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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Stillwater Field Office, has issued the Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impacts (FONSI) for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the *United States Navy Cotton Peak Right of Way and Communications Improvement Project*, EA# DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2015-0005-EA.

The decision is for BLM to issue a right-of-way (ROW) grant amendment to the Navy which implements the Proposed Action (described in Chapter 2 of the EA) with the Mitigation Measures described in Chapter 3 of the EA. The EA analyzed potential impacts on the natural and human environment that could result from implementation of the proposed expansion of the ROW from 0.06 acres to 1.5 acres, relocation of the existing helicopter landing area for safety, and replacing the failing equipment located at the Cotton Peak site in the Stillwater Mountain Range, Churchill County, NV (approximately 20 miles northeast of Fallon, NV).

A determination has been made that implementation of the Proposed Action would not result in significant environmental impacts to the natural and human environment, therefore a FONSI has been prepared to document that determination, and a DR has been issued providing the rationale for approving the Proposed Action. The Final EA, DR and FONSI are available electronically on the project's ePlanning website at <http://on.doi.gov/1FyB06A>. The EA was made available for a 30-day public comment period in which no substantive comments were received, and no changes were made to the document.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Simons, Realty Specialist, or Angelica Rose, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at (775) 885-6000 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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