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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

A. Background

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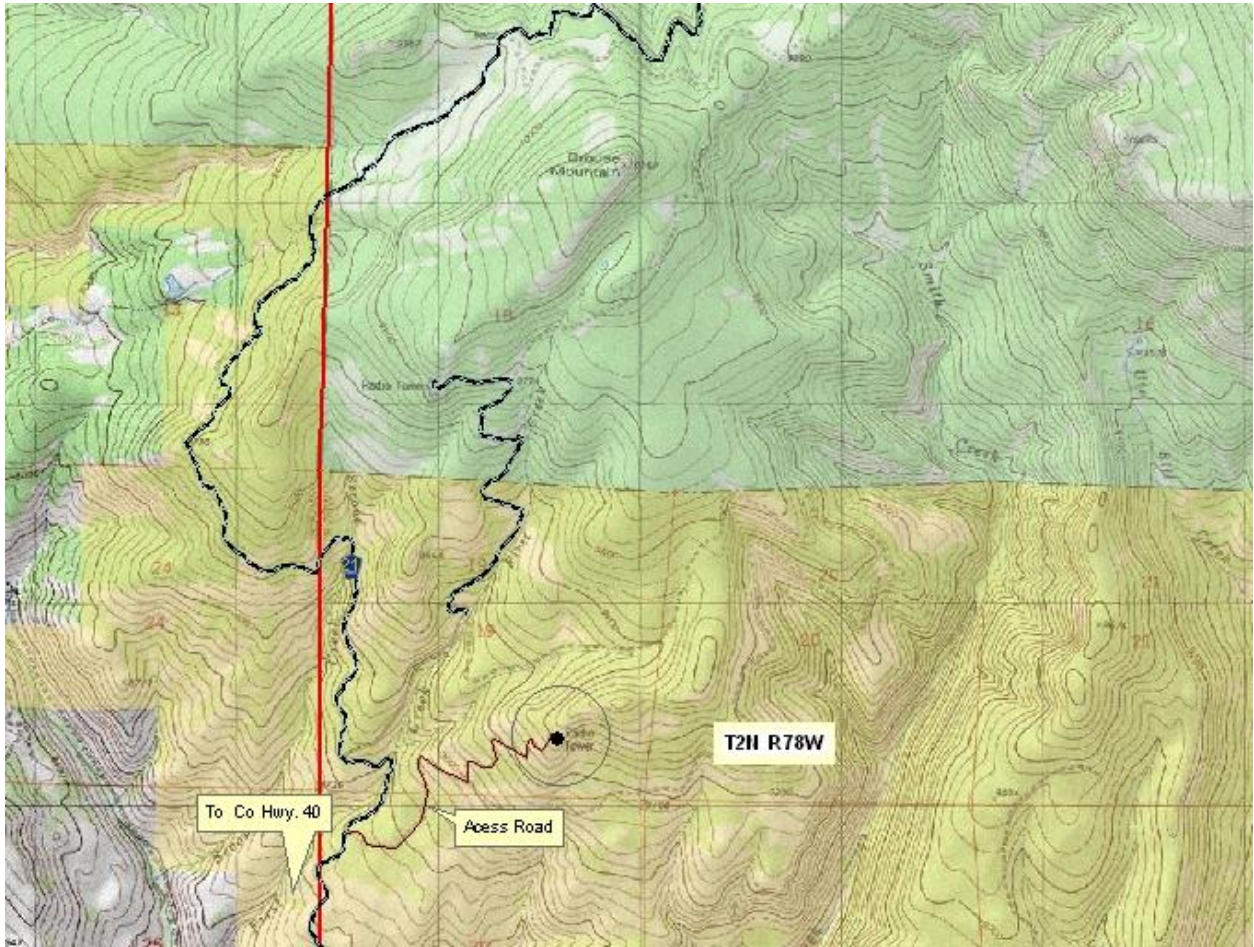
Lease/Serial/Case File No.: __COC 0 28183

Number: DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0010-DNA

Proposed Action Title/Type: Union Pacific Railroad Grouse Mountain Commsite Renewal

Location of Proposed Action: T. 2N., R. 78W., Section 19: Lot 19 (SWSE)

Description of Proposed Action: Union Pacific Railroad was issued a ROW for a microwave communication site on Grouse Mountain on February 4, 1960 and expires February 3, 2010. There is a juniper green building, 2 towers with attached microwave dishes and a propane tank. MCI is a customer of Union Pacific Railroad and has put a small box behind the building with an antenna. The access road comes off of Grand County Road 21 for 7734 feet and is 20 feet wide. The communication site is used for internal communication.



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, Number (E) (9), *“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.”*

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
Peter McFadden	Associate Field Manager	NEPA	
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	T&E	11/5/2009
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air	10/29/2009
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural and Native American Consultation	10/29/2009
Richard Johnson	Rangeland Management Specialist	Invasive, Non-native Species, Vegetation, Range Management	10/30/09
Frank Rupp	Archaeologist	Paleontology	11/12/2009

D. Signature

Authorizing Official: _____ Date: _____
(Signature)

Name: __Peter McFadden_____
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DECISION RECORD
CX # DOI-BLM-CO-120-2010-0010-DNA

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 renew Union Pacific Railroad's communication site was chosen because the site is existing and in compliance with the laws and regulations concerning communication sites. No new ground disturbance will occur.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL:

DATE SIGNED: