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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION LANDS IN WILDERNESS

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STATE: Nevada

COUNTIES: Lincoln

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WILDERNESS AREAS: South Pahroc Range

PROPOSED ACTION: Renewal of Right-of-Way for Seismic Monitoring Station

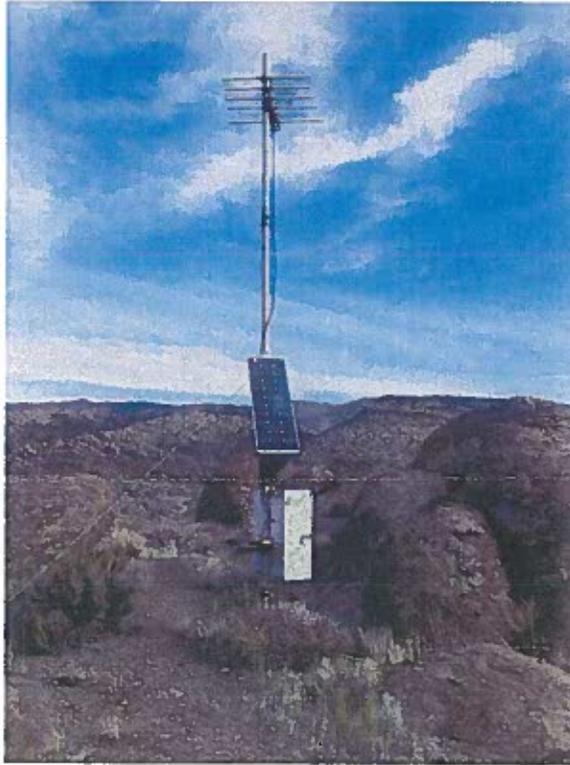
Back Ground

The *Big Rocks, Mount Irish and South Pahroc Range Final Wilderness Management Plan and EA of January 14, 2008* address's the continued use of the seismic monitoring station under the following management strategy:

Structures, Installations and Other Human Effects or Disturbances

Structures and installations may be removed if they are not necessary to meet the minimum requirements for administration of the area as wilderness, or are not associated with a valid existing right.

The seismic monitoring station within the South Pahroc Range Wilderness would be kept and maintained. The station was granted a right of way in 1984 and was installed January 21, 1972 and has been collecting live seismic data from this location since that date. If the monitoring station was moved long term seismological data could be interrupted. Access to the monitoring station would remain non-motorized and non-mechanized.



Seismic Monitoring Station in South Pahroc Range Wilderness

Description of the Proposed Action

The Nevada Seismological Laboratory has requested a 30 year renew of an existing Right-of-Way for their seismic monitoring station within the South Pahroc Range Wilderness.

Expected Decision

A Categorical Exclusion (CX) is being prepared for the renewal of the existing Right-of-Way for the seismic monitoring station. The impacts to wilderness character associated with the monitoring station have already been addressed in the Big Rocks, Mount Irish and South Pahroc Range, Final Wilderness Management Plan and EA of January 14, 2008. For more information regarding the renewal you may contact Stephanie Trujilo, Land Law Examiner at 775-289-1831.

Public Comment

All comments are to be sent directly to the District Manager for consideration and use in evaluating and processing the proposed action at the address above before the end of the comment period of February 19, 2010

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