

**BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION CHECKLIST**

Mid-Pacific Region
Lahontan Basin Area Office

Project Name: AT&T Fiber Optic Line License

CEC Number: LO-2011-1015

Cost Authority: AIR 17529652 2600059

Date: July 12, 2011

Exclusion Category: *516 DM 14.5 D.10* – Issuance of permits, licenses, easements, and crossing agreements which provide right-of-way over Reclamation lands where the action does not allow for or lead to a major public or private action.

Nature of Action: AT&T has applied for a use authorization (license) to attach a 0.6-inch diameter fiber optic cable at a height of 22-feet to an existing pole line. They are requesting to cross two separate parcels, both of which are withdrawn Reclamation lands. The total distance across these lands is approximately 3315-feet by 10-feet wide, with an area of approximately 0.77 acres. Both parcels are located on the north side of US Highway 50 Alt in northeast Lyon County.

Reclamation’s action will be to issue this license.

Location: T20N, R25E, Section 24, N ½ NW ¼, MDM and T20N, R26E, Section 30 NE ¼ NE ¼, MDM. (See map).

Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

1.	This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. (40 CFR 1502.3).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E) and 43 CFR 46.215 (c)].	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

3.	This action will have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
4.	This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principle drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
5.	The action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk (43 CFR 46.215 (d)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
6.	This action would establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
7.	This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
8.	This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau (in coordination with a Reclamation cultural resources professional, RM LND 02-01 D(1)(a)) (43 CFR 46.215 (g)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
9.	This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
10.	This action would violate a Federal, State, local, or tribal law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
11.	This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (E.O. 12898) (43 CFR 46.215 (j)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
12.	This action would limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___

	adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (E.O. 13007 and 43 CFR 46.215 (k)).	
13.	This action would affect Indian Trust Assets. (To be completed by Reclamation official responsible for ITAs) (S.O. 3175; Policy Memorandum dated 12/15/93).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___
14.	This action would 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 (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, E.O. 13112, and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)).	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncertain ___ Yes ___

NEPA Action Recommended: Categorical Exclusion EA ___ EIS ___

Environmental commitments, explanation, and/or remarks:

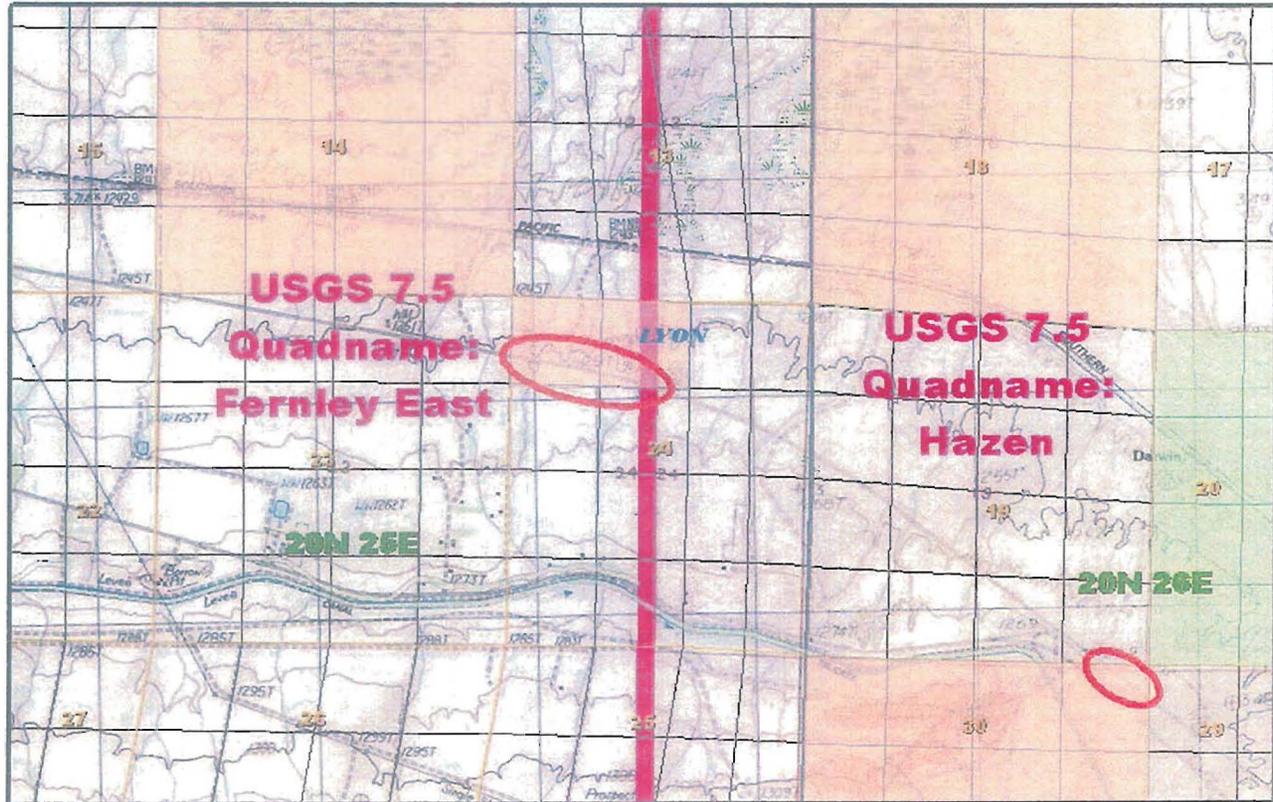
See the attached correspondence from the Mid-Pacific Region Cultural Resources Division regarding concurrence with Item 8 (cultural resources), and from Patricia Rivera regarding Item 13 (Indian Trust Assets).

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 William B.C. Deshler Date

Recommended: Andrea J. Minor 7/14/11
 Andrea Minor Date
 Natural Resource Specialist

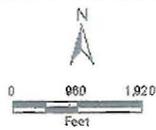
Concurrence: Bob Edwards 7/15/2011
 Bob Edwards Date
 Resource Division Manager

Approved: Chau Nguyen 7/15/2011
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 Acting Deputy Area Manager



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AT&T Fiber Optic Line
Lyon County, NV

06/27/2011

Minor, Andrea J

From: Rivera, Patricia L
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 2:16 PM
To: Minor, Andrea J
Subject: RE: ITA request for a fiber optic line from AT&T

Andrea,

I reviewed the proposed action to issue a license to AT&T for a use authorization to attach a 0.6-inch diameter fiber optic cable at a height of 22-feet to an existing pole line. AT&T is requesting to cross two separate parcels, both of which are withdrawn Reclamation lands. The total distance across these lands is approximately 3315-feet by 10-feet wide, with an area of approximately 0.77 acres.

The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets.

Patricia

Minor, Andrea J

From: Williams, Scott A
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 3:19 PM
To: Minor, Andrea J; BOR MPR Cultural Resources Section
Subject: RE: CEC for AT&T fiber optic line

Project No. 11-SCAO-208

Dear Ms. Minor:

The proposed undertaking for the AT&T Fiber Optic Line License (CEC LO-2011-1015) will result in actions that have no potential to cause effects to historic properties pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.3(a)(1).

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I can now concur with item 8 of the CEC [LO-2011-1015](#).

This email is intended to convey the conclusion of the Section 106 process for this undertaking. Please retain a copy of this concurrence with the CEC file. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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