


DECISION RECORD/FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

EA Number: CA-018-09-25

Recommendation: I recommend that CACA 50656 and 50657, located in Placer County, be granted for a term of 30 years, renewable. These right of way's would be authorized by Title V of FLPMA; it would be subject to the conditions set forth in 43 CFR 2801.5.9, with rental payments as determined by 43 CFR 2801.5. Any mitigation measures identified for the proposed action in the environmental impacts section of the attached EA have been formulated into stipulations, and these stipulations should be incorporated into the permit.

Rational for Recommendations: The applicant is in need of the right-of-way, the decision to grant will not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation and the decision is in conformance with land use planning.




Realty Specialist

3/3/09

Date

Decision: The recommendation and its rationale are adopted as my decision.



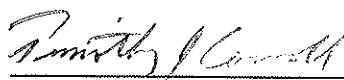
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Finding of No Significant Impact: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

Reviewed by:

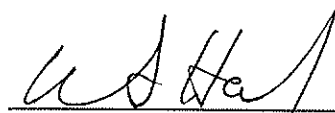


Environmental Coordinator (Acting)
Folsom

3/3/09

Date

I concur:



Field Manager, Folsom

3-3-09

Date

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
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EA Number: CA-180-09-25

Serial Number: CACA 50656 and CACA 50657

Proposed Action: Forest Hill Communication Sites

Location: Section 33, T.15N., R.10E., Lot 16, MDM, Placer County
(Iowa Hill Site)
Section 4, T.14N., R.10E., Lot 13, MDM, Placer County (King Hill
Site)

Applicant: Foresthill Telephone Company

1.0 Purpose of and Need for Action

1.1 Need for Action

Placer County is acting as the fiscal agent for the construction of a publically financed phone system for the community of Iowa Hill. The phone system is to provide a much needed emergency 911 access to a remote community that has not had any means of phone service. The scope of work has been coordinated with the Foresthill Telephone Company who will install the infrastructure. The project consist of two sites known as Kings Hill site and Iowa Hill site.

1.2 Conformance with Applicable Land Use Plans

The proposed action is subject to the 2008 Sierra Resource Management Plan (RMP). This plan has been reviewed to determine that the proposed action conforms to the land use plan terms and conditions as required by 43 CFR 1610.5.

2.0 Proposed Action and Alternatives

2.1 Proposed Action

The proposed action is for BLM to grant a right-of-way to Foresthill Telephone Company to construct two communication sites for a phone system to the community of Iowa Hill.

The first site is located off of King Hill Road and is the main communication site. The King Hill site is located along the south side of Kings Hill Road. The right of way would be for the telephone microwave repeater tower which will transmit to the second communication site that is located off of Iowa Hill Road.

King Hill Road

King Hill Road site is located in T.14N., R.10E., Section 4, Lot 13, MDM, Placer County. The site is about 1000' SE of the road/hilltop site. Development of the site will involve re-grading about 425' of existing access road and construction of a 50'X75' facility. The lease area is 167' X 103', and includes a 10X16 equipment shelter, 5'X10'X6" slab for a 499 gal propane tank, a 5'4"X10'X12' slab for a 100 KW propane generator, a 4' microwave dish on a 120' steel monopole. The site will include a 6' chain link fence around entire perimeter. There is 12' access road off King Hill Road that will have a 6' gate to limit access to the site. There are 20 solar panels on a gravel base and 4X8 solar panel located on the shelter roof. The King Hill Road site encompasses an area 103' X 187' = approximately .50 acres. Site plan is attached (Exc. 1)

Iowa Hill 2

Iowa Hill Road site is located in Section 33, T.15N., R.10E., Lot 16, MDM, Placer County. Equipment for the Iowa Hill Road site includes the following: 100KW Propane Generator, equipment shelter, 20 solar panels, 499 gallon propane tank, 4 solar panels located on shelter roof, 18 solar panels on ground. There is a proposed 364 ft. X 6' dirt access road. Preceding the development will be a timber sale that will affect about 2 acres of ground. The Iowa Hill Road site encompasses an area 0.395 acre area. Site plan is attached (Exc. 2).

Each right-of-way would be for a term of 30 years, renewable and would be subject to applicable policy or program requirements and prior existing rights.

2.2 No Action

The no action alternative would be to not issue either R/W. In this case the applicant would not be able to provide telephone service for the Iowa Hill Community.

3.0 Affected Environment

The proposed right-of-way is in the Sierra Foothills. The King Hill Road site is 0.395 acre area located along the south side of Kings Hill Road. It is located on a ridge which includes Kings Hill to the south of Indian Creek, a tributary of the North Fork of the American River.

The Iowa Hill site is located at about 2840 feet in elevation on the Iowa Hill Divide on the outskirts of the community of Iowa Hill, west of Indian Creek and east of the North Fork American River canyon. The proposed site is within an area of BLM's recently-implemented Iowa

Hill Fuels Reduction Project. The mastication project area was intensively inventoried for resources by BLM.

Both areas consist of mixed conifer with Douglas fir, ponderosa pine, black oak, madrone, white-leaf Manzanita, and deer brush. The area is dominated with small Douglas fir. Rare plant and wildlife surveys identified no species of interest. There are no rangeland resources and a survey for cultural resources was conducted, no cultural property was found on the King Hill site. There are two cultural properties located near the Iowa Hill #2 site - an 1800 mining ditch and a late 1800 refuse dump. The refuse dump is not historically significant and the ditch will be avoided.

4.0 Environmental Effects

The following critical elements have been considered for the environmental assessment, and unless specifically mention later in this chapter, have been determined to be unaffected by the proposal: air quality, areas of critical environmental concern, prime/unique farmlands, floodplains, water quality, threatened or endangered species, hazardous waste, cultural resources, native American concerns, wetlands and riparian zones, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, invasive, nonnative weeds, and environmental justice.

4.1 Impacts from the No Action Alternative

Impacts to resources described above would not be expected from the no action alternative.

4.2 Impacts from the Proposed Action

Less than 1 acre of native vegetation (brush and ground cover) would be removed during clearing and grading activities. Approximately 2 acres on the Iowa Hill site will be affected by some tree removal. Compliance with BLM and county standards for construction and design will be followed.

4.3 Cumulative Impacts

Erosion, rare plants and cultural resources are not expected to be impacted. Therefore, cumulative impacts at a larger scale are not expected. The project is not expected to cumulatively contribute to dust and noise because the construction-related impacts would be very short term and there are not other known similar activities expected to occur at the same time in the nearby vicinity.

5.0 BLM Interdisciplinary Team

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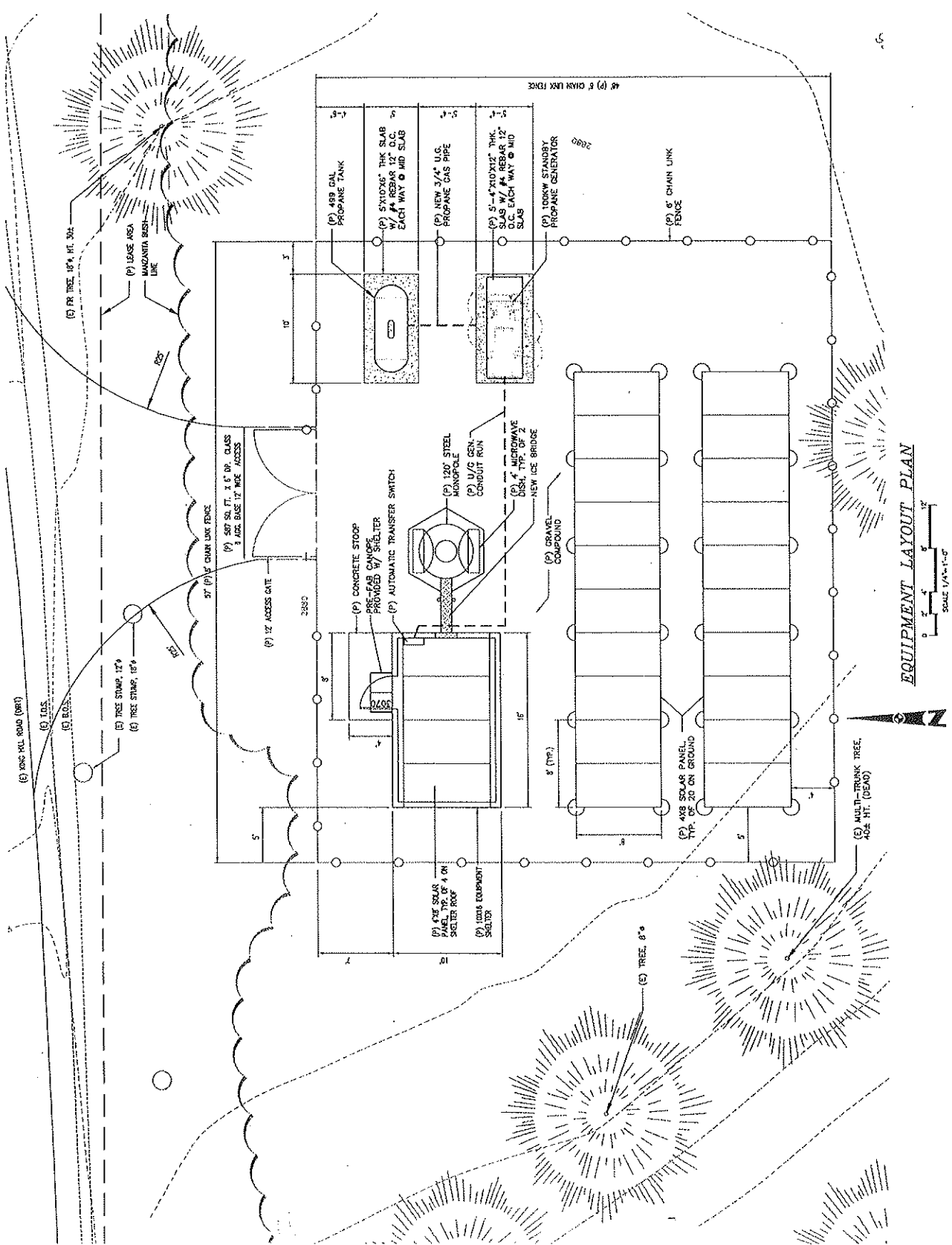
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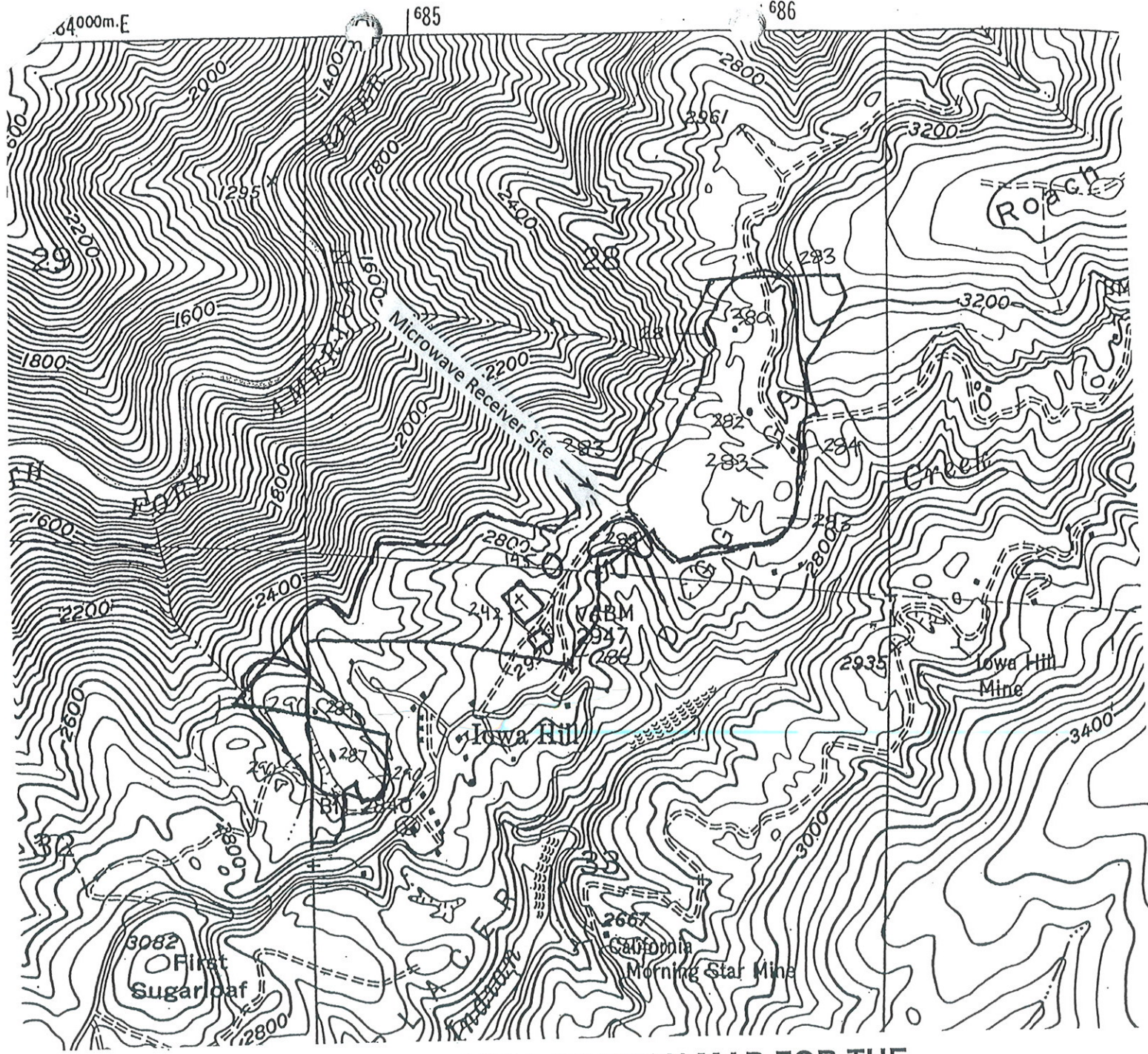
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NO.	REVISION/DESCRIPTION	DATE
1	90% ZONING DOCS	9-24-08
2	90% ZONING DOCS	11-24-08
3	90% REV. ZONING DOCS	11-25-08

PROJECT	KING HILL ROAD
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EQUIPMENT LAYOUT PLAN
 SCALE 1/4"=1'-0"



CULTURAL RESOURCES LOCATION MAP FOR THE IOWA HILL FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

USGS 7.5-MINUTE QUADRANGLE: FORESTHILL, CALIF. (1949)

MDM, T 15 N, R 10 E, SEC 28, 32, AND 33

DRAWN BLACK LINE = BOUNDARY OF PROJECT AREA

Iowa Hill Site