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Dear Interested Public:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mount Lewis Field Office (MLFO) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) which analyzes the impacts of the proposed Tonkin Summit Communication Site Project located in Eureka County, Nevada. The EA identifies, describes and evaluates resource protection measures that would mitigate the potential impacts from the proposal.

Commnet of Nevada, LLC is applying for a ROW for a communication facility in connection with an FCC Mobility Fund license authorizing wireless voice and data services for rural areas. The facility will consist of a "Lite Site" Solar powered tower and associated equipment. There will be an 80' monopole tower with six panel antennas and a microwave dish. There will also be electronic panels placed next to the tower and various solar panels providing power to the site. Finally, a generator with diesel fuel will also be included to provide necessary back-up power. The space required for the facility will be 100' X 100', although the temporary (30-60 days) construction space will need to be 150' X 150'. This facility will constitute an entire new surface disturbance of .52 acres. The primary proposed surface disturbance would be related to the construction of a new site pad which will encompass the Lite Site and associated equipment. There is an existing roadway and only minimal portions of the roadway will require widening in order to facilitate construction vehicle travel to the site.

The EA will be available for a 15-day public comment period. Written comments on this EA will be accepted at the above address until 4:30 p.m., May 26, 2016. The EA can be viewed on the ePlanning website at: <http://1.usa.gov/1T3B1oo>

Comments may also be submitted using the ePlanning comments submission or emailed to: <mailto:rwebb@blm.gov>. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions or wish to obtain a hard copy of this document, please contact Christine Gabriel, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at the above address or at 775-635-4164.

Sincerely,

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