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Dear Interested Party,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wells Field Office (WFO) invites you to participate in scoping for the Verizon Wireless Communication Site Environmental Assessment (EA). The Proposed Action is to issue a right-of-way (ROW) for a permanent, long-term Communication Site on Ellen D Mountain near the city of Contact, Nevada.

The proposed EA will analyze the potential effects of having a communication site on Ellen D Mountain. The BLM has determined that preparation of an EA is necessary under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) implementing regulations in 40 CFR Parts 1500 to 1508.

On June 11, 2013, BLM granted a temporary Communications Use Lease to Southwestco Wireless LP d/b/a Verizon Wireless for a communication site facility for the purpose of providing cellular service to that area. The BLM received a renewal ROW application from the Southwestco Wireless LP d/b/a Verizon Wireless on November 21, 2014, to operate and maintain their existing Communications Use Lease. The Proposed Action would occur entirely on the previously disturbed ground (35' x 35' cell block foundation) and consists of .028 acres. The existing equipment consists of:

- One 81 ft. lattice tower with (9) Verizon antennas in three sectors;
- Two microwave dishes and various cables;
- One 35 ft. x 35 ft. cell-block cement foundation;
- One 12 ft. x 16 ft. equipment shelter with a 4 ft. x 8 ft. stoop on the foundation;
- One 60 kw propane generator with one 1,000 gallon propane tank on the foundation, and;
- 123 ft. of underground power conduits.

Access for future maintenance and repair would be provided through an existing access road. If granted, use of the Lease would be year round, and include maintenance, replacement of equipment, and operation.

The scoping period for the Verizon Wireless Communications Site EA begins September 9, 2015 and will be open for 30 days; comments must be received by the WFO by close of business October 9, 2015. Submit your comments on the proposed project by any of the methods listed below:

- File your comments electronically by sending them to: vmorales@blm.gov. Please include "Verizon Communication Site EA Comments" in the subject line of your email.
- Mail your comments to: "Verizon Communication site EA", BLM Wells Field Office, ATTN: Virginia Morales, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, 89801
- Fax your comments to: 775-753-0260

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions, please contact Virginia Morales, Realty Specialist, at (775) 753-0245.

Sincerely,



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