

# Categorical Exclusion

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## *Categorical Exclusion Review*

A current Right-of-Way (ROW), NVN 047440, for an access road, drainage detention basin, and underground utilities is being sold to ROW applicant Carson Highlands Community, LLC. In order to satisfy the applicant's title company and Fannie Mae (lender) the applicants must secure a new ROW grant with a 30-year term. Typically we would assign the existing ROW to the new applicants, but since we do not have the authority to issue an assignment and extend the term of use the applicants have requested a new ROW grant.

The existing ROW grant was issued on August 30, 1990, and expires on August 29, 2020. The ROW was granted for: (1) an access road- 50 feet in width and 250.17 feet in length; (2) a drainage detention basin-100 feet by 100 feet; and (3) utility corridor – 7.5 feet in width and 207.83 feet in length. Total acreage for the ROW is 0.552 acres, more or less.

The existing or current ROW is in compliance with the terms and conditions of the existing ROW grant and the rent is current.

**BLM Office:**

LLNVC02000

**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:**

NVN 093930

**Location of Proposed Action:**

T. 16 N., R. 21 E., Section 31, SW1/4NE1/4NW1/4;

**Description of Proposed Action:**

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(2) Drainage detention basin-100 feet by 100 feet; and

(3) Utility corridor – 7.5 feet in width and 207.83 feet in length. Total acreage for the ROW is 0.552 acres, more or less.

## Land Use Plan Conformance

**Land Use Plan Name:** Nevada, Carson City Consolidated Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved/Amended:** May 2001

**The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):**

LND-7, (6.) “Exchanges and minor non-Bureau initiated realty proposals will be considered where analysis indicates they are beneficial to the public.”

## Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 2, Appendix 1, or 516 DM 11.9.

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 516 DM 2 apply. The applicable section is: 516 DM 11.9 (E) 16.

I considered the following:

## Impacts on Public Health and Safety

1. Does the proposed action have significant impacts on public health and safety?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Perry Wickham, Realty Specialist
		Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Impacts on Natural Resources or Unique Geographic Characteristics

2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness or wilderness study areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (Executive Order 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Perry Wickham, Realty Specialist

## Level of Controversy

3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)]?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Perry Wickham, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Highly Uncertain or Unique or Unknown Environmental Risks

4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Perry Wickham, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Precedent Setting

5. Establish a precedent for future action, or represent a decision in principle about future actions, with potentially significant environmental effects?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Perry Wickham, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Cumulatively Significant Effects

6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant, environmental effects?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Perry Wickham, Realty Specialist
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Impacts on Cultural Properties

7. Have significant impacts on properties listed or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or office?		
YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Rachel Crews, Archeologist

## Impacts on Federally Listed Species or Critical Habitat

8. 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?		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REVIEWER/TITLE</b>
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Compliance with Laws

9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment?		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REVIEWER/TITLE</b>
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Environmental Justice

10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REVIEWER/TITLE</b>
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

### Sacred Sites

11. 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 (Executive Order 13007)?		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REVIEWER/TITLE</b>
	X	Rachel Crews, Archeologist

### Noxious and Non-Native Invasive Species

12. 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 (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112)?		
<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>REVIEWER/TITLE</b>
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

### Approval Information

<p><i>ACTING FOR</i></p> <p>Leon Thomas Field Manager</p>		<p>Date</p> <p><i>4-22-2015</i></p>
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This categorical exclusion worksheet does not constitute the decision to approve this project. See accompanying decision record for appeal information.