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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Background

BLM Office: Kremmling

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: COC-74540

Number: BLM-CO-120-2010-0046-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Mt. Bross Internet Site

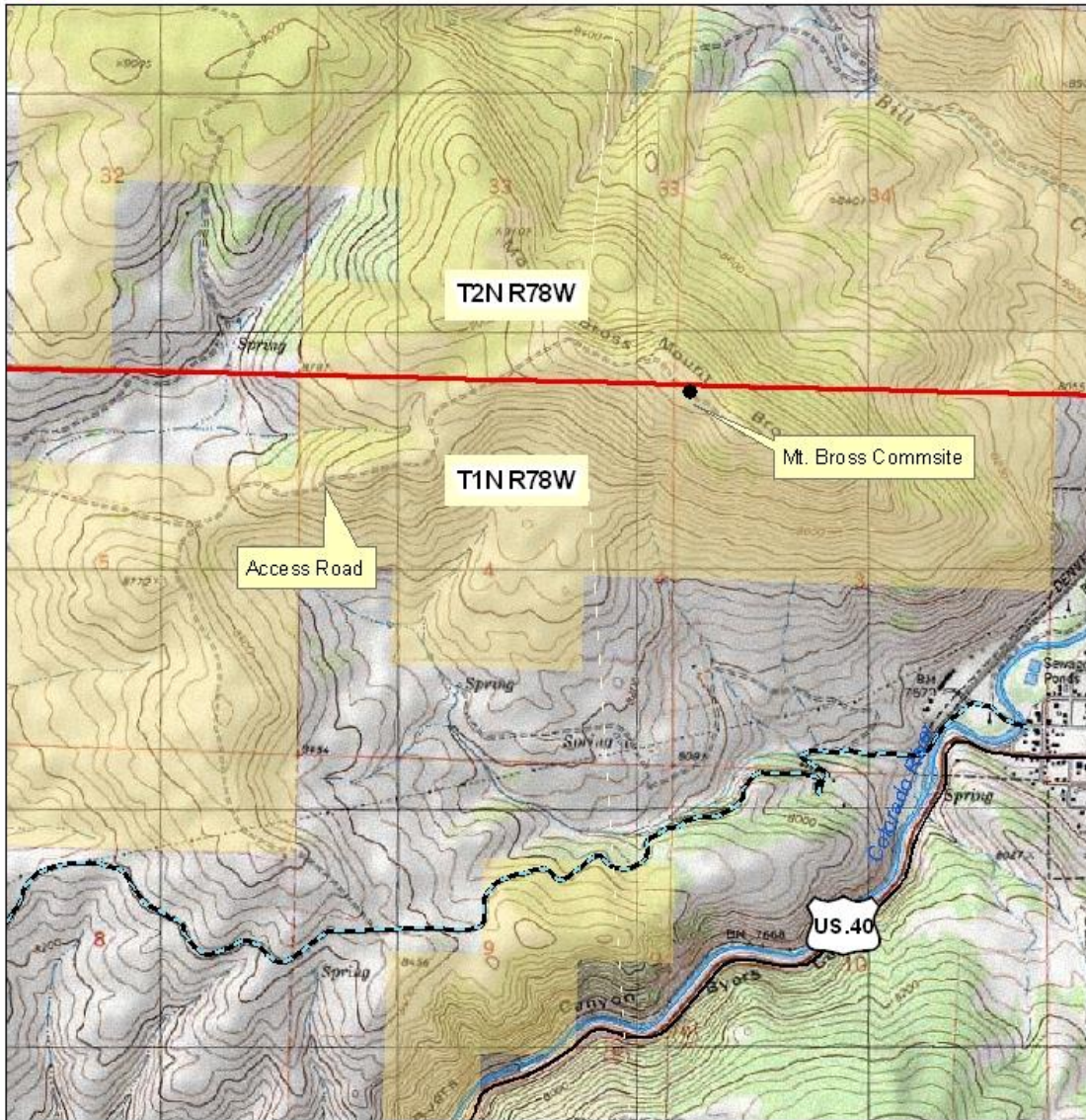
Location of Proposed Action: T. 1N., R. 78W., Section 3

Description of Proposed Action:

Andrews Radio Service has applied for a right-of-way (ROW) for the construction of a wooden communications box attached to an existing, eight foot unused power pole at the Mt. Bross Communication site. The unused pole sits below the Verizon wireless communication site tower to the east approximately 50 feet. The box would be 3' X 3' X 4' tall mounted on the old pole at ground level. Two 80 watt solar panels would be attached to the box at the top and slanting down to ground level. 200 AMP hours of battery power would be in the bottom of the box. Radios would be located in the top of the box and antennas would be mounted on the existing power pole eight feet off the ground. This equipment would be used for high speed internet for the town of Hot Sulphur Springs through Grand County Internet. Andrews Radio Service would be the facility manager. This site would be able to communicate with the Grand County Internet site at Mount Chauncey. The unused wires and cables on the ground would be cleaned up by David Andrews. The access to the site is the authorized access for Verizon wireless to their existing communication site.



Grand County Internet Commsite



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Reference Map
NW Colorado



Legend

- County Roads
- Major Roads
- Reservoirs
- Major Streams
- Volcanic Study Area
- ACEC
- Bureau of Land Mgt
- Division of Wildlife
- National Park
- US Forest Service
- National Wildlife Refuge
- Private
- State
- State Forest

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B. Land Use Plan Conformance

Land Use Plan Name: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved/Amended: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions(s):

Decision Number/Page: II-B-12 pg.14

Decision Language: Provide the opportunity to utilize public lands for development of facilities which benefit the public, while considering environmental and agency concerns.

C. Compliance with NEPA:

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.0, E. (16).

“Acquisition of easements for an existing road or issuance of leases, permits or rights-of-way for the use of existing facilities, improvements, or sites for the same or similar purposes.”

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 DM2 apply.

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

Name	Title	Area of Responsibility	Date Review Completed
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Archaeology	8/17/2010
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Tribal Consultation	8/18/2010
Megan McGuire	Biologist	Wildlife, T&E	8/16/2010
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Air & Water	8/16/2010
Susan Cassel	Asst. Field Manager	NEPA	8/19/2010
Kelly Hodgson	Reclamation and Minerals Management	Visual	8/19/2010

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: ___/s/ Susan Cassel_____ Date ___8/19/2010_____

Signature

Name: ___Susan L. Cassel_____

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DECISION RECORD
CX # BLM-CO-120-2010-0046-CX

DECISION: It is my decision to authorize the Proposed Action as described in the attached CX.

This decision is in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, National Historic Preservation Act, and the Clean Water Act. This decision is also in conformance with the LUP and other applicable laws, regulations and policies.

This action is listed in the Department Manual as an action that may be categorically excluded. I have evaluated the action and have determined that it does not represent an extraordinary circumstance and is, therefore, categorically excluded from further environmental analysis.

RATIONALE: The proposed action to issue Andrews Radio Service a communication lease on Mt. Bross was chosen to allow an internet service to provide high speed service for the town of Hot Sulphur Springs. The facilities will be on an existing pole and no ground disturbance will occur. Verizon wireless already has an existing communication site on Mt. Bross in the same area.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan L. Cassel

DATE SIGNED: 8/19/2010