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DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
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Dear Interested Public:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Humboldt River Field Office (HRFO) is seeking public input as it initiates the Environmental Analysis (EA) process for a proposal by Shamrock Communications, Inc. to install a communications facility including a transmitter building, tower and beacon, an electrical distribution line, and to obtain access to the site along a pre-existing road.

The planned location is about 22 miles northeast of Fernley, NV, in the Jessup area north of Interstate 80, in Churchill County. More specifically, the proposed communication site project area would be located in (see enclosed figure 1 and 2):

T. 23 N, R. 27 E., secs. 2, 11, 14, 20-23, 29-31, MDM.
T. 24, N, R.27 E., sec. 2, 26, MDM.

Background

Shamrock Communications, Inc. ("Shamrock") is a multi-media company that owns newspapers and radio stations throughout the country. The firm recently purchased several radio licenses allowing it to serve portions of several northern Nevada counties.

Proposal

Shamrock recently received FCC licenses and approval to operate three FM radio stations in northern Nevada. The service area is a 75-mile radius in portions of Churchill, Lyon, Pershing, Humboldt, and Washoe Counties. Communities served would extend from Winnemucca to Silver Springs and from Gerlach/Empire to Fallon. In addition to the three commercial stations, a non-commercial, educational FM station would lease space in the facility. Other possible tenants would include cellular phone service providers, additional FM stations, and a wireless internet company.

To provide the service, Shamrock would need to construct a 1,466-foot high tower with a three foot beacon on top (the FAA permit allows the tower to be 1,478 feet). The applicant would need to construct a 24' x 36' (864 square feet) transmitter building approximately 14 feet from the tower. The tower would have guy wires extending in three directions. Within each direction

there would be two guy wires for a total of six anchors. No new access roads are proposed and a total of 93.18 of acres would be disturbed.

NV Energy will provide power to the site via a step down transformer to be located on section 11, T. 23 N. R. 27 E., MDM. Shamrock will install and maintain the power lines connecting the tower and transmitter building to the transformer. The electrical distribution line would be 6,446.91 feet long and 20 feet wide and 12kV.

The proposed project was approved by the Churchill County Planning Commission following an extensive public hearing involving FAA, DOD, and BLM input.

Construction equipment required for the project would include a crane, flatbed tractor trailer truck, a gin pole and winch with a pulley system, track hoe, regular tractor with removable and changeable front to add a scoop, fork lift, etc., a small bulldozer, a pickup truck, a concrete truck and a small propane truck.

An estimated time frame for construction would be 3 weeks to install the tower, building, generator and guy wires, and 5-6 weeks for the power lines, for a total time frame of 8-9 weeks.

The BLM HRFO encourages your participation in the environmental analysis process. Please provide any issues and concerns relevant to this communications site proposal that you would like considered in this process by December 10, 2010.

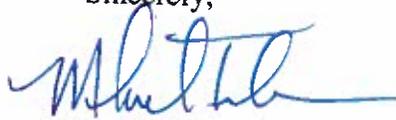
Written comments should be sent to Debbie Dunham, Attn: Shamrock Communications Project EA, BLM Winnemucca District Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca NV 89445-2921.

Comments may also be submitted by email to: wfoweb@nvblm.gov. Email message should reference "Shamrock Communications Project (Dunham)" on the subject line.

Public comments submitted for this project, including names and street addresses of commenters will be available for public review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent of the law. Anonymity is not allowed for submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

If you need additional information, please contact, Debbie Dunham, Project Lead, at the Winnemucca District Office at 775-623-1500.

Sincerely,

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Michael Truden
Field Manager
Humboldt River Field Office

Enclosure

FIGURE 1

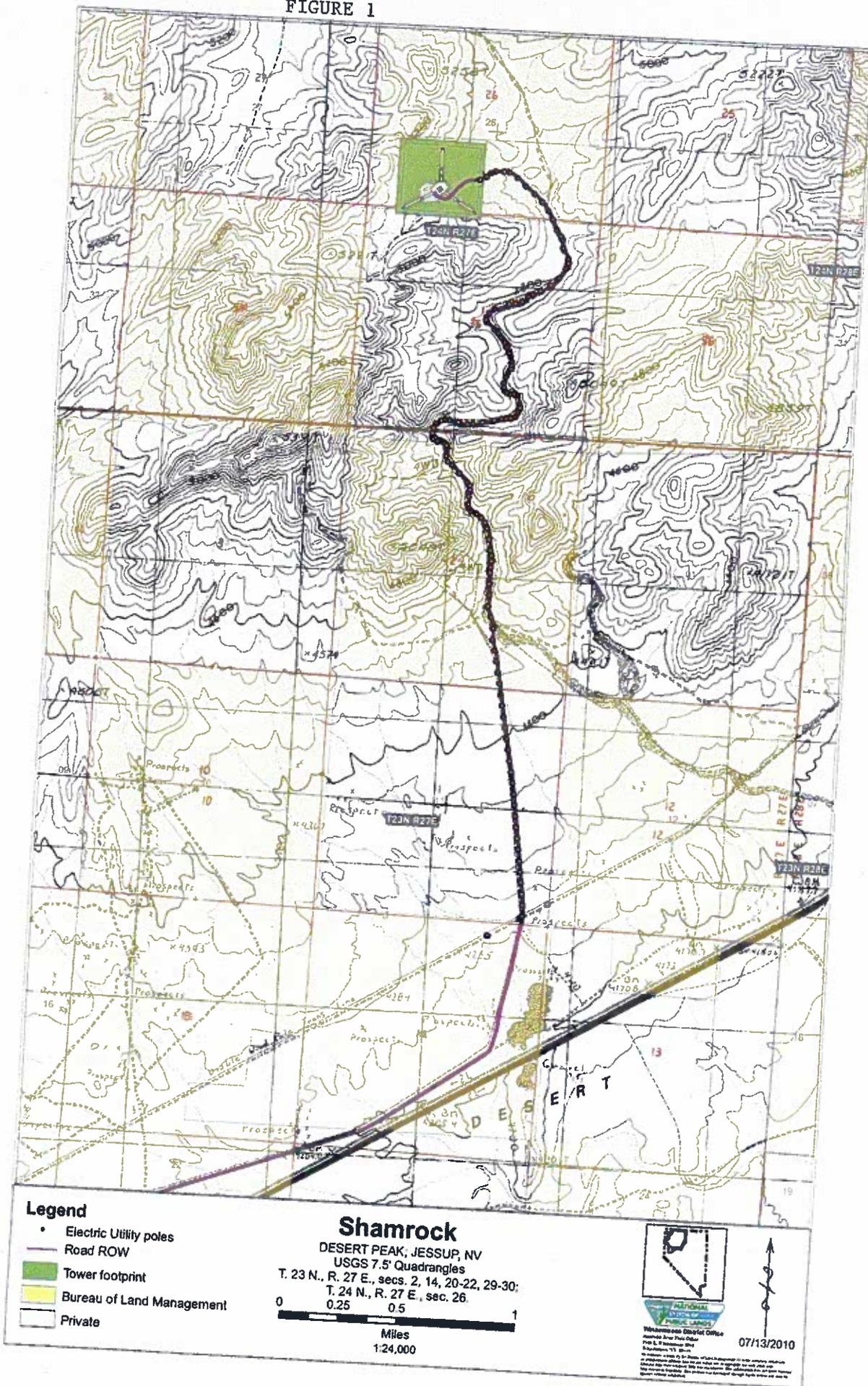
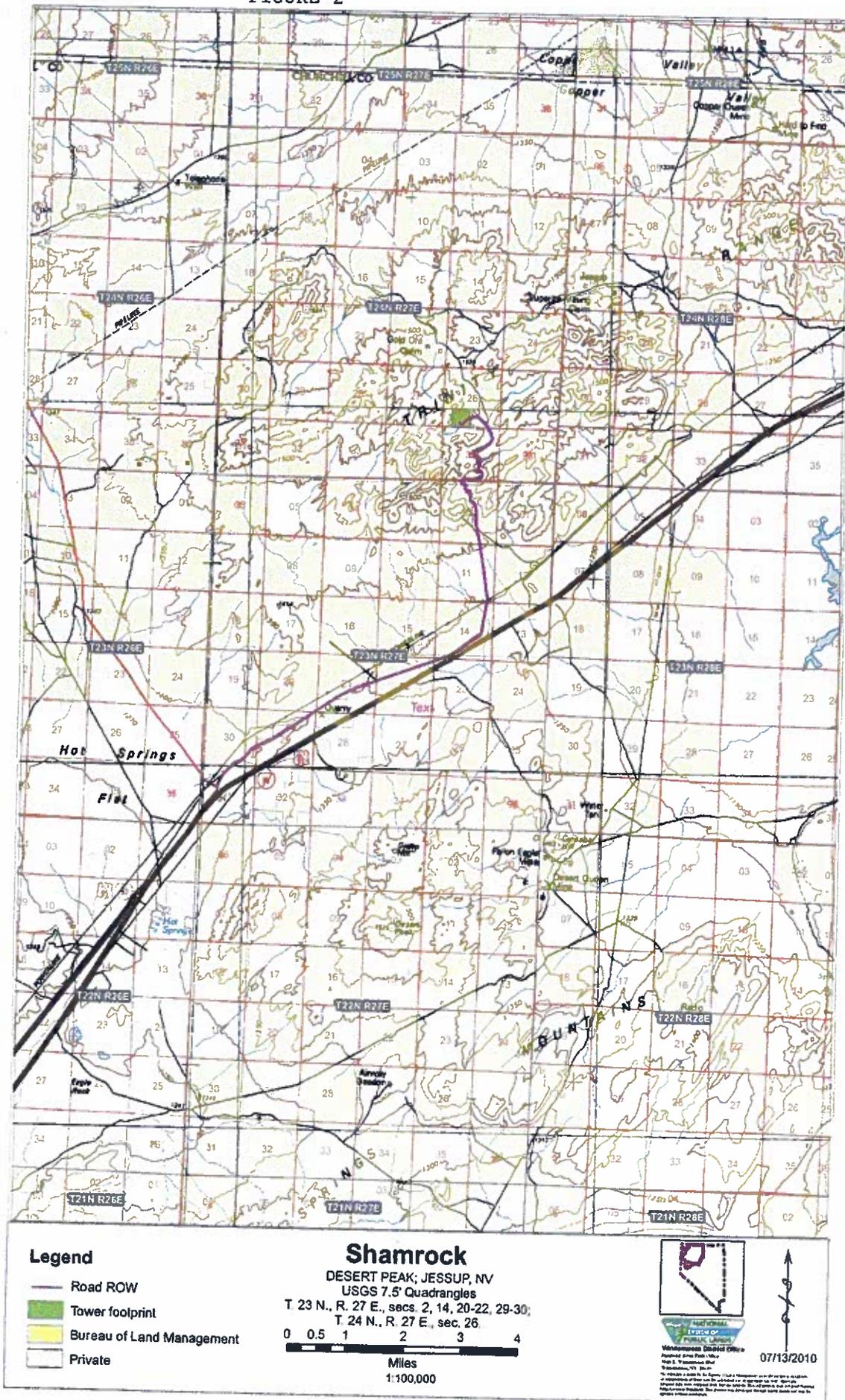
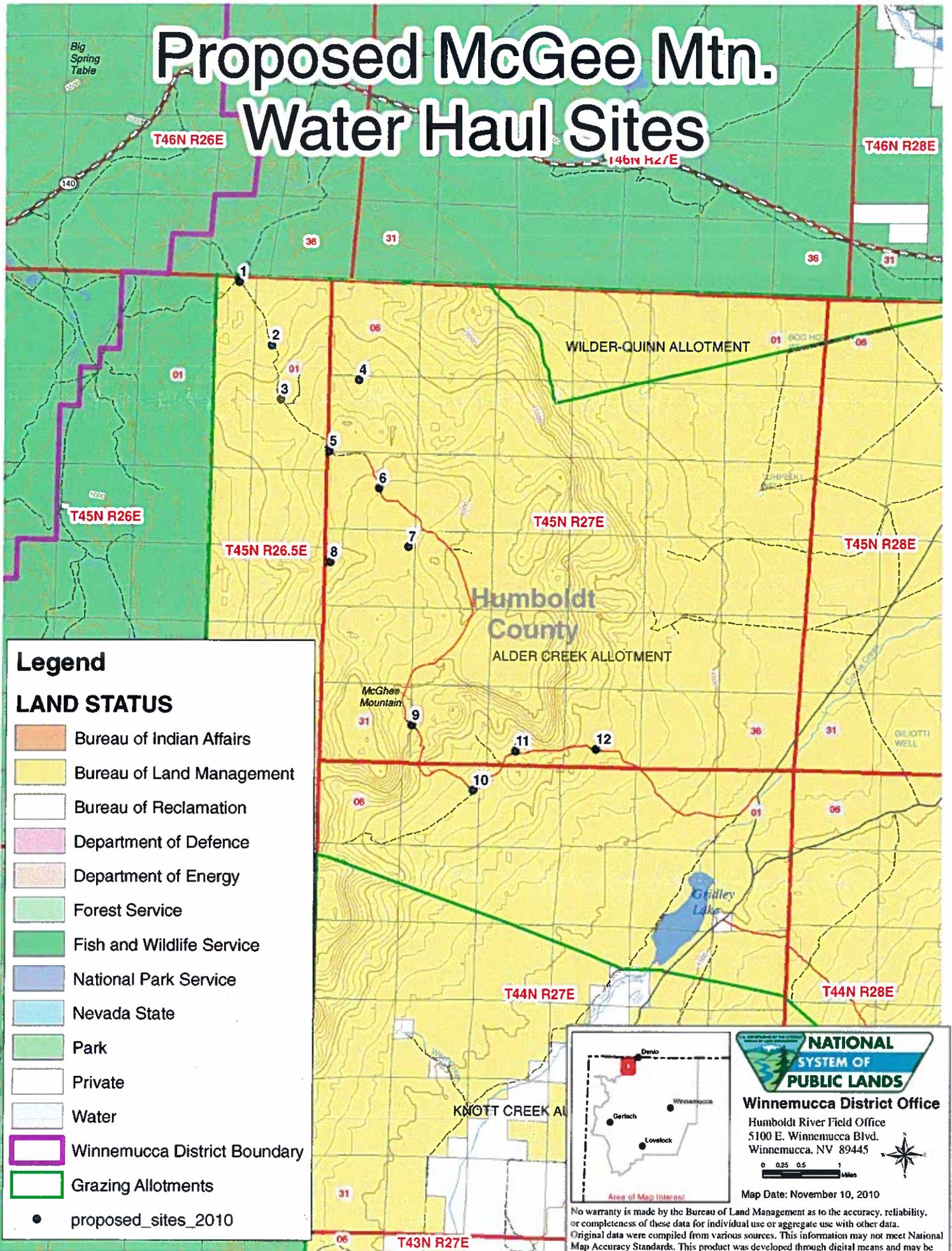


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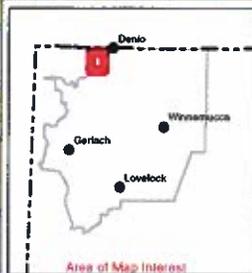
Proposed McGee Mtn. Water Haul Sites



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