

# Categorical Exclusion

## Relinquishment and Right-of-way for BLM Facilities on McClellan Peak

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### *Categorical Exclusion Review*

#### **Background**

**BLM Office:**

LLNVC02000

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

NVN 002550

**Location of Proposed Action:**

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 16 N., R. 20 E.,

sec. 14, E1/2NW1/4NW1/4.

The area described contains 0.13 acres.

**Description of Proposed Action:**

On February 5, 1986, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) was issued a 30-year Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA) reservation for a communications site on McClellan Peak, Nevada (serialized as NVN 02550). The communication site is 0.13 acres (75 feet by 75 feet) and contains a shelter and a 40-foot tower. The BLM submitted a request to relinquish the reservation (NVN 02550) and applied for a FLPMA right-of-way grant (ROW) for the existing communication site. In the ROW application, the BLM requested to add a chain-link fence and grounding system around the perimeter the site. Installation

of the fence and grounding system is planned to occur during a two-week period in the Fall of 2015. The BLM did not request any changes to the site location, shelter, or tower. Under the proposed action, the reservation (NVN 02550) would be relinquished and the BLM would be granted a 30-year FLPMA ROW, subject to terms and conditions.

**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, Administrative Actions, Item 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 sections are:

516 DM 11.9 (E) 12 – “Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed right-of-way.”

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	Shaina Shippen, Realty Specialist
	X	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	Shaina Shippen, 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	Shaina Shippen, 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	Shaina Shippen, 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	Shaina Shippen, 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	Shaina Shippen, 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	Alicia Alfaro, 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?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	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?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Alicia Alfaro, Archeologist

## Environmental Justice

10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	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)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Alicia Alfaro, 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)?

YES	NO	REVIEWER/TITLE
	X	Brian Buttazoni, Planning & Environmental Coordinator

## Approval Information

Leon Thomas Field Manager		Date 8-1-15
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This categorical exclusion worksheet does not constitute the decision to approve this project. See accompanying ROW grant for appeal information.