

# **DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2014-0143CX Authorization for Cox Communication's "Blue Diamond Hub"**

## **A. Background**

Cox Communications is a privately owned subsidiary of Cox Enterprises providing digital cable television, telecommunications, and wireless service throughout the United States. It is the third largest cable television provider in the United States, serving more than 6.2 million customers, including 2.9 million digital cable subscribers, 3.5 million internet subscribers, and almost 3.2 million digital telephone subscribers, making it the seventh largest telephone carrier in the country.

Cox Communications has multiple sites (15 on BLM managed land) located throughout Southwest Las Vegas known as the "Blue Diamond Hub". The purpose of these lines is to provide faster internet, cable and telephone services to their customers. The lines run through multiple neighborhoods and are located underground within trenches to prevent public access

### **BLM Office:**

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**Lease/Serial/Case File No.:** N-92909

**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Cox Communication has filed an application for a right-of-way (ROW) for multiple existing CATV, telephone and broadband conduit wiring locations within the Cox Blue Diamond Hub

### **Location of Proposed Action:**

Located in Southwest Las Vegas, Nevada and known as the "Blue Diamond Hub"

Segment A is located near Arville Street and Roark Avenue

Segment B is located near West Cactus Avenue and South Jones Boulevard

Segment D is located near West Pebble Road and South Riley Street

Segment F is located near West Richmar Avenue and Lindell Road

Segment H is located near West Torino Avenue and South El Capitain Way

Segment Q is located near West Mesa Verde and Snow Angel Street

Segment R is located near Cactus Avenue and Valley View

Segment S is located near West Ford Avenue and South Fort Apache

Segment W is located near Frias Road and Dean Martin Drive

Segment Z is located near Blue Diamond Road and South Buffalo Drive

Segment AB is located near South Tenaya Way and West Mistral Avenue

Segment AC is located between West Richmar Avenue and West Meranto Avenue

Segment AF is located near West Frias and South Torrey Pines Drive

Segment AG is located near West Pebble Road and Lindell Road

Segment AI is located near South Torrey Pines Drive and West Levi Avenue

#### **LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:**

Segment A - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 23 S., R. 61 E., sec. 19, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment B, AF - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E.,  
sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment D, H - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment F, AC - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 24, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment Q - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 61 E., sec. 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment R - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 61 E., sec. 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment S - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 17, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
sec. 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment W - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 61 E., sec. 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 32, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment Z - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment AB - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment AG - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Segment AI - Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 22 S., R. 60 E., sec. 35, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Description of Proposed Action:** Cox Communications has applied for a right-of-way for CATV, telephone and broadband conduit wiring that measures 9,665' long and is 10' wide. There are 15 locations throughout the southwest section of Las Vegas and centering around Blue Diamond Road. This project is already existing and covers a total of 2.22 acres.

#### **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP), and the Record of Decision for the Approved Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement.

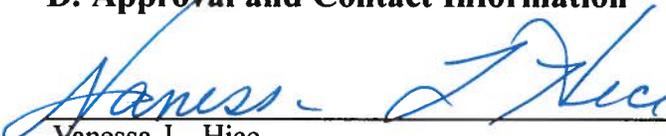
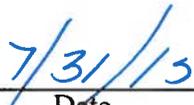
**Date Approved/Amended:** RMP dated October 5, 1998

**The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable RMP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):** ROW Management RW-1: "Meet public demand and reduce impacts to sensitive resources by providing an orderly system of development for transportation, including legal access to private inholdings, communications, flood control, major utility transmission lines, and related facilities."

**C. Compliance with NEPA:**

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.

**D. Approval and Contact Information**

   
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