

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA)
COMPLIANCE RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSIONS (CX)
U.S. Department of Interior
Bureau of Land Management**

PART I. – PROPOSED ACTION

BLM Office: AZP020

NEPA No.: DOI-BLM-AZ-P020-
2014-0019-CX

Case File No.: AZA- 10994

Proposed Action Title/Type: Telephone (AZA-10994)

Applicant: Qwest Corporation

Location of Proposed Action: Arizona, Gila & Salt River Meridian T 1 N, R 7 E, sec 18 Lot 6

Description of Proposed Action: The holder (Qwest Corporation) requests permission to renew their existing telephone line.

- Latitude/Longitude 33.4298°N, 111.6748°W (33°, 25', 47.3" N; 111°, 40', 29.4" W)

ROW consists of:

-R/W is 30 feet wide by 125.08 feet long

-110 acres

The existing terms and conditions, which the holder is in conformance with would continue to apply.

Part II. – PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This proposed action is subject to the following land use plan(s): The Lower Sonoran Record of Decision and Approved RMP allows, (LR-1.3.3) propose minor linear and nonlinear LUAs will continue to be authorized on an as needed case-by-case basis in area outside of LUA Avoidance and Exclusion area.

Decisions and page nos.: Lower Sonoran Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan, Page 2-77

Date plan approved/amended: September 2012

This proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with these plans (*43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM Manual 1601.04.C.2*).

PART III. – NEPA COMPLIANCE DETERMINATION REVIEW

A. The proposed action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9 BLM NEPA Handbook H1790-1 (E-9) Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations. ;

And

B. Extraordinary Circumstances Review: In accordance with 43 CFR 46.215, any action that is normally categorically excluded must be subjected to sufficient environmental review to determine if it meets any of the 12 Extraordinary Circumstances described. If any circumstance applies to the action or project, and existing NEPA documentation does not adequately address it, then further NEPA analysis is required.

IMPORTANT: Appropriate staff should review the circumstances listed in Part IV, comment and initial for concurrence. Rationale supporting the concurrence should be included in the appropriate block.

Part IV. – EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES DOCUMENTATION

PREPARERS:	DATE:
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 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

[Signature]
 DATE 10/14/14

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215(a)-(1)) apply. The project would:

(a) Have significant impacts on public health or safety.

Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>		

(b) 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.

Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>		

(c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].

Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>		

(d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.

Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>		

(e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.

Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>		

(f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
		Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>
(g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.		
Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	<i>No historic properties present.</i>
		Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>
(h) 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.		
Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
		Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>
(i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
		Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>
(j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	
		Preparer's Initials <u>AB</u>

(k) 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).

Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	No sacred sites identified.
		Preparer's Initials <i>CB</i>

(l) 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).

Yes	No	Rationale:
	X	There will be no new disturbance from this project. Therefore it is unlikely that weeds will be introduced to site.
		Preparer's Initials <i>AJ</i>

PART V. - COMPLIANCE REVIEW CONCLUSION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record, and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required.

MITIGATION MEASURES/OTHER REMARKS:

APPROVING OFFICIAL: *Matthews T. Hill* DATE: *10/21/14*
TITLE: *acting Field Manager*

Note: The signed conclusion on this compliance record is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision. A separate decision to implement the action should be prepared in accordance with program specific guidance.