

Categorical Exclusion Review
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Boise District Office
Four Rivers Field Office

White Cloud Com. Communication Site RoW Assignment

CE No.: DOI-BLM-ID-B010-2010-0054-CX	Lease/Serial/Case File No.: IDI-3791
Purpose and Need for Action: White Cloud Communications, Inc. has purchased the subject communication site, access road and buried power line from Radio Communications Service and need to have this authorization assigned to them. The subject right-of-way was granted on September 27, 1971, to Dennis E. Stone and later assigned to Radio Communication Services and renewed. The last renewal was granted June 30, 2006.	
Description of Proposed Action: This action would assign right-of-way IDI-3791 to White Cloud Communications, Inc. subject to the existing terms and conditions including the expiration date of December 31, 2025. The right-of-way for the communication site is 100 feet by 100 feet; for the road approximately 867.72 feet long by 20 feet wide and for the buried power line approximately 1,096.85 feet long by 4 feet for a total of 0.68± acres. (Note: The road and power line are adjacent for 560.42 feet of the length.)	
Project Location: T. 8 N., R.1 W., section 25, SWNW, NWSW.	
Applicant (if any): White Cloud Communications, Inc.	
Part I – Plan Conformance Review This proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Cascade Resource Management Plan Date Plan Approved: July 1, 1988 The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with the following LUP decision(s) (objectives, terms, and conditions): Rights-of-way, under Title V of FLPMA, will be considered in the Cascade Resource Area except where specifically identified in the RMP for avoidance (page 43, Cascade Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, August 1987). The subject area is not identified for avoidance.	
Part II – NEPA Review A. Categorical Exclusion Review: This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9 E. (9 and 11). Category description: (9) Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations. B. Exceptions Review (Departmental List of Extraordinary Circumstances Review): The following twelve exceptions which apply to individual actions within categorical exclusion have been reviewed. The proposal does not meet any of the exceptions; therefore, no environmental document (EA or EIS) must be prepared.	

List of Exceptions		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> There could always potentially be impacts on public health and safety with maintenance activities; however, these impacts would be minimal and mitigated by adherence to proper maintenance techniques.		
2. 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 (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; or ecologically significant or critical areas, or is not in compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The above listed resources do not occur along this right-of-way.		
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> Communication sites and their related appurtenances would be a typical use of the public lands.		
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> There are no known uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects and this action does not involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> Authorization of communication sites and their appurtenances would be a typical use of the public lands and would not preclude other uses or future actions.		
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This action would assign the existing authorization to the new owner of the site. It would not have a known direct relationship to other actions.		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Dean Shaw 5/26/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The assignment of this right-of-way is an administrative action for an existing project that will not impact any cultural resources.		
8. Have significant impacts on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date for Plants: <i>Mark Steiger 5/17/2010</i> Specialist Signature/Date for Wildlife: <i>Helen Ulmschneider 5/13/2010</i> Specialist Signature/Date for Aquatics: <i>Allen Farter 5/17/2010</i>
Plants <i>Comments/Explanation:</i> No new disturbance would occur. No known T&E or Bureau Sensitive plant species are expected to be impacted from this action.		
Wildlife <i>Comments/Explanation:</i> No adverse impact would be expected to any special status species. The assignment would affect any animal species.		
Aquatics <i>Comments/Explanation:</i> No negative effect to riparian resources or water quality would be anticipated.		

9. Violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This action would not violate any known law or requirement.		
10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Effie Schultsmeier 6/2/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> Low income and/or minority populations may live in the vicinity of this right-of-way. However, the renewal of an existing right-of-way would not affect low income and/or minority populations any differently than other social and economic groups.		
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).		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Dean Shaw 5/26/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> The communication site and its appurtenance improvements do not limit any access. Therefore, there would be no impact.		
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).		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Specialist Signature/Date: <i>Lonnie Huter 5/17/2010</i>
<i>Comments/Explanation:</i> This is a continuation of the existing situation with no new impacts anticipated.		
I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions (Extraordinary Circumstances) listed in the above Part II (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action; therefore, this categorical exclusion is appropriate for this situation.		
Authorizing Official: <i>Terry A. Humphrey</i>		Date: <i>06/10/2010</i>
Name: Terry A. Humphrey Title: Four Rivers Field Manager		
Part III – Decision		
I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to pursue the issuance of a right-of-way grant, as described, with the stipulation(s) described above. A final decision will be issued with the RoW and administrative remedies will be identified at that time.		
Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:		
Remarks:		
Authorizing Official: <i>Terry A. Humphrey</i>		Date: <i>06/10/2010</i>
Name: Terry A. Humphrey Title: Four Rivers Field Manager		