

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-091362

Applicable Categorical Exclusion: H-1790-1, Appendix 4 E(12):

“Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of compatibly developed rights-of-way.”

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2014-0005-CX

Project Name: East Walker Lake Road

Project Description: Reauthorization of an expired Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) road right-of-way (ROW) that expired on December 3, 2011 after a 30 year term. The new ROW grant would reauthorize the previously granted road segments that were constructed by Mineral County and would also incorporate a new developed road segment which was not specifically authorized under the previous grant. The unconstructed segments would not be included in the new grant.

The new grant would authorize 17,929-feet of road within a 60-foot ROW.

Applicant Name: Mineral County

Project Location:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 9 N., R. 30 E.,

sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (within);

sec. 16, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within);

sec. 21, Lot 1 (within);

sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within).

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 24.696 acres, more-or-less.

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)

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<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)		ES CK PS
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)		ADR
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		ADR
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)		ADR
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		ADR
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)		JW
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)		CK
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)		ADR
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		ADR
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)		JW
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: Angelica Rose *AR 11/18/13*
Public Health and Safety/Noxious Weeds: Jill Devaurs *JD 11-18-13*
Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC: Dan Westermeyer *DW 11-18-13*
Archeology: Jason Wright *JW 11-18-13*
Wildlife: Chris Kula *CK 11/18/13*
Soils/Grazing: Linda Appel / Chelsy Simerson / Jill Devaurs *CS 11/18/13*

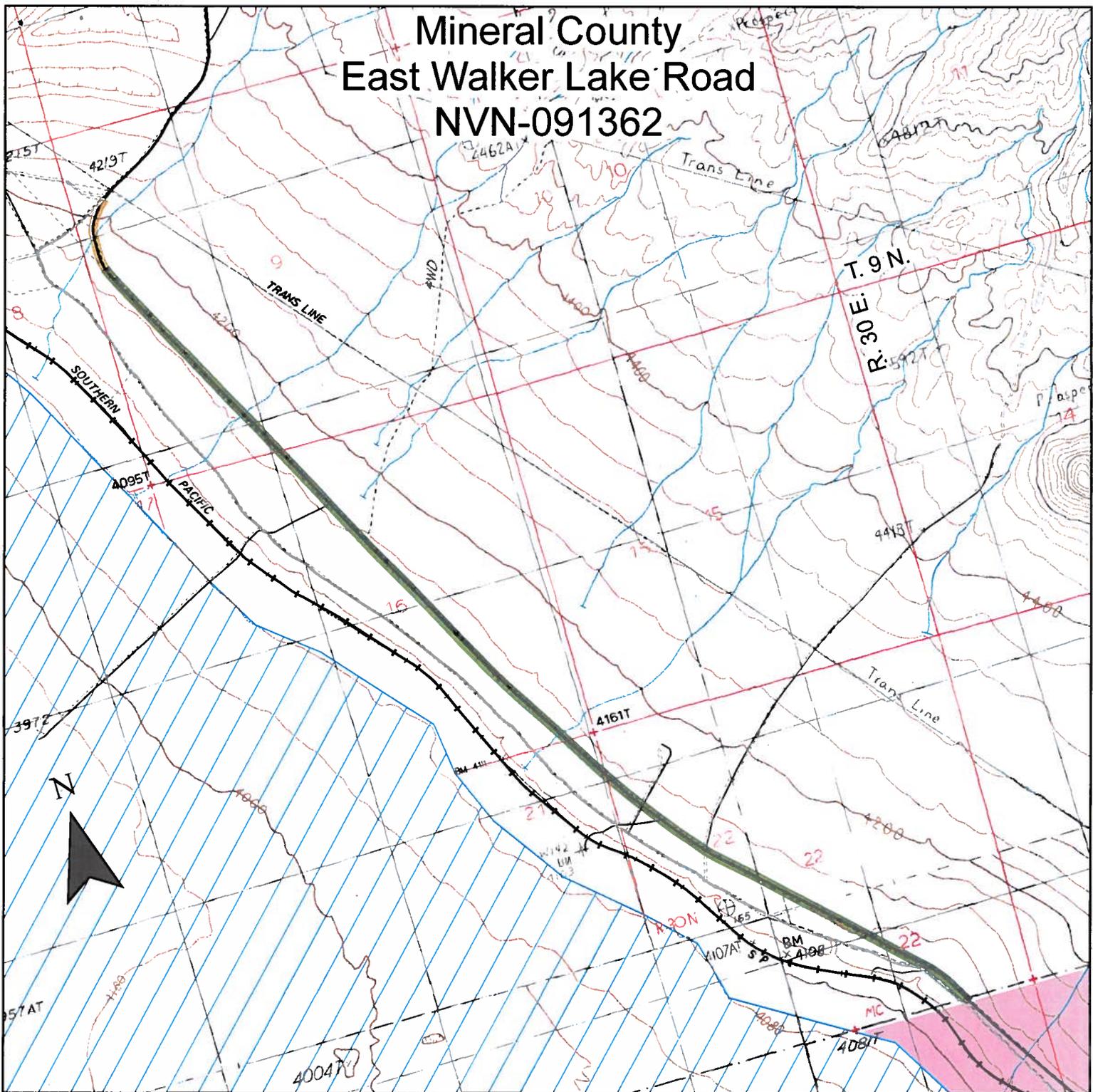
CONCLUSION: Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

Teresa J. Knutson
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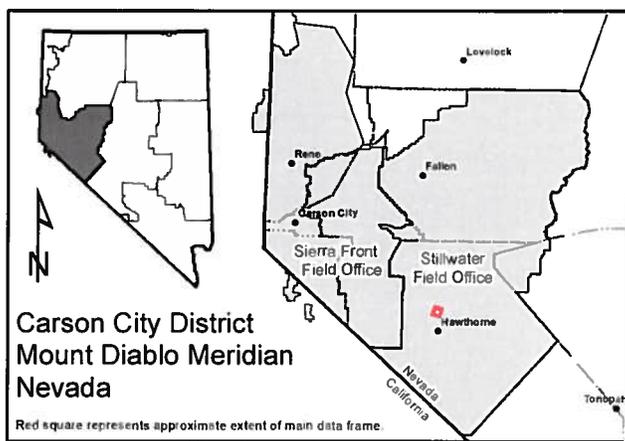
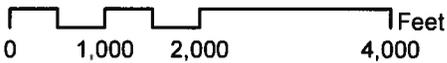
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- Linear Rights-of-way**
- NVN-091362, New segment
 - NVN-091362, Previously authorized
- Surface Mgmt. Status***
- Department of Defense
 - Walker Lake Dry Lakebed

*All lands administered by BLM unless otherwise noted. Surface management status of the Walker Lake dry lakebed omitted.