

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 092080

**Applicable Categorical Exclusion** (cite section): 516 DM 11.9 E (11), Conversion of existing right-of-way grants to Title V grants or existing leases to FLPMA Section 302(b) leases where no new facilities or other changes are needed and 516 DM 11.9 E (13), Amendments to existing rights-of-way, such as the upgrading of existing facilities, which entail no additional disturbances outside the right-of-way boundary.

**NEPA Number:** DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2013-0031-CX

**Project Name:** Western Inspirational Broadcasters, Inc. Communication Site

**Project Description:** Western Inspirational Broadcasters, Inc. proposes to upgrade their existing facility by installing an electrical generator set for the purpose of supplying backup power to its existing broadcast gear located within the boundaries of their existing right-of-way located on McClellan Peak, north of Carson City, Nevada. The construction is planned to occur during a two-week period in the summer of 2013. No temporary work areas will be required for this construction and installation. Prior to placing the generator set a 10 feet x 6 feet concrete pad will be constructed and positioned 40 inches south of the existing building and within the existing perimeter fence. The communication site right-of-way consists of 2.07 acres (300 feet x 300 feet) and the new construction is within the boundaries of the existing right-of-way grant and will be constructed on already highly disturbed ground.

Does the project include new surface disturbing activities?  Yes  No

Is the project located within preliminary general habitat for sage-grouse?  Yes  No

Is the project located within preliminary priority habitat for sage-grouse?  Yes  No

**Applicant Name:** Western Inspirational Broadcasters, Inc.

**Project Location (include Township/Range, County):** Storey County

Mount Diablo Meridian

T.16 N., R.20 E.,  
Sec. 14.

**BLM Acres for the Project Area:** 2.07 acres

**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>

**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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