

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
FOR  
Carson Interagency Fire Facility  
Environmental Assessment  
DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2009-0005-EA**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Bureau of Land Management Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office (BLM) is proposing construction of a new fire facility. The new construction would provide office and support buildings for BLM wildland fire fighting resources and seasonal housing for federal employees. The proposed site is located on BLM managed public land east of the corner of South Edmonds Drive and Koontz Lane in Carson City, Nevada.

Independent of the facility construction the Carson City Public Works Department is proposing the construction and maintenance of a storm water sedimentation basin at the northeast corner of the intersection of Valley View Drive and South Edmonds Drive on BLM managed public land.

This environmental analysis, DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2009-0005-EA, evaluates the impacts on the natural and human environment that could result from issuing these Rights of Ways.

**PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CONSISTENCY**

The Proposed Action and alternatives described below are in conformance with the Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (CRMP May 2001), page LND-4 B, and the Carson City Urban Interface Plan Amendment (October 1996). These lands were designated for potential disposal to State and local government through the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act.

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT DETERMINATION**

Based on the analysis of the Carson Interagency Fire Facility DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2009-0005-EA, I have determined that the action will not have a significant effect on the human environment and an environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be prepared. This finding is based on the context and intensity of the project as described:

**Context:**

The Proposed Action is to issue a right-of-way (ROW) for each of the following:

- 1) Construction, operation, and maintenance of a BLM Interagency Fire Facility located on seven acres on the east side of Prison Hill within Carson City, Nevada.
- 2) Construction and maintenance of a Carson City Public Works storm water sedimentation basin located on one acre on the corner of Valley View and South Edmonds.

Both of these projects are on public lands managed by the Carson City District, Sierra Front Field Office.

Intensity:

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulation includes the following ten considerations for evaluating intensity:

1) *Impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse.*

None of the environmental effects discussed in detail in the EA are considered significant, nor do the effects exceed any known threshold of significance, either beneficial or adverse. The Proposed Actions are the issuance of two separate ROWs.

2) *The degree to which the selected alternative will affect public health or safety:*

Both ROWs would include provisions for dust abatement and construction site security during construction of the proposed projects. Following the construction of the proposed fire facility, permanent fencing and site re-vegetation would be completed. The proposed storm water sedimentation basin would not require fencing; however, re-vegetation would also be completed. These standard operating procedures would positively affect public health and safety.

3) *Unique characteristics of the geographic area such as proximity to historic or cultural resources, prime or unique farm lands, wetlands, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, or ecologically critical areas.*

The 40-acre area of study is not located near any resources that would be impacted by either of the Proposed Actions.

4) *The degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial.*

The effects of the Proposed Actions on the human or natural environment were determined to be negligible. Issuance of these ROWs was not found to affect the quality of the human environment.

5) *The degree to which the possible effects on the human environment are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.*

The proposed actions are not unique or unusual on public lands within the city boundaries. There are no predicted effects on the human environment that are considered highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks.

6) *The degree to which the action may establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects or presents a decision in principle about a future consideration.*

The Proposed Actions are under the provision of Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (90 Stat. 2743; 43 U.S.C 1701). The proposed actions would not create a precedent for future actions.

7) *Whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts.*

All resource values were evaluated for cumulative impacts and determined that cumulative impacts would be negligible.

8) *The degree to which the action may adversely affect districts, sites, highways, structures, or other objects listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places or may cause loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historical resources.*

There are no known cultural resources present within the proposed eight acre project area. There would be no loss or destruction of significant scientific, cultural, or historic resources.

9) *The degree to which the action may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species or its habitat that has been determined to be critical under ESA of 1973.*

As described in the EA, no known threatened/ endangered species (plant or animal), or critical habitat has been identified in the project area considered in the EA.

10) *Whether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment.*

As described in the EA, the Proposed Actions do not violate any known Federal, State, or local law or requirement for protection of the environment. Officials from The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California were consulted on this proposal.

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