

**Decision Record**  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District  
Wenatchee Field Office  
915 Walla Walla Avenue  
Wenatchee, WA 98801

## 1. Background

The existing right-of-way for a buried telephone line WAOR-028008 (CenturyLink) has expired. CenturyLink filed an application requesting that the right-of-way be renewed. BLM is proposing to authorize the renewal of the original right-of-way with a new case number WAOR-68596. The length of the buried telephone line is approximately 2,086 feet by 10 feet wide for a right-of-way total of 0.480 acres on public land. No new ground disturbance is proposed. No additional rights will be authorized.

## 2. Decision

I have decided to authorize a right-of-way to CenturyLink for the continued operation and maintenance of a buried telephone line as described in Categorical Exclusion DOI-BLM-ORWA-W020-2016-0007-CX. The right-of-way authorization would include the terms and condition described in Exhibit B to the categorical exclusion.

## 3. Authority and Rationale for Decision

My decision is issued within the authority of Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761). Because this is an existing buried telephone line, it is the most environmentally responsible action. As described in DOI-BLM-ORWA-W020-2016-0007-CX, there is no potential significant impacts to the human or natural environment that would result from implementing this renewal.

## 4. Administrative Review or Appeal Opportunities

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4. To appeal you must file a notice of appeal at the BLM Wenatchee Field Office, 915 N. Walla Walla Ave., Wenatchee, WA 98801, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appeal must be in writing and delivered in person, via the United States Postal Service mail system, or other common carrier, to the Wenatchee Field Office as noted above. The BLM does not accept appeals by facsimile or email. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.



My decision is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 2801.10(b) and may be implemented immediately. This decision will remain in effect while appeals are pending unless a stay is granted under 43 CFR 4.21 (b).

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 4.21 (58 FR 4939, January 19, 1993) for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards: (a) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied, (b) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits, (c) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and (d) Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413); Regional Solicitor, Pacific Northwest Region, U.S. Department of the Interior, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 600, Portland, OR 97205; at the same time the original documents are filed with this office.

/s/ Linda Coates-Markle  
Linda Coates-Markle  
Field Manager

4/19/16  
Date

Attached: Categorical Exclusion Documentation