliance and assignment of responsibility:** Lands and Resources Division

**Monitoring and assignment of responsibility:** Lands and Resources Division

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**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/ Authenticated \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/20/13  
Lisa Stapp, Project Lead

**Reviewed by:** /s/ Authenticated \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/5/13  
David Daniels, Planning and Environmental Coordinator

**Reviewed by:** /s/ Authenticated \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 1/29/13  
Amanda Dodson, Assistant Field Manager, Lands and Resources

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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 following stipulations (if applicable).

**Approved By:** /s/ Kimber Liebhauser \_\_\_\_\_ **Authenticated:** Lisa Stapp \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** 2/4/2013 \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimber Liebhauser  
Field Manager, Lake Havasu Field Office

**Exhibits:**

- A. Site Map
- B. Stipulations