

ASFO NEPA DOCUMENT ROUTING SHEET

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Project Title: ADB Dixie Escalante Electric Powerline Right-of-Way AZA-33019

Project Lead: Laurie Ford

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Required Reviews:

Gloria Benson, Native American Coordinator

Tom Folks, Recreation

Laurie Ford, Lands/Realty/Minerals

Michael Herder, Wildlife

John Herron, Cultural

Lee Hughes, Plants

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Bob Sandberg, Range

Richard Spotts, Environmental Coordinator

Ron Wadsworth, Supervisory Law Enforcement

Relevant Manager(s), Bob Sandberg, Arizona Strip Field Office

Discretionary Reviews: None

Scoping Meeting: None

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
ARIZONA STRIP FIELD OFFICE
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW**

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PROPOSED ACTION: Dixie Escalante Electric has made application for a right-of-way across BLM administered land for a 7.2 kV overhead electrical distribution powerline. The powerline would provide power to the Anderson, Dodd, Burnside (ADB) partnership property previously accessed by road right-of-way AZA-32784. The right-of-way requested would be 10 feet wide each side of center for a total of 20 feet and approximately 1,320 feet long on BLM administered land (0.606 acre). Powerline would be constructed 40 feet south of the north section line of Section 10 and consist of four single pole structures and associated guy wires. Line would be single phase (no threat to raptors) and poles would be 40-45 feet high. Access for construction and maintenance would be cross country, no road construction (blading) would take place. Previous cultural inventories indicate no archaeological resources were evident in the immediate area of the proposed right-of-way. Proposed powerline is scheduled for construction March 7, 2005, prior to the desert tortoise active season which begins March 15, 2005. Right-of-way will be inventoried for the presence of desert tortoise prior to surface disturbing activities taking place. Right-of-way would be issued for a term of 30 years and would be renewable.

LOCATION OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed right-of-way is located within Scenic, Arizona, south of the Cemetery R&PP Lease and bordering on the north side of the Fire Station R&PP Lease. The proposed right-of-way is within the area legally described as:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona
T. 39 N., R. 16 W.,
sec. 10, N1/2N1/2NW1/4NE1/4.
Containing 0.606 acre, more or less.

PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The proposed action has been reviewed for conformance with the Arizona Strip District, Resource Management Plan, as amended. The proposed action **IS** in conformance with the RMP. Decision LR16 provides for the evaluation of land use authorizations on a case-by-case basis in accordance with RMP decisions and National Environmental Policy Act analysis.

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The proposed action is categorically excluded under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4 E(17) which provides for the granting of short rights-of-way for utility service or terminal access roads to an individual residence, outbuilding, or water well.

The proposal has been reviewed to determine if any of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply. Surname(s) verify completion of this review by appropriate specialists.

| NAME | LIST OF EXCLUSION CRITERIA <i>Assign surnames for determination under each below</i> |
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| <u>LFord</u> | 1. The proposal would have no adverse effects on public health or safety: <i>Identify effect if any</i> |
| <u>TFolks</u> | 2. The proposal would not adversely affect unique geographic characteristics such as park, recreation, or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wilderness study areas, wild and scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks: <i>Identify the area that would be affected if any</i> |
| <u>JHerron</u> | 3. The proposal would have no adverse effects on historic or cultural resources: <i>Identify the effect if any</i> |

- LFord 4. The proposal would have no highly controversial environmental effects: *Identify effect if any*
- LFord 5. The proposal would have no highly uncertain or potentially significant environmental effects nor does it involve unique or unknown environmental risks: *Identify the effect if any*
- LFord 6. The proposal would not establish a precedent for future action or represents a decision in principle about a future consideration with potentially significant environmental effects: *Identify the effect if any*
- LFord 7. The proposal is not directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant effects: *Identify the other actions & their effects if any*
- JHerron 8. The proposal would not adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places: *Identify the effect if any*
- LHughes 9. The proposal would not adversely affect a plant species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: *Identify the species & effect if any*
- MHerder 10. The proposal would not adversely affect an animal species listed or proposed to be listed on the list of endangered and threatened species, nor have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species: *Identify the species & effect if any*
- BSmith 11. The proposal would not require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management) or Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands). *Identify order & effect if any*
- MHerder 12. The proposal would not require compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act: *Identify the effect if any*
- GBenson 13. The proposal does not threaten to violate a federal, state, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment: *Identify the law and effect if any*
- LFord 14. The proposal is in conformance with the Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, as amended.

DECISION: We have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposal is in conformance with the approved land use plan, that it would have no significant environmental effects, and that no further environmental analysis is required.

Reviewed By: _____ Date: _____
 Environmental Coordinator - Arizona Strip

It is my decision to implement the proposal, as described, with the stipulations in the attachment.

Approved By: _____ Date: _____
 Field Manager - Arizona Strip

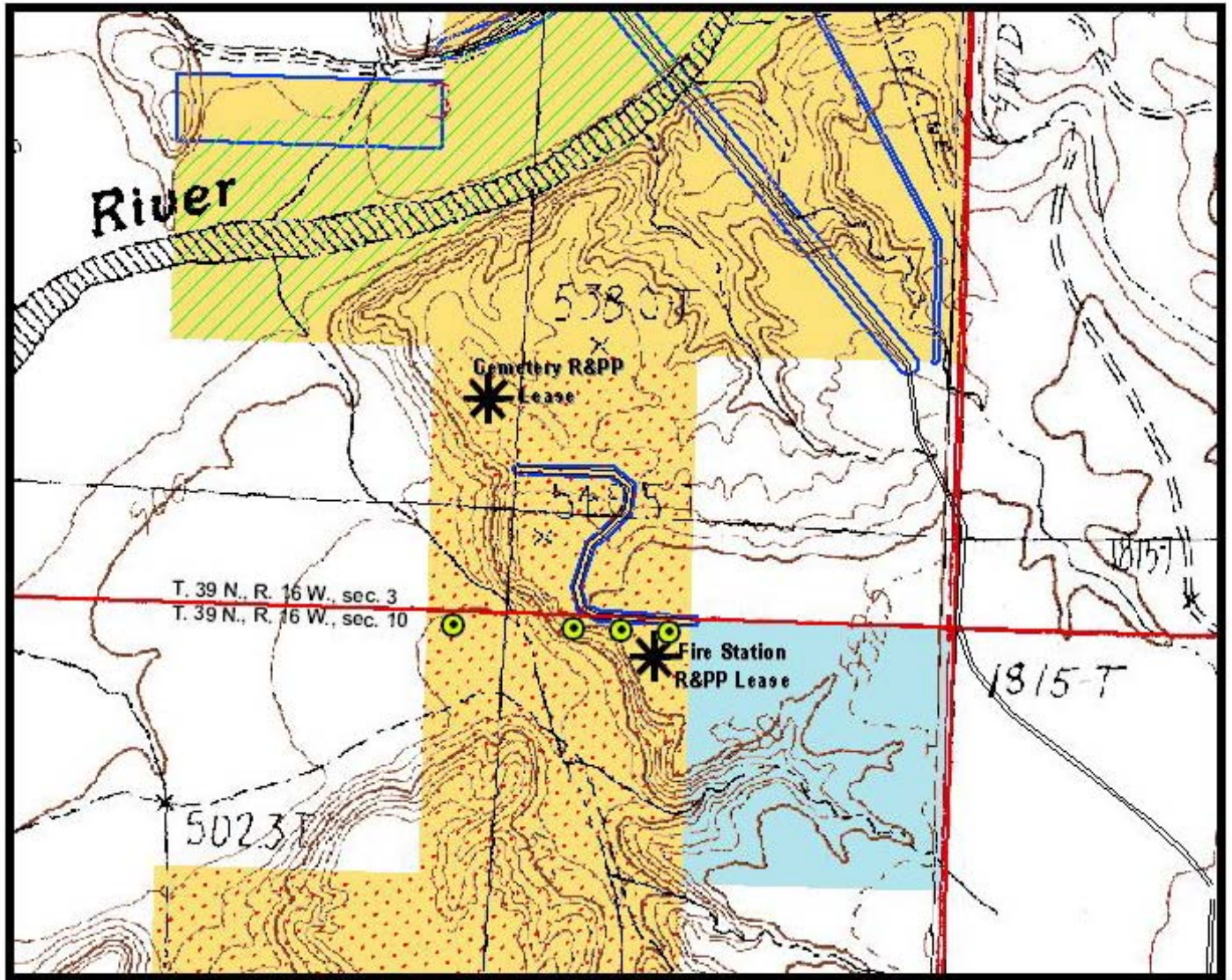
Terms and Conditions Powerline Right-of-Way AZA-33019

1. The holder shall conduct all activities associated with the construction, operation, and termination of the right-of-way within the authorized limits of the right-of-way.
2. All construction, maintenance, and vehicular traffic shall be confined to the right-of-way or designated access routes, roads, or trails unless otherwise authorized in writing by the authorized officer. No road construction (blading) is authorized. Equipment will be promptly removed when work is finished.
3. The holder shall evenly spread the excess soil excavated from pole holes within the right-of-way and in the immediate vicinity of the pole structure.
4. Construction sites shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at those sites shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. "Waste" means all discarded matter including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment.
5. At no time shall vehicle or equipment fluids be dumped on public lands. All accidental spills must be reported to BLM and be cleaned up immediately, using best available practices and requirements of the law. All spills of federally or state listed hazardous materials which exceed the reportable quantities shall be promptly reported to the appropriate state agency and the Arizona Strip Field Office.
6. The holder shall be responsible for weed control on disturbed areas within the limits of the right-of-way. The holder is responsible for consultation with the authorized officer and/or local authorities for acceptable weed control methods (within limits imposed in the right-of-way stipulations). The holder shall be subject to new stipulations regarding weed control that are currently being updated in Washington, D.C. The new stipulations will address the cleaning of equipment before it is brought onto public land to ensure that weed seeds are not being transferred, etc. A copy of the new stipulations will be sent to the holder when approved.
7. Use of pesticides shall comply with the applicable Federal and state laws. Pesticides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses and within limitations imposed by the Secretary of the Interior. Prior to the use of pesticides, the holder shall obtain from the authorized officer written approval of a plan showing the type and quantity of material to be used, pest(s) to be controlled, method of application, location of storage and mixing areas and methods of cleansing and disposing of containers, and any other information deemed necessary by the authorized officer. Emergency use of pesticides shall be approved in writing by the authorized officer prior to such use.
8. Any surface, or sub-surface archaeological, historical, or paleontological remains not covered in the CRPR discovered during use shall be left intact; all work in the area shall stop immediately and the Authorized Officer shall be notified immediately. Recommencement of work shall be allowed upon clearance by the Authorized Officer in consultation with the Archaeologist.
9. An additional archaeological survey shall be required in the event the proposed project location is changed, or additional surface disturbing activities are added to the project after the initial survey. Any such survey would have to be completed prior to commencement of the project.
10. If in connection with use, any human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects or objects of cultural patrimony are defined in the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P. L. 101-601; 104 Stat. 3048; 25 U.S.C. 3001) are discovered, the proponent shall stop use in the immediate area of the discovery, protect the remains and objects, and immediately notify the Authorized Officer. The Holder shall continue to protect the immediate area of the discovery until notified by the Authorized Officer that use may resume.
11. Prior to any surface-disturbing activities associated with "projects," work sites shall be surveyed for desert tortoises by a qualified biologist approved by the Bureau. Between October 15 and March 15, any new disturbance shall be preceded by 100-percent surveys conducted within one week of the proposed activities. During surveys, occupied desert tortoise burrows in or within 40 feet of areas to be disturbed shall be excavated using hand tools under the supervision of an authorized biologist. Burrows discovered in areas to be disturbed by project activities shall be collapsed or blocked to









prevent entry by tortoises (any tortoises in those burrows shall be relocated first). Desert tortoises and any desert tortoise eggs found in areas to be disturbed shall be relocated.

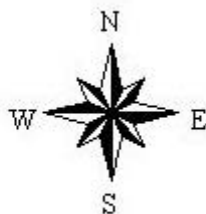
12. For each authorized project, the Bureau shall designate a field contact representative (FCR) who shall be responsible for overseeing compliance with these terms and conditions and for coordination on compliance with the Service. The FCR, qualified biologist(s) approved by the Bureau, and authorized biologist shall have the authority and the responsibility to halt all project activities that are in violation of these terms and conditions. These individuals shall have a copy of the terms and conditions of the right-of-way grant while on the work site.
13. A desert tortoise education program shall be presented to all project personnel that may encounter tortoises; such as employees, inspectors, supervisors, contractors, and subcontractors; prior to initiation of activities that may result in disturbance of desert tortoise habitat or death or injury of desert tortoises.
14. Areas of new construction or disturbance shall be flagged or marked on the ground prior to construction. All construction workers shall strictly limit their activities and vehicles to areas that have been marked. Construction personnel shall be trained to recognize and understand the equipment movement restrictions involved.
15. Prior to work commencing, compensation fees for the loss of desert tortoise habitat shall be paid at the land compensation rate (LCR) of \$132/acre, an administrative overhead surcharge of 18 percent, plus an operating cost fee of 25 percent of the LCR as per IB AZ-98-066. **For the proposed action, the compensation fees are \$114.37 computed as follows:**
 - 0.606 acres @ \$132/ac (\$79.99)
 - +25% (\$19.99)
 - +18% (\$14.39) = **\$114.37**.

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-  Identified for Disposal
-  ACEC - Proposed Revision
-  Section Line
-  Authorized Use
-  BLM Public Land
-  Private Land
-  State Land
-  Approximate Power Pole Location



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