

BLM HOLLISTER FIELD OFFICE

National Environmental Policy Act

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION ANALYSIS AND DECISION RECORD

Date: January 20, 2016

NEPA #: DOI-BLM-CA-C090-2016-0007

PART I: INTRODUCTION

Description of Proposed Activity: T-Mobile proposes to add the following equipment on an existing 50 foot self support tower: 1-6ft diameter microwave at 45ft, 3 panel antennas and 3 RRUS at 45 ft., 1 fiber cable and one 3/8: coax. Ground equipment will be installed on a new 10ftX10ft metal platform to be located adjacent to American Tower Company's existing equipment building.

The dated and initialed exhibit(s), Exhibit A – T-Mobile Drawings, Exhibit B – Plan of Development, attached hereto, are incorporated into the proposed action by reference.

Location of Proposed Activity:

Call Mountain, San Benito County, CA
American Tower Co. Site 8202

Justification/Need: To improve network coverage in the area T-Mobile needs to collocate at an existing communication site and add the equipment listed above. T-Mobile will use the existing ATC access road.

Proponent of Activity: T-Mobile US, Inc.

PART II: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

The proposed action is subject to the following land use plans:

Name of Plan:

Hollister RMP for the Southern Diablo Mountain Range
& Central Coast of California

Date Approved:

2007

PART III: NEPA REVIEW

Categorical Exclusion Authority

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9:

E. Realty

(12) Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.

(13) Amendments to existing rights-of-way, such as the upgrading of existing facilities, which entail no additional disturbances outside the right-of-way boundary.

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Extraordinary Circumstances

This proposal has been reviewed to determine whether any of the extraordinary circumstances in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2 apply. The accompanying Categorical Exclusion Checklist documents the required review.

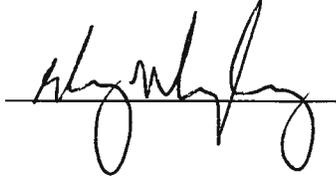
PART IV: Categorical Exclusion Checklist and Screening for Extraordinary Circumstances

12 Extraordinary Circumstances	Yes	No	Date
Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		x	1/20/16
Have significant effects 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 11900); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		x	1/20/16
Have highly controversial environmental impacts or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2)(E)].		x	1/20/16
Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		x	1/20/16
Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		x	1/20/16
Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		x	1/20/16
Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the Bureau or the Field Office.		x	1/20/16
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.		x	1/20/16
Violate a Federal law, or a State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		x	1/20/16
Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).		x	1/20/16
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).		x	1/20/16
Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the species 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).		x	1/20/16

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PART IV. REVIEW

Environmental Coordinator:

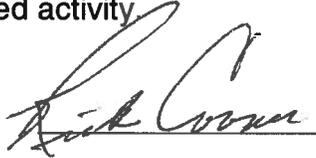


1/26/16
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PART V: DECISION

I have determined that the proposed action is categorically excluded from further analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act. I also find that the proposed action is in conformance with the Hollister Field Office Southern Diablo Mountain Range & Central Coast of California Resource Management Plan. Therefore, it is my decision to approve and implement the proposed activity.

Authorized Officer:



1/26/16
Date