

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Field Office
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2015-0002-CX

A. Background

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: COC-60672

PROJECT NAME: North Cottonwood Assignment of COC-60672

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION: COC-60672:
T. 1 N., R. 77 W., Section 10: SENE, SE, 6th P.M.**

APPLICANT: Grand County Board of County Commissioners

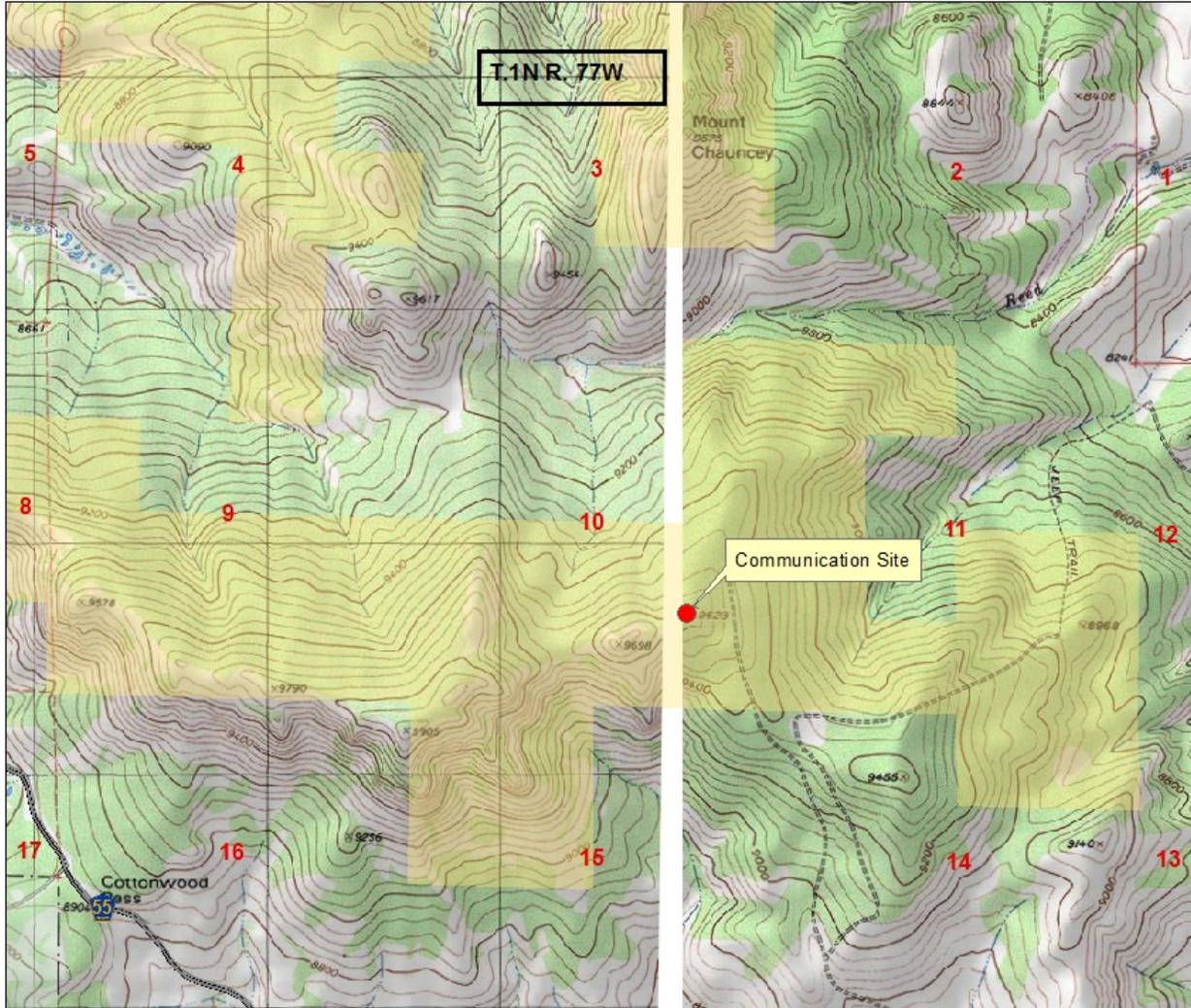
DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Grand County Board of County Commissioners has applied for the assignment of COC-60672, from Andres Radio Service.

COC-60672 is a right-of-way (ROW) for a communication site on North Cottonwood. The ROW encompasses 1.68 acres. The ROW expires September 15, 2027.

There would be no improvements.



North Cottonwood Communication Site



Legend

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Land Status

- Bureau of Land Mgt
- Division of Wildlife
- National Park
- US Forest Service
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Private
- State
- State Forest

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PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM 1601.08) the following plan:

Name of Plan: the Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: Page 12

Decision Language: Provide the opportunity to utilize public lands for development of facilities which benefit the public, while considering environmental and agency concerns.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, 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.

The Proposed Action has been reviewed with the list of extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) described in the table below.

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
a) Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.		X
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; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau of office.		X
h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations		X
k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
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.		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the Kremmling Field Office interdisciplinary team on 10/28/2014. A complete list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the Kremmling Field Office. The table below lists resource specialists who provided additional remarks concerning cultural resources and special status species.

Name	Title	Resource	Date
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Tribal Consultation	10/28/2014
Darren Long	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Plant/Wildlife Species	10/28/2014

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: the action is not an undertaking under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, as amended and its implementing laws and regulations. State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) concurrence is not necessary for this action. Any action in the future that is determined to be a Section 106 undertaking would require the necessary inventory and evaluation with the SHPO concurrence of effect.

Native American Tribal Consultation: Because this action is not a Section 106 undertaking under the NHPA, tribal consultation as part of the Section 106 process is not necessary. Any future action that is a Section 106 undertaking would require tribal consultation under the NHPA of 1966, as amended.

Special Status Plant and Wildlife Species: This is a paperwork exercise that would not physically threaten any biological resource. Any future action related to this ROW transaction would require a hard look analysis for biological resources in a separate document.

COMPLIANCE PLAN: On-going compliance inspections and monitoring would be conducted by the BLM Kremmling Field Office staff during and after construction. The operator would be notified of compliance related issues in writing, and depending on the nature of the issue(s), would be provided 30 days to resolve such issues.

NAME OF PREPARER: Annie Sperandio

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Sue Valente

COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E(9). This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Stephanie Odell
Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 11/05/2014

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DECISION RECORD

PROJECT NAME: North Cottonwood Assignment of COC-60672.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2015-002-CX

DECISION: It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action, DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2015-002-CX, authorizing the assignment of COC-60672.

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAND USE PLAN:
This decision is in compliance with the Federal Land Management and Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999 Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: The CX will be available for a formal 30-day public comment period when posted on the Kremmling Field Office's internet website.

RATIONALE: The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E(9). This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES: Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215.

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date this notice of decision is posted on BLM's Kremmling Field Office internet website.

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Field Manager

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