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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is beginning the public scoping process for an Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing effects of a proposed access road to the Rib Hill Communication Site, located on private property for AirTouch/Verizon. The proposed project is located on Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service jurisdictional lands, in White Pine County, Nevada. The proposed project would be located near the Ward Recreation Area off of Highway 6 approximately six miles west of Ely, Nevada (see attached map).

AirTouch Cellular d/b/a Verizon is requesting a right-of way (ROW) authorization along an existing access road to the Rib Hill Communication Site (owned by Robinson Nevada Mining Company). This proposal is for legal access only, no improvements are being proposed to the existing road.

As a representative of the public that has expressed interest in this type of project you are invited to submit written comments for this proposal. These comments will assist in the determination of issues and could help identify alternatives that should be considered for evaluation in the EA.

The BLM will use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470(f) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources of value within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA. Native American or individual concerns, including impacts and potential impacts to culturally valued areas, will be given due consideration.

Any written comments or issues concerning the proposed project that should be considered by BLM for evaluation in the EA should be submitted by March 20, 2013 to:

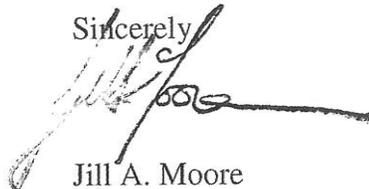
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Attn: Stephanie Trujillo
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If you would like to remain on the mailing list for this project, please indicate this in your comments.

Before including address, phone number, email-address, or any other personal identifying information in your comments, be advised that your entire comment, including personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While individuals may request that the BLM withhold personal identifying information from public view, the BLM cannot guarantee it will be able to do so. If you wish us to withhold your personal information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

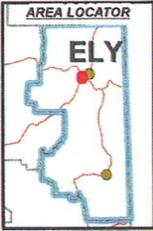
For further information concerning the AirTouch/Verizon project, please contact Stephanie Trujillo at (775) 289-1831, or strujill@blm.gov.

Sincerely

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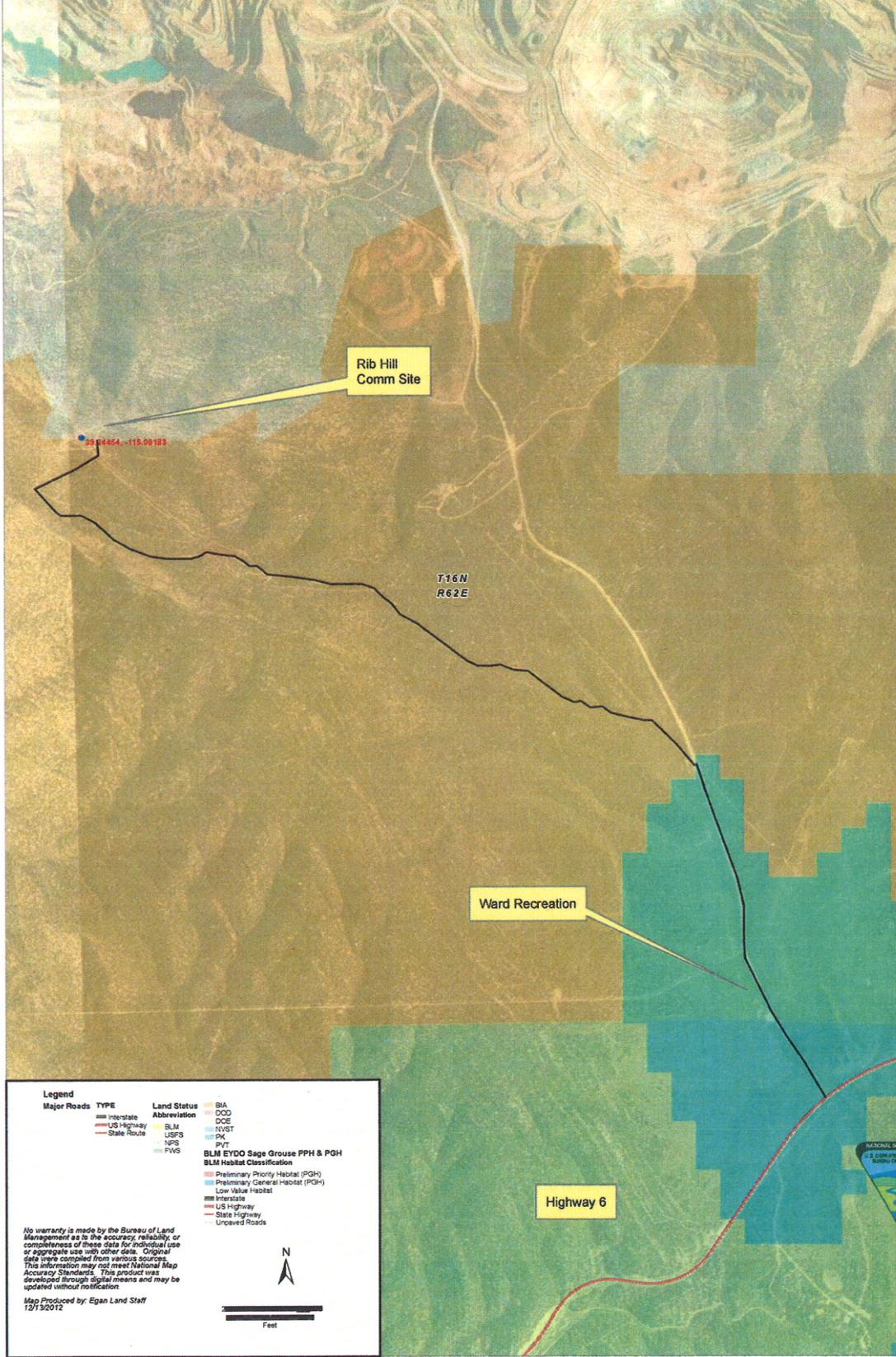
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Enclosure



VERIZON COMM SITE ACCESS INQUIRY

BLM



Rib Hill
Comm Site

39.6454, -118.00185

T16N
R62E

Ward Recreation

Highway 6

Ely District Office

Legend

Major Roads	TYPE	Land Status	Abbreviation
==	Interstate	BIA	DOO
==	US Highway	BLM	DOE
==	State Route	USFS	NVST
		NPS	PK
		FWS	PVT

BLM EYDO Sage Grouse PPH & PGH

BLM Habitat Classification

- Preliminary Priority Habitat (PPH)
- Preliminary General Habitat (PGH)
- Low Value Habitat

Major Roads

- == Interstate
- == US Highway
- == State Highway
- == Unimproved Roads

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