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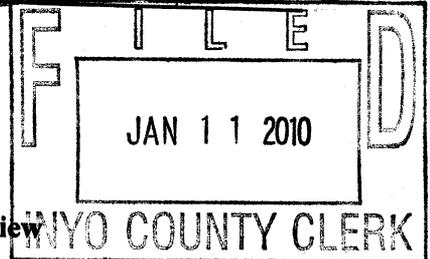
Inyo County

To:  Interested Individuals  
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Subject: Notice of Availability for Public Review

This is to advise that INYO COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT has prepared a  
(Lead Agency)

Negative Declaration  Environmental Impact Report

for the project identified below. As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is:

Negative Declaration

EIR

- 20 days (Negative Declaration was not submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review)
- 30 days (Negative Declaration was submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review)
- 21 days (State Clearinghouse granted a shortened review period for the Negative Declaration)

- 30 days (Draft EIR was not submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review)
- 45 days (Draft EIR was submitted to the State Clearinghouse for a normal 45-day review)
- 30 days (State Clearinghouse granted a shortened review period for the Draft EIR)

The document is available for review at 1608 N. EDWARDS ST., INDEPENDENCE, CA  
(Location) \* ALL COUNTY LIBRARIES

A public hearing has been scheduled with INYO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION to receive comments on the document.  
(Hearing Body)

Date: NOT  
Time: YET  
Place: SCHEDULED

The comment period for this document closes on FEBRUARY 12, 2010  
(Date)

Testimony at future public hearings may be limited to those issues raised during the public review period either orally or submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. the day the comment period closes.

Project Title: FURNACE CREEK RANCH TELECOMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Project Location - Specific: FURNACE CREEK RANCH RESORT, IMMEDIATELY

Project Description: (brief) ADJACENT TO STATE HIGHWAY 190 (APN: 41-280-02; 4816 GREENLAND

(SEE [unclear] BLVD.)

Signature [Signature] Date 1-8-10  
Title SENIOR PLANNER  
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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

### **Furnace Creek Ranch Telecommunications Plan**

**(Telecomm. Plan #2010-01/Commnet of Nevada &  
Conditional Use Permit #2010-01/Commnet of Nevada)**

A 60-foot wireless telecommunications monopole is proposed for a site on the Furnace Creek Ranch, which is resort property owned by Xanterra Resorts and is located in Death Valley immediately off State Highway 190, northwest of the intersection of State Highway 190 and Bad Water Road (APN 041-280-02; 486 Greenland Road, Furnace Creek). The monopole is proposed in order to provide wireless phone service to the area surrounding Furnace Creek Ranch. The only existing wireless coverage in the Death Valley area is a solar-only analog – rather than digital – signal on Roger's Peak, the technology for which is largely obsolete. The monopole is a small "Lite Site"-type pole: the pole consists of modular/pre-engineered construction, uses an above-ground foundation with an approximate 10' X 10' footprint (Note: the site will be 20' X 20' when fencing is included), and can be disassembled and reused. The pole, however, can support use from only one carrier (i.e., no co-location, or multiple users, is possible). Commnet of Nevada will operate as a wholesale service provider, providing "roaming" cellular phone service for clients of all the major U.S. cellular carriers and over 130 international carriers.

The specific site on the Furnace Creek Ranch property that is proposed for the monopole is near the large solar panel array and the maintenance/shop buildings, both of which are located toward the rear (west) of the Furnace Creek Ranch property, away from State Highway 190 and the public use areas of the property. A nearby grove of palm trees that is of similar height to the monopole provides cover for the monopole, as visual simulations prepared for the project demonstrate.

The Furnace Creek Ranch property is designated Resort/Recreational (REC) under the Inyo County General Plan, and is zoned Commercial Recreation (C-5).