A. Background
BLM Office: Alturas Field Office – LLCAN02000

NEPA File No.: DOI-BLM-CA-N020-2012-0022-CX

Proposed Action Title/Type: Right-of-Way Grant Renewal and Amendment

Location of Proposed Action: The right-of-way is located east of Tulelake, California, in Modoc County.


See attached map.

Description of Proposed Action:
The proposed action is to renew and amend right-of-way (ROW) grant CAS 571. The renewal of this ROW grant will insure consistency with current Bureau of Land Management regulations and will be in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The amendment would allow for an overhead to underground conversion of a single span of PacifiCorp 12.5kV distribution line in order to correct a clearance issue with a US Bureau of Reclamation 500kV transmission line. Approximately 298.5 feet of overhead line will be buried in conduit at a depth of 36 inches. Existing poles will be utilized in running the conductor underground. Work will be performed with a backhoe or mini-excavator and will take place entirely within the 20 foot wide grant area. No staging areas are required to complete the work and none will be permitted. It is expected that it will take one week or less to complete the work and will occur immediately following the issuance of the new ROW grant. All vehicles, trailers, and equipment will be washed before entering public lands to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.

B. Compliance with Laws, Regulations, Policies and Land Use Plans
This proposed action is subject to the following use plan(s): Alturas Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Record of Decision (ROD), approved on April 17, 2008. The proposed action has been determined to be in conformance with this plan as required by regulation (43 CFR 1610.5-3(a)).

C. Administrative Remedies
Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons, such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or
briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Pacific Southwest Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 2800 Cottage Way, E-1712, Sacramento, CA 95825.

**D. Decision:**
After review of the above possible exemptions it is my finding that the proposed action as described above qualifies as a categorical exclusion and further environmental analysis is not required. It is my decision to implement the proposed action as described.

Approved By:  /s/ Timothy J. Burke  6/5/2012  
Timothy J. Burke  Date  
Alturas Field Manager