

Decision Record - Memorandum

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**Chapter 1. Decision Record and Rationale
for DOI-BLM-NV-S030–2015–0002–DNA
—NHA Fiber Optic Line Amendment in 3
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Based on Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2011-0512-EA)

1.1. Decision

BLM will amend NHA's ROW grant for fiber optic line to utilize adjacent existing distributions poles owned by VEA to achieve necessary clearance and then return to the original line. The amendment would be subject to the same terms and conditions and environmental commitments as the original grants.

Rationale:

1. This decision of the current proposed action is consistent with the approved Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD) approved October 5, 1998 as it responds to a request for a ROW on public land, permitted under RW-1-h, Management Direction: "All public land within the planning area, except as stated in RW-1-c through RW-1-g are available at the discretion of the agency for rights-of-way under the Federal Land Policy Management Act."
2. The range of alternatives as analyzed in DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2011-0512-EA is appropriate with respect to the current proposed action and any new information or circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action. The current proposed action is same or similar to an alternative analyzed in the existing Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2011-0512-EA) and is within the same analysis area.
3. There are no new information or circumstances known that would substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action.
4. Direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that will result from implementation of the new proposed action area are similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2011-00512-EA and public involvement and interagency reviews associated with the EA is adequate for the current proposed action.
5. The public involvement and interagency reviews associated with the existing NEPA documents are adequate for the current proposed action.

1.2. Mitigation Measure

Mitigation was provided for in the original grant terms and conditions and environmental commitments, which are attached as exhibits to the grant and will be stipulated in the amendment and shall be implemented to reduce impacts.

1.3. Finding

Based on the attached Environmental Assessment (DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2011-0512-EA), which includes a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record, and the attached Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) (DOI-BLM-NV-S030-2015-0002-DNA), and based on a letter from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration dated December 17, 2014 from Andy Spurgeon to the BLM stating that no further documentation was required under NEPA and the proposal is consistent with Section 106 of the NHPA, I have determined

that the EA DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2011-0512-EA is adequate, and that the impacts are not expected to be significant.

1.4. Recommended by:

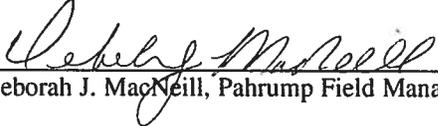
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1.5. Authorizing Official:

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