CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

Project name: Tiger Field Airport Monitoring Well Right-of-Way Grant

Step 1. Project Lead Completes.

☒ CX/map submitted.
☒ CRINA submitted.
☒ Shapefile(s) located at: T:\NV\GIS_Work\CCDO\Project\Lands\ROW\Sierra Front Field Office\NVN 074474 Tiger Field Mont Well\Montioring_well_NVN074474.shp
☒ Photos located at Y:\1000 General Mgmt\1700 Program Mgmt\1790 NEPA\NEPA\SFFO\Pending Projects\CX for Cultural Review\Tiger Field Airport Mont Well CX 2015\Photos

P&EC and archeologists are notified by email on: 12/24/2014

Archeologist assigned to this project is: Alicia Alfaro

Labor hours are estimated as:

Specialist	Program(s)	Hours
Alfaro, Alicia	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns	3
Buttazoni, Brian	NEPA Compliance, Assistant Field Manager	2
Crews, Rachel	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns	
Gardner, Cory	Land Law Examiner	3
Shippen, Shaina	Land and Realty	2
Thomas, Leon	Field Manager	1
Wickham, Perry	Lands and Realty	
	total	9

CRINA submitted to SHPO and cc's realty on: 12/30/2014

Realty sends processing fee determination letter. EXEMPT

Confirmation from SHPO received on: 1/5/2015

Archeologist notifies realty that cultural is complete. 1/5/14

Project lead enters the CX into ePlanning to create the NEPA number.

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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Project Lead: Shaina Shippen
Field Office: Sierra Front
Lead Office: Sierra Front
Case File/Project Number: NVN 074474
Applicable NEPA Categorical Exclusion (cite section): 516 DM 6, Appendix 4- (J)(3): "conducting preliminary hazardous materials assessments and site investigations, site characterization studies and environmental monitoring. Included are siting, construction, installation and/or operation of small monitoring devices such as wells, particulate dust counters and automatic air or water samples."

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2015-0016-CX

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Project Description:
On October 27, 2014, the BLM received a right-of-way (ROW) application from the City of Fernley for an groundwater monitoring well (NVN 074474) located in Lyon County, Nevada. The BLM issued the original ROW grant for NVN 074474 to the City on May 8, 2001. In accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant, the City drilled a well to develop groundwater and hydrogeological data. The grant expired on May 7, 2011. The City capped the well and did not timely request to renew the grant. Consequently, the City has submitted a new application to retrofit and operate the expired well.

The City would use the proposed well for groundwater monitoring. The project area would encompass an approximate 30-foot diameter area around the well. The well dimensions would remain at 9.875 inches in diameter and 800 feet deep as previously authorized in 2001. The City plans to retrofit the well in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC § 534.4361), which would include the following:

- the installation of a concrete surface pad with a radius from the center of the well of not less than 18 inches and a thickness of not less than 3.5 inches;
- the installation of a steel surface casing fitted with a locking cap; and
- clearly marking the well as a monitoring well.

The City plans to begin retrofitting the well within a month of BLM approval. Use of this ROW would be effective upon issuance by the BLM and would be a 10-year term FLPMA ROW. The City would abandon the well per Nevada State Regulations and applicable Federal laws or

regulations once the well is no longer required. For BLM recordation purposes, the case file number for the ROW grant would remain NVN 074474.

Does the project include new surface disturbing activities? ☒Yes ☐No

Is the project located within preliminary general habitat for sage-grouse? ☐Yes ☒No
Is the project located within preliminary priority habitat for sage-grouse? ☐Yes ☒No
Is the project located within proposed critical habitat for bi-state sage-grouse? ☐Yes ☒No
Is the project located within critical habitat for Webber's Ivesia? ☐Yes ☒No

Applicant Name: City of Fernley

Project Location (include Township/Range, County): Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, T. 20 N., R. 24 E., sec. 36, SW¼NW¼ , Lyon County.

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 0.016 +/- acres.

Land Use Plan Conformance (cite reference/page number): LND – 7, "Administrative Actions," #6: "exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public."

Name of Plan: NV – Carson City RMP.

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:

If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety?		X
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?		X
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]?		X
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?		X
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?		X
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects?		X
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?		X
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?		X
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		X
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)?		X
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)?		X
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)?		X

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.

Approved by:

1-8-15

Leon Thomas
Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office

(date)

Does this CX constitute the decision document for this Proposed Action? ☐Yes ☒ No (see grant).