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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument
669 South Highway 89 A
Kanab, UT 84741
<http://www.ut.blm.gov/monument>

February 10, 2015

IN REPLY REFER TO:
1790/2800 (UT030)

Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) has received an application from Insite Towers LLC requesting a right-of-way (ROW) for the purpose of constructing and operating a cell tower and associated facilities in the Buckskin Ridge Communications Site. This communications site is located in Kane County, Utah.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), the BLM is completing an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the potential effects of granting the ROW and authorizing the construction and operation of the proposed cell tower and associated facilities. GSENM is requesting your comments on the proposal to construct and operate the cell tower and associated facilities.

Project Location

The proposed ROW for the cell tower and facilities would be located at the existing Buckskin Communications Site, which already includes three existing communications towers. The site is located on a long, broad ridge south of U.S. Highway 89 known as Five Mile Mountain. The area is administered by the GSENM, and is located approximately 25 miles east of Kanab, Utah in portions of Township 42 South, Range 2 West, Sections 27 and 34, Salt Lake Base and Meridian, at approximately 37° 07' 24.915" North Latitude and 112° 00' 11.54" West Longitude. The elevation of the site is approximately 6,000 feet above mean sea level (msl). See enclosed project area map.

Proposed Action

BLM is proposing to grant a ROW for the construction and operation of a cell tower and related facilities. The proposed cell tower and facilities would occupy approximately 70 feet x 70 feet. The facilities would include one (1) 150-foot self-supporting tower (150-foot maximum height including top-mounted antenna panels) on a 22-foot x 22-foot concrete pad, up to five (5) 12-foot x 26-foot equipment shelters, a propane tank on a concrete pad, a 50kw propane generator, and a utility H-frame with Telco Box and meters. Initially, one (1) 12-foot x 26-foot equipment shelter would be constructed and up to four (4) additional 12-foot x 26-foot equipment shelters would be added as needed to accommodate future users. Access to the proposed cell tower facility would be the existing access to the Buckskin Communication Site, which is via U.S. Highway 89, east

of Kanab, Utah approximately 25 miles to Monument Road #710. This is a native-surfaced road which winds south and east to the top of the ridge for approximately 4.8 miles to the intersection of Monument Road #711. This road continues north along the ridge approximately 1.2 miles to the site. The site is accessed by a spur road just east of Monument Road #711.

The proposed action would also include removing the existing 70-foot AT&T tower. AT&T has indicated that they would locate on the new tower if BLM approves that application and InSite constructs the tower. AT&T has indicated they would keep their existing building and other ground equipment. AT&T currently has a communications site lease (UTU-72224) to operate a communications facility at the Buckskin Communication Site.

Alternatives

At this time, BLM is considering two alternatives to the proposed action as described above.

An alternative to the proposed action is to grant a ROW to Insite Towers LLC that approves the construction and operation of a shorter cell tower. Instead of a 150-foot tower, a 120-foot tower would be constructed at the Buckskin Ridge Communications Site. All other associated facilities would be the same as described above. The lower tower height would address visual resources concerns.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, a no action alternative will also be analyzed in the EA. The No Action alternative would deny the application and a ROW would not be granted. The proposed cell tower would not be authorized.

Preliminary Issues

The BLM has identified resources that have the potential to be affected by the proposed action and alternatives. Issues associated with these resources will be analyzed in the EA and include:

- Public health and safety
- Vegetation
- Visual resources
- Wildlife

To be most helpful, please provide comments on or before XXXX, 2015. Written comments should be sent to: Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, ATTN: Katherine Farrell, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, UT 84741, or via email to BLM_UT_GS_Comments@blm.gov. Comments may also be sent via facsimile to (435) 644-1250.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or

businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Thank you for your interest in our public lands. If you have any questions regarding this project, contact Katherine Farrell at (435) 644-1257.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Staszak
Monument Manager

Enclosures (2)

Map

Site Diagram

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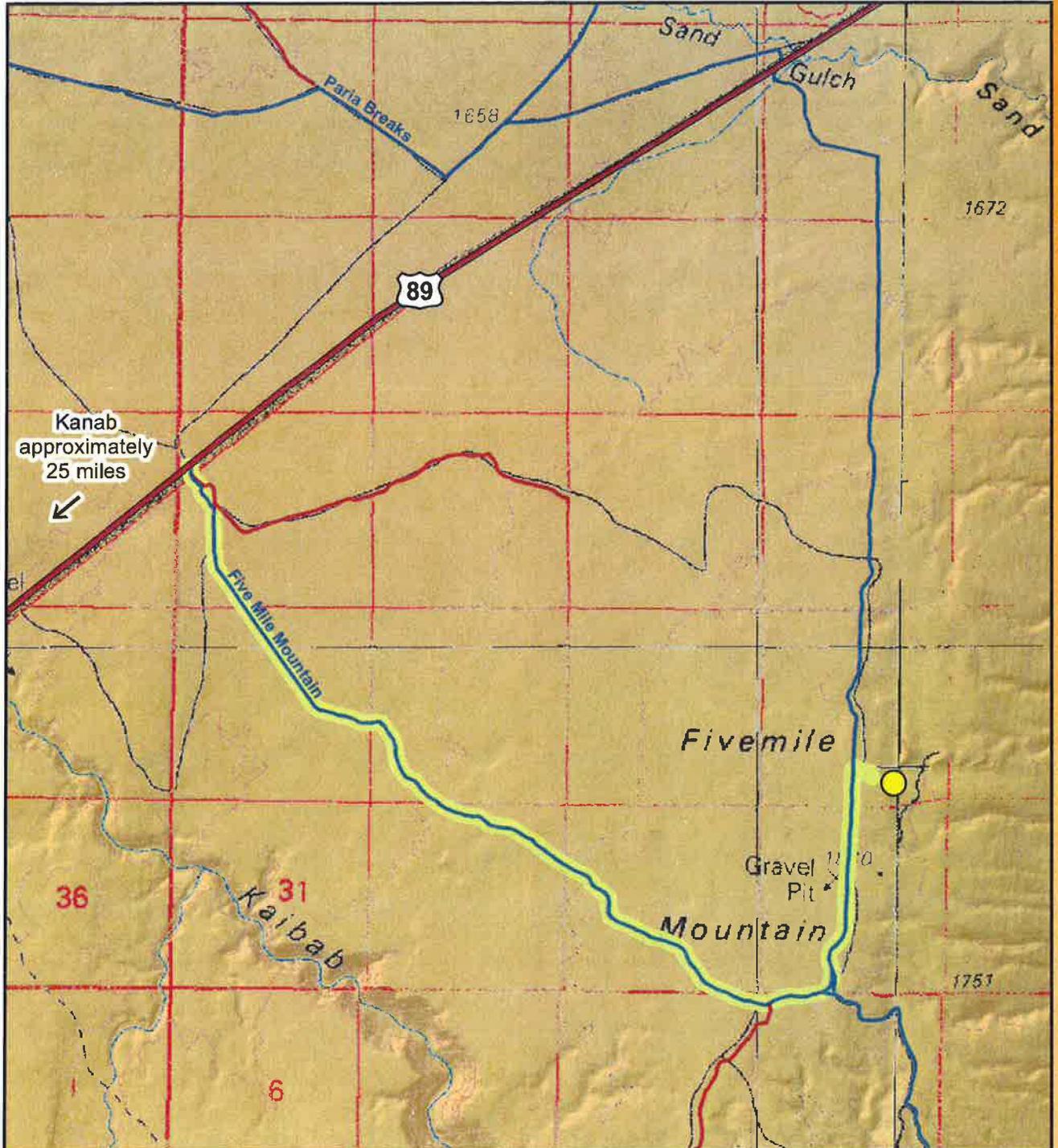
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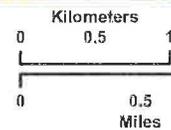
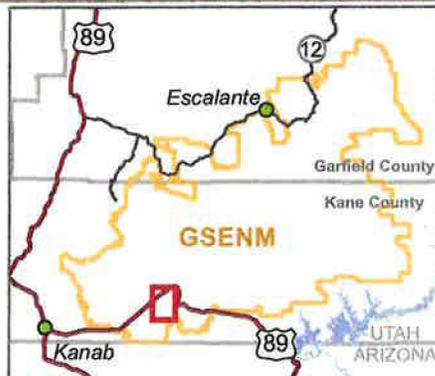
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Legend

-  US Highway 89
-  Open
-  Open/ATV
-  Site Access
-  Buckskin Com Site

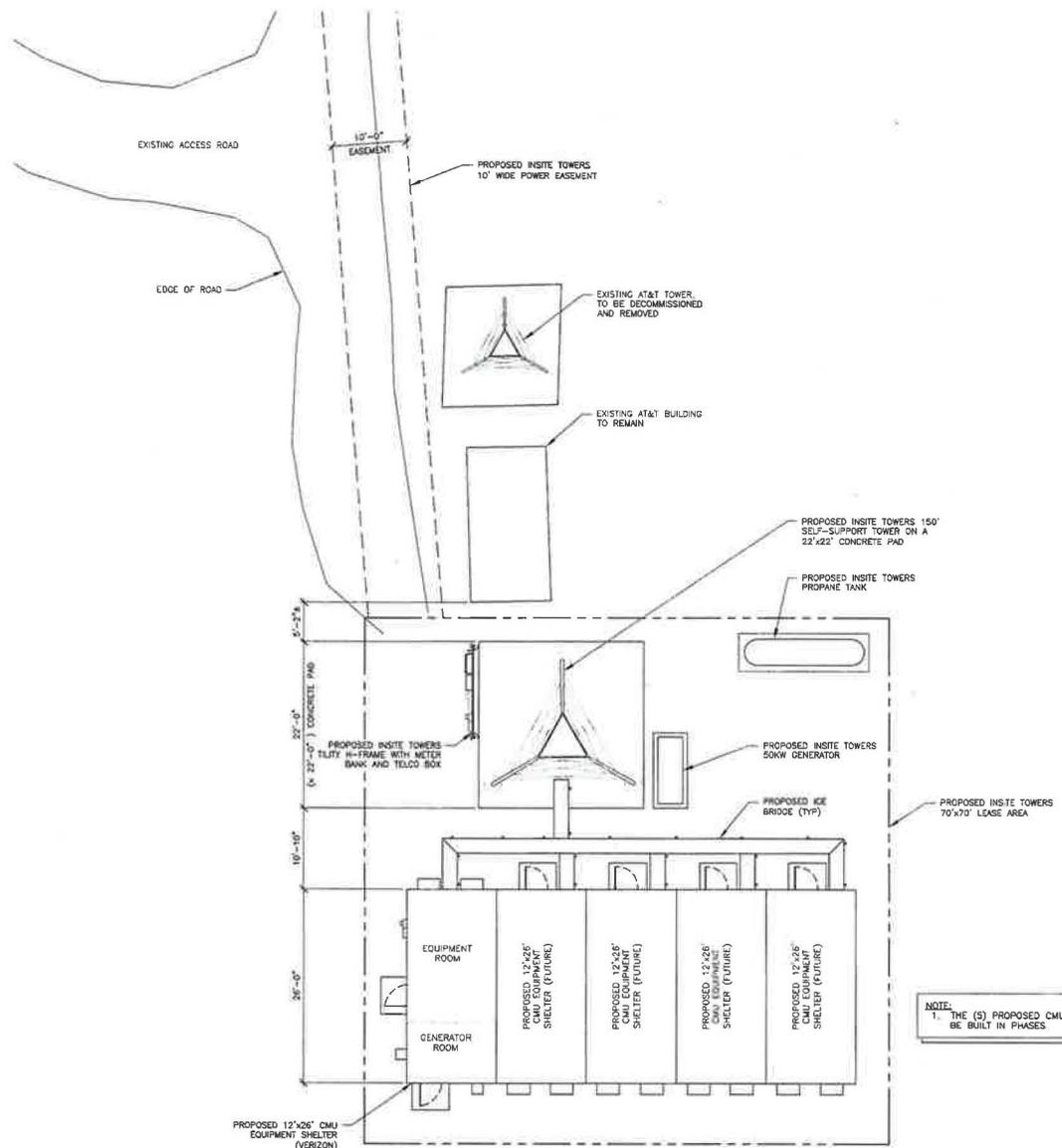


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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

PROJECT
FIVE MILE MTN U1018
5 MILE MOUNTAIN ROAD
KANAB, UT 84741

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION	INITIAL
1	11/20/14	ISSUE FOR SET	SHL
2	11/23/14	ISSUE FOR SET	SHL
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DATE PROJECT NO.	11-20-14
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REVIEWED BY	SHL

SHEET TITLE
ENLARGED SITE PLAN

SHEET NUMBER
A-2

22'x34' SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"
11'x17' SCALE: 1/16" = 1'-0"

ENLARGED SITE PLAN | 1

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