

U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Project Lead: Cory Gardner

Field Office: Sierra Front

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Case File/Project Number: NVN 093541

Applicable NEPA Categorical Exclusion (cite section): 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E: (9)-
“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are
conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorization.”

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2015-0018-CX

Project Name: Northwest Reno- Red Rock -overhead telephone line

Project Description: An overhead telephone line, Right-of-Way (ROW) NVN 0 061993 in
northwest Reno was granted to Bell Telephone Company of Nevada on March 19, 1964. This
communication line provides phone service to a subdivision near the Stead Air Force Base. This
ROW expired on March 18, 2014. Nevada Bell Telephone Company, dba AT&T Nevada has
applied for a renewal of the ROW, which was received in this office on March 17, 2014, and has
been re-serialized as NVN 093541. The application states that no new improvements or
disturbance would be required. The new ROW should be issued for a term of 30 years, subject
to renewal upon expiration. The dimensions of the ROW are 2,693 feet long by 10 feet wide,
encumbering 0.62 acres

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: Nevada Bell Telephone Company, dba AT&T Nevada

Project Location (include Township/Range, County):

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 20 N., R. 18 E., sec. 2, lot 1 and SE¼NE¼.

BLM Acres for the Project Area: 0.62

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Land Use Plan Conformance (cite reference/page number): Page LND-7 states “non-bureau initiated realty proposals would be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public.”

Name of Plan: NV – Carson City CRMP.

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:

<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	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:

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Leon Thomas
Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office

3-12-2015
(date)

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