

**Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) Worksheet  
for a  
Short-Term Right-of-Way (ROW) for a Construction Area  
and Installation of Underground Power Distribution Lines  
for the Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area (RRCNCA)  
Fire Station and Campgrounds**

U.S. Department of the Interior  
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OFFICE: Red Rock/Sloan Field Office, NVS0200

TRACKING NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2014-0004-DNA

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: N-82425, N-82425-01, N-82425-02

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE:

DNA for a:

Short-Term ROW for a Construction Area and Installation of Underground Power Lines for the RRCNCA Fire Station and Campgrounds.

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

Public Lands in Las Vegas, Nevada, and in the RRCNCA, Nevada.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,

T. 21 S., R. 59 E., sec. 4, lot 7, 8, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

APPLICANT (if any): Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

**A. Description of Proposed Action and any application mitigation measures**

This is a short-term ROW for two (2) years for a construction area and installation of underground 15 kV power distribution lines on public lands. This short-term ROW will be assigned serial number N-82425-02. This short-term ROW will be a renewal/extension of temporary construction area N-82425-01, which is needed for the installation of underground electrical facilities on public lands. Installation of approximately two and one quarter (2 1/4 miles) of 15kV underground power distribution lines consisting of cable, conduits, transformers and related appurtenances in order to supply power to the RRCNCA Fire Station and RRCNCA Campground will be jointly done by NV Energy, BLM and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (CORPS) and will be completed within 2 years. The majority of the power line and construction project areas will run on the south and north side of Charleston Blvd. and Highway 159, and along Moenkopi Road within the RRCNCA. However, a small portion of the project area is on Charleston Blvd., outside the RRCNCA, and within the jurisdiction of the BLM Las Vegas Field Office. NV Energy will maintain the underground power distribution line under their existing 30 year ROW (N-82425).

**B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

LUP Name\* Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (RRCNCA) Resource Management Plan Date Approved: May 20, 2005

*\*List Applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto*

LUP Name\* Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement Date Approved: October 5, 1998

*\*List Applicable LUPs (for example, resource management plans; activity, project, management, or program plans; or applicable amendments thereto*

**The Proposed Action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:**

**In conformance with the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (LUP for the Las Vegas valley):**

The action meets ROW Management. Objective: RW-1: “Meet public demand and reduce impacts to sensitive resources by providing an orderly system of development for transportation, including legal access to private inholdings, communications, flood control, major utility transmission lines, and related facilities.”

The action meets Management Direction. RW-1-h: “All public land within the planning area, except as stated in RW-1-c through RW-1-g, are available at the discretion of the agency for rights-of-way under the authority of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA).”

**In conformance with the RRCNCA Resource Management Plan (LUP for the RRCNCA):**

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the RRCNCA RMP is it provides facility infrastructure, such as utilities, to the existing Red Rock Fire Station, an important component for RRCNCA as discussed on pages 6–7 of the 2005 RRCNCA Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (ROD).

Additionally, the Proposed Action is in conformance with the RRCNCA RMP section regarding Management Emphasis Areas (MEAs). RRCNCA has been divided into five MEAs, each with a set of guidelines which both describes its current setting and provides a framework for future management. Any actions or improvements should be consistent with what is normally expected in that particular setting so the visitor is provided a positive experience consistent with expectations. The Proposed Action is located in the “Roaded Developed” MEA, as it would support the moderate to high uses of human interaction and on site controls/facilities, and allows for noticeable on site controls and facilities. Additionally, the Proposed Action is located on ‘Roaded Natural’ MEA Zone, where facilities, including campground areas, are subtly visible and available for new improvements for resource protection (2005 RRCNCA ROD, p. 29-32).

**The action is in conformance with FLPMA, Public Law 94–579 Sec. 507:** “The Secretary concerned may provide under applicable provisions of this title for the use of any department or agency of the United States a right-of-way over, upon, under or through the land administered by him, subject to such terms and conditions as he may impose.”

### **C. Identify applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action**

This is a DNA according to NEPA regulations H-1790-1, 5.1.

This project for installation of NV Energy lines under casefile N-82425, was originally analyzed under EA number NV-050-2005-451-EA, Decision and Fonsi signed and approved November 1, 2005. Biological Opinion 1-5-04-F-526.APD3, signed October 25, 2005.

This area was also analyzed under the following NEPA documents:

The resource land area was analyzed in 2002 under NV-050-2002-84-EA, signed May 30, 2002, with Biological Opinion 1-5-97-F-251.

To renew the construction project area for N-82425-01, it was analyzed under DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2009-0041-DNA, signed December 17, 2008, with Biological Opinion 1-5-04-F-526.APD6.

To renew the construction project area for N-82425-01, it was analyzed under DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2010-0019-DNA, signed December 15, 2009, with Biological Opinion 1-5-04-F-526.APD6.

#### **D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the new Proposed Action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

The Proposed Action is the same and is in the same location as previously analyzed under EA NV-050-2005-451-EA, and in same area analyzed in 2002 under NV-050-2002-84-EA. This is a renewal to extend the expiration date of ROW grant N-82425-01 for the temporary work areas required for the installation of a power distribution line to the RRCNCA Fire Station and Campgrounds; and to include the BLM and the CORPS in the installation of the project. The plan of development remains the same and has not been altered in design. The geographic location and the resource conditions are the same.

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the new Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

The Proposed Action area has already been analyzed under EA NV-050-2005-451-EA. There are no new environmental concerns, interests or resource values that were not addressed in the previous EAs and DNAs. The Programmatic Biological Opinion 1-5-04-F-526.APD6 remains in effect today. The range of alternatives analyzed in the existing EA(s) are sufficient and remain the same since the activity is the same. BLM resource specialists reviewed NEPA documents: NV-050-2005-451-EA, NV-050-2002-84-EA, DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2009-0041-DNA, and DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2010-0019-DNA, and found the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA documents are appropriate with respect to the new Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values.

**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessments, recent endangered species listings, updated lists**

**of BLM sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new Proposed Action?**

It is reasonable to conclude that there would be no substantial change to the analysis of the proposed action. There are no new information or circumstances that would require additional analysis.

**4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new Proposed Action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?**

Yes, the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new Proposed Action area similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA documents. BLM resource specialists reviewed NEPA documents: NV-050-2005-451-EA, NV-050-2002-84-EA, DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2009-0041-DNA, and DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2010-0019-DNA and found the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new Proposed Action would be similar to those analyzed in the existing.

**5. Are there public involvement and interagency reviews associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**

Public meetings and other agency, and interagency reviews and involvement occurred in 2005 with the EA assessment. Since the action and activity will not change, the existing NEPA documentation is adequate for the Proposed Action.

### **E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted**

#### **Note**

Refer to EA number NV-050-2005-451-EA, NEPA 2009-041-DNA, DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2012-0009-EA, NV-050-2002-84-EA, and DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2010-0019-DNA for a complete list of the team members and public who participated in the preparation of the environmental analysis or planning documents. The EA was reviewed and analyzed by the BLM Las Vegas Field Office and the RRCNCA Resource Specialists shown below. This DNA and the Proposed Action was reviewed by specialists listed on the Affected Resource Form (ARF) found in the computer under DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2014-0004-DNA.

Name	Title	Resource/Agency Represented
Mark Boatwright	BLM Cultural Resources, Archaeologist	Red Rock/Sloan Field Office
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## Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitute BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.

 3/12/14  
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 3/12/14  
Signature of NEPA Coordinator

 3/24/2014  
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Date

### Note:

The signed Conclusion on this Worksheet is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. However, the lease, permit, or other authorization based on this DNA is subject to protest or appeal under 43 CFR Part 4 and the program-specific regulations.