

**Worksheet**  
**Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA)**  
**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
**Bureau of Land Management**

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FIELD OFFICE: Stillwater Field Office

NEPA NUMBER: DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2015-0003-DNA

CASEFILE PROJECT NUMBER: N-93482

PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TITLE: Fairview Peak Communications Site

LOCATION/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: MDM, T. 16 N., R. 34 E., Section 28: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

APPLICANT (if any): NV Energy

**A. Description of the Proposed Action and any applicable mitigation measures**

NV Energy proposes to place a new communications building on Fairview Peak, next to an existing communications site (comm site) ROW held by the Nevada Division of State Lands, Department of Information Technology (DoIT) (BLM ROW N-89435). The new building would house electronic equipment to operate the two microwave dishes currently attached to a tower within the DoIT site. NV Energy currently leases space in the DoIT building for their equipment; this arrangement has always been considered temporary due to space constraints.

The building would be placed where two existing 500 gallon propane tanks, which serve the backup generator for the DoIT site, are located. The two tanks would be replaced with two 1,000 gallon tanks that would be relocated to an open area within the DoIT comm site. Communications lines and propane lines would be buried to connect the new building and relocated propane tanks. No modifications to the microwave dishes are proposed. The total area taken up by the building would be less than .1 acres.

The new building would be accessed from U.S. Highway 50 via the Earthquake Faults Road and the existing improved road which serves the current comm site operators. NV Energy would contribute to the maintenance of the access road in coordination with the current operators. A communications use lease would only authorize the portions of the road on BLM lands; segments on withdrawn lands would require separate approval from the U.S. Navy.

The applicant provided Plan of Development (POD) contains a complete description of the planned construction and operation of the new comm site. Project specific design features are contained in the POD as well.

## **B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

LUP Name\* Carson City CRMP  
Date Approved May 11, 2001

Other Document Central Nevada Communications Sites Plan Amendment  
Date Approved June 24, 1996

Other Document Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment  
Date Approved August 21, 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:

The Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment of August 21, 1998 specifically identifies Fairview Peak as a preferred location where both private and military communications site facilities could be grouped.

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 decisions (objectives, terms, and conditions): N/A

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

List by name and date all applicable NEPA documents that cover the proposed action.

Central Nevada Communication Sites Proposed Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment (NV-030-96035), March 21, 1996

List by name and date other documentation relevant to the proposed action (e.g., biological assessment, biological opinion, watershed assessment, allotment evaluation, and monitoring report).

## **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?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The development of new comm sites on Fairview Peak was analyzed during the completion of the Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment.

**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?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document is 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, range- land health standard assessment, 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?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. A review of the proposed action by BLM resource specialists, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, did not identify new resources concerns related to the new proposed action. The effects of the new proposed action are not expected to meaningfully differ from those disclosed during the completion of the Central Nevada Communications Sites Modified Final Plan Amendment.

**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?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects which may result from the implementation of the new proposed action are similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document.

**5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current proposed action?**

Documentation of answer and explanation:

Yes. The public involvement and interagency review conducted during the completion of the existing NEPA document are adequate for the current proposed action.

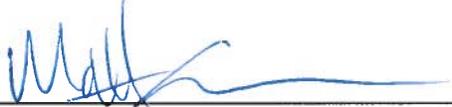
**E. Persons/Agencies/BLM Staff Consulted:**

Name:	Title/Resource Discipline	Resource/Agency Represented
Angelica Rose	Planning and Environmental Coordinator Navy Liaison	BLM <i>DR 11/17/14</i>
Jill Devaurs	Public Health & Safety/Grazing/Noxious Weeds	BLM <i>gd 11-17-14</i>
Dan Westermeyer	Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC	BLM <i>du 11/17/14</i>
Jason Wright	Archeology	BLM <i>JRW 11/17/14</i>
Michelle Stropky	Water Quality	BLM <i>MKS 11/17/2014</i>
Linda Appel	Grazing/Soils	BLM <i>la H/17/14</i>
<i>Chris Kula</i>	<i>wildlife Biologist</i>	<i>BLM CK H/17/14</i>

Note: Refer to the EA/EIS for a complete list of the team members participating in the preparation of the original environmental analysis or planning documents.

**Conclusion**

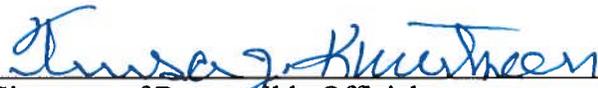
Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of the NEPA.



Signature of Project Lead



Signature of NEPA Coordinator

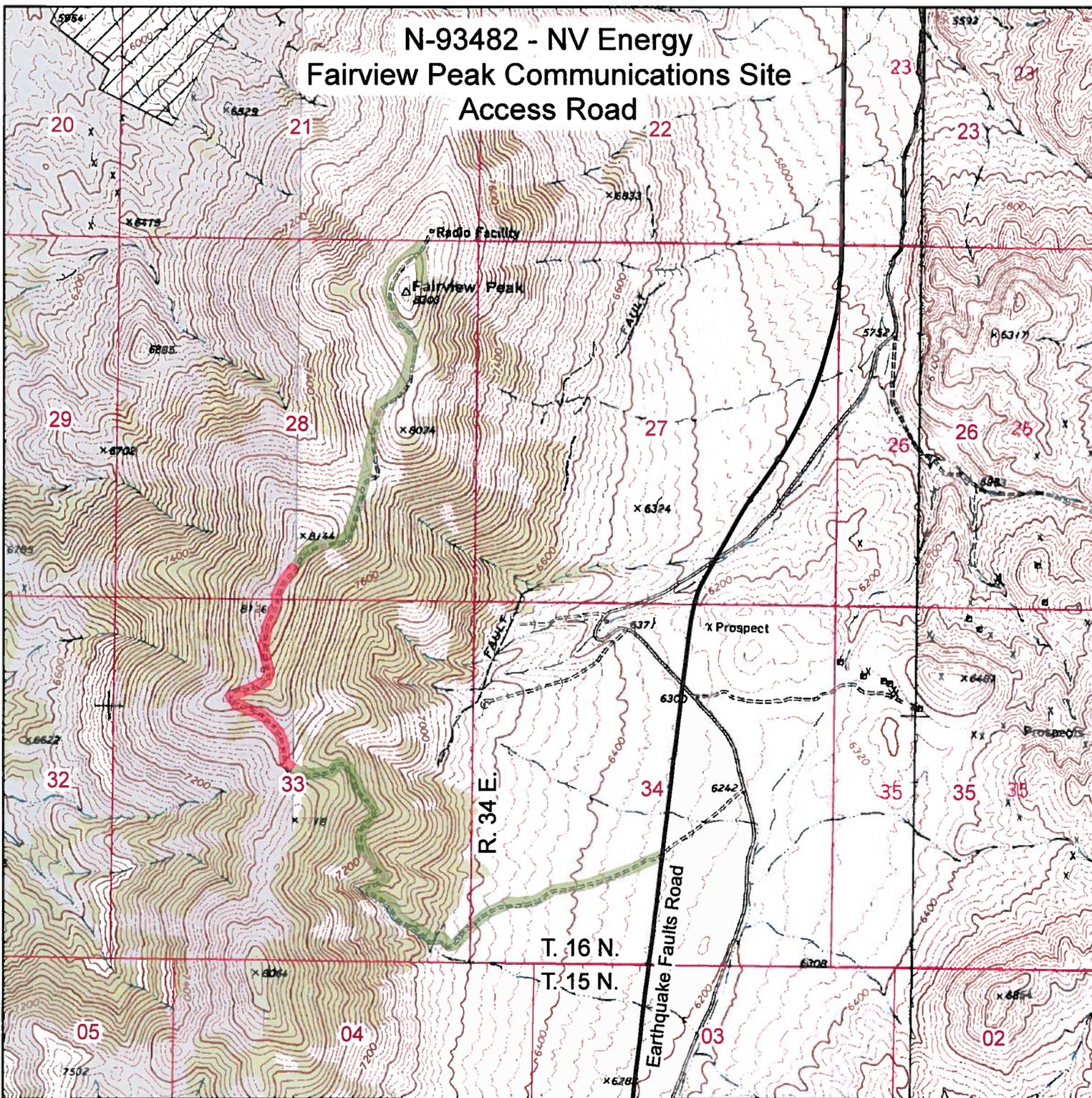


Signature of Responsible Official

Date 11/24/2014

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. 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.

# N-93482 - NV Energy Fairview Peak Communications Site Access Road

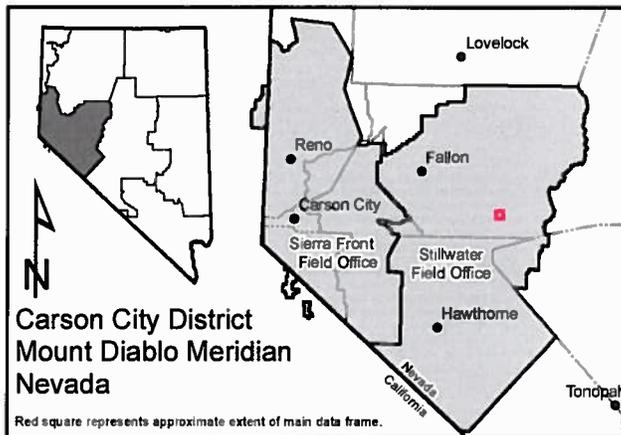
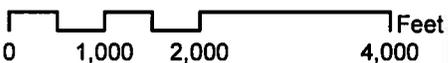


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8 inch by 8 inch data frame represents:  
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Carson City District  
Mount Diablo Meridian  
Nevada

Red square represents approximate extent of main data frame.

## Section Line



## Fairview Peak Access Road

- On BLM-Administered Lands
- On Navy-Administered Lands

## Surface Mgmt. Status

- Department of Defense
  - Private
- All surface administered by the BLM unless otherwise indicated.

