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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: **DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2013-0005-CX**

A. Background

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: COC-75700

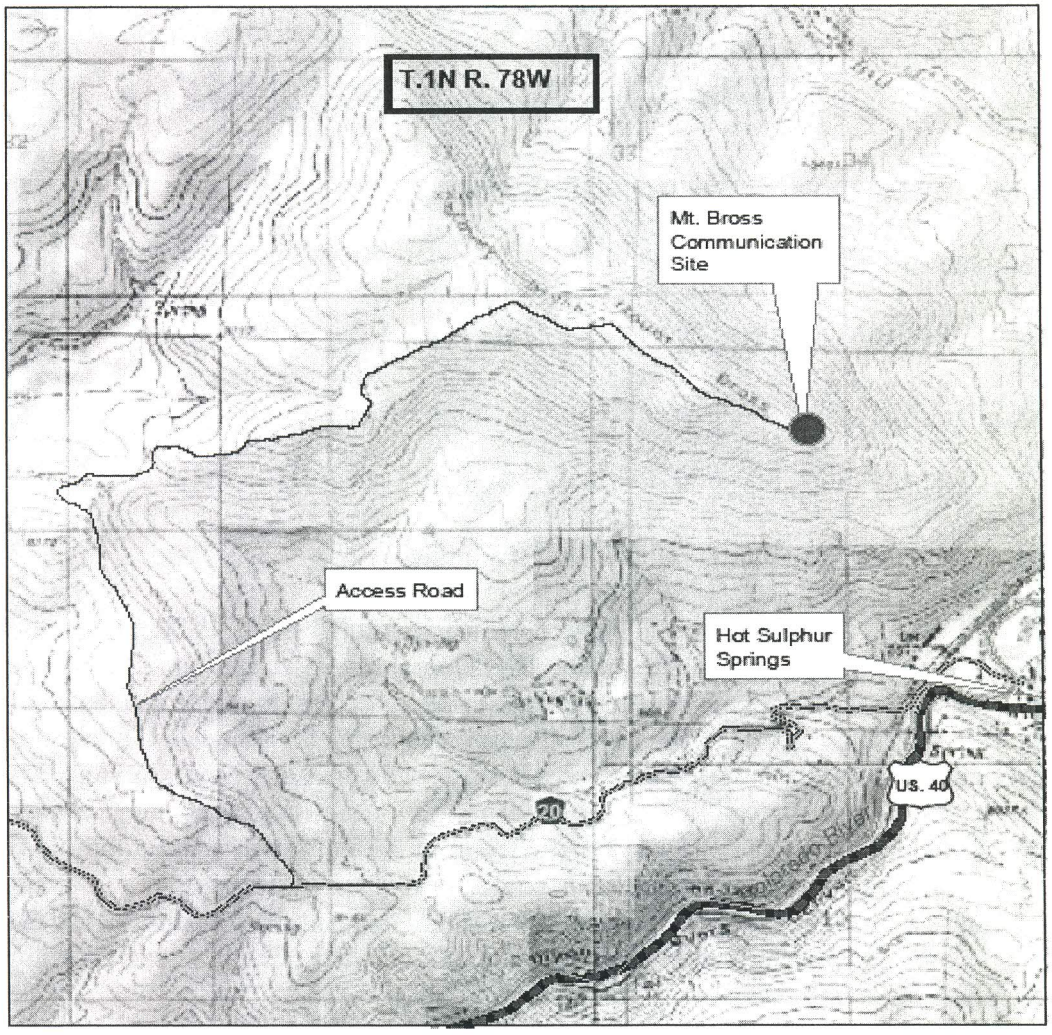
PROJECT NAME: AT&T Wireless Communication Site on Mt. Bross

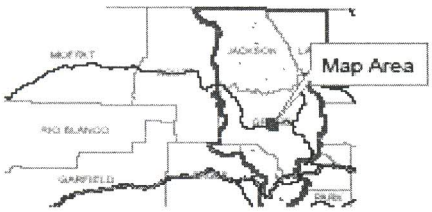
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T. 1 N., R. 78 W., Section 3, 6th P.M.

APPLICANT: New Cingular Wireless/AT&T Wireless

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: New Cingular Wireless/AT&T Wireless (AT&T) has applied for a communication site on Mt. Bross to operate a wireless mobile system. AT&T would co-locate with Verizon Wireless who was issued a communication use lease on Mt. Bross on February 19, 2004. AT&T proposes to place two equipment cabinets on a temporary steel platform at the base of the monopole. The cabinets would measure approximately 3' x 3'. Power and telephone connections would be obtained from the local utility companies servicing the site. Six new 8' antennas would be mounted on the existing 80 foot tower at a height of 55 feet. It is anticipated that some minimal grading (5-10 cubic yards) would be necessary to create flat space for the proposed new equipment. The access to the site comes off of County Road 20. There are five other AT&T sites being constructed within Grand County. These new sites would add another option for a wireless mobile system to the public.

AT&T Wireless
Mt. Bross
Communication Site





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Land Status
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Bureau of Land Mgt
Division of Wildlife
National Park
US Forest Service
National Wildlife Refuge
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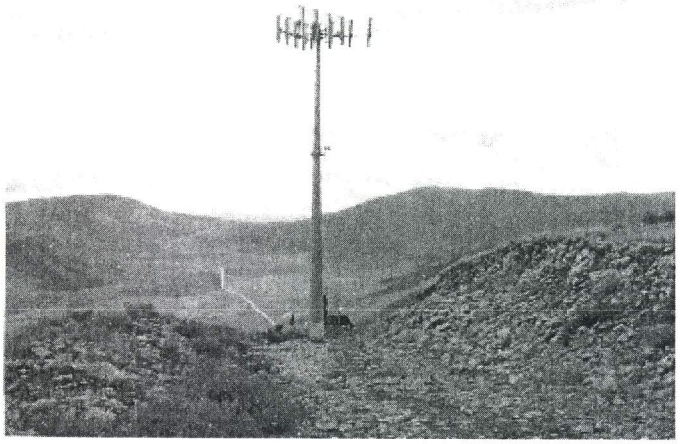
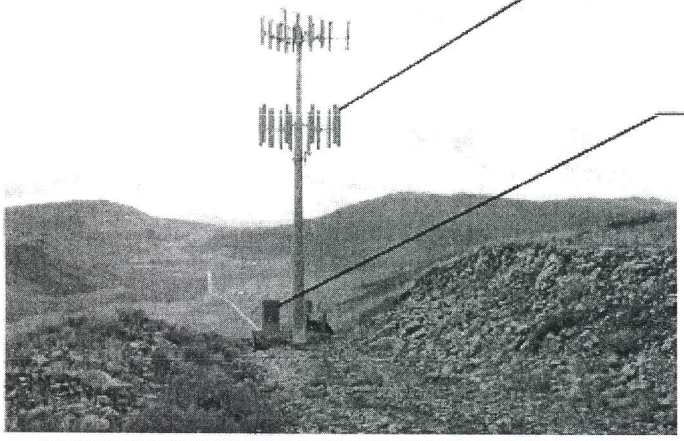
Existing

View 1 – Looking South to Site



Proposed



PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM 1601.08) the following plan:

Name of Plan: the Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: Page 12

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

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 11.9, E., (12): Grants of right-of-way wholly within the boundaries of other compatibly developed rights-of-way.

The Proposed Action has been reviewed with the list of extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) described in the table below.

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
a) Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.		X
b) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		X
c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		X
d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		X
e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		X
f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		X
g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau of office.		X
h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		X

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		X
j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations		X
k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		X
l) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		X

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the Kremmling Field Office interdisciplinary team on 10/29/12. A complete list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the Kremmling Field Office. The table below lists resource specialists who provided additional remarks concerning cultural resources and special status species.

Name	Title	Resource	Date
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns	11/8/12
Megan McGuire	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Plant/Wildlife Species	11/2/12
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Air and Water	11/8/12
Hannah Schechter	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Visual Resources	11/6/12

REMARKS: None

MITIGATION: None

COMPLIANCE PLAN: On-going compliance inspections and monitoring will be conducted by the BLM Kremmling Field Office staff during and after construction. The operator will be notified of compliance related issues in writing, and depending on the nature of the issue(s), will be provided 30 days to resolve such issues.

NAME OF PREPARER: Annie Sperandio

NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR: Susan Cassel

COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.9, E(12). 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 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: Susan Cassel
Assoc. Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 11-9-12

ATTACHMENTS: None

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DECISION RECORD

PROJECT NAME: AT&T Wireless Communication Site on Mt. Bross

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DECISION

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action, as mitigated in DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2013-0005-CX, authorizing the co-location of AT&T and Verizon Wireless at the Mt. Bross communication site. AT&T will add six 8'antennas to Verizon's tower and two equipment cabinets at the base of the tower.

Mitigation Measures: None

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAND USE PLAN

This decision is in compliance with the Federal Land Management and Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999 Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT : Verizon Wireless was contacted and confirmed in writing acceptance of the co-location. Grand County had AT&T on their agenda in November for a Special Use Permit. The EA will be available for a formal 30-day public comment period when posted on the Kremmling Field Office's internet website.

RATIONALE

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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, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215.

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date this notice of decision is posted on BLM's Kremmling Field Office internet website.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: Susan Cassel
Associate Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 11-9-12