

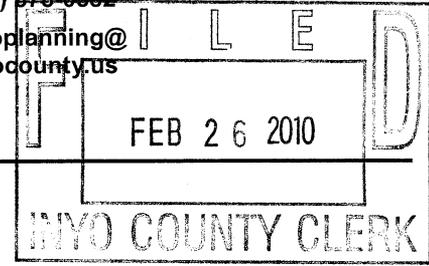


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Notice of Determination - Inyo County

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From (Public Agency):

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County Clerk
 County of Inyo
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Furnace Creek Ranch Telecommunications Plan: Telecomm. Plan #2010-01/Commnet of NV & Conditional Use Permit #2010-01/Commnet of NV (SCH #2010011025)

Project Applicant: Commnet of Nevada, 1562 Park Street, Suite E, Castle Rock, CO 80109 (Phone: 720-733-7854)

Project Location: 486 Greenland Blvd., Furnace Creek Ranch, CA 92328

Project Description: 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: site will be 20’ X 20’ when fencing is included), and can be disassembled and reused quickly. 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).

Project Action: Approval of a Telecommunications Plan and a Conditional Use Permit

Project Contact Person: Tanda Gretz, Senior Planner, 760-878-0265

Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

10-00012

Summary: This is to advise that the Inyo County Planning Commission approved the above-described project on February 24, 2010, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 No CEQA documents necessary for this application, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Planning Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California.



Mike Conklin

Director, Inyo County Planning Department

February 24, 2010

Title

Date

Date received for filing at OPR:

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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form

Applicant Name: Commnet of Nevada

Date Submitted: 01/15/2010

Applicant Address: 1562 Park Street, Suite E, Castle Rock, CO 80109

Project Name: Furnace Creek Ranch Telecommunications Plan

CEQA Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

CEQA Document Type: Initial Study/Negative Declaration

SCH Number and/or local agency ID number: SCH 2010011025

Project Location: 486 Greenland Blvd, Furnace Creek Ranch, CA 92328

Brief Project Description: A 60-foot wireless telecommunications monopole is proposed for a site on Furnace Creek Ranch located in Death Valley immediately off State Highway 190. The monopole is a small "Lite Site"-type pole consisting of a pre-engineered and constructed pole anchored to an above-ground foundation with an approximate 10' X 10' footprint within a 20' X 20' fencing enclosure.

Determination: Based on a review of the Project as proposed, the Department of Fish and Game has determined that for purposes of the assessment of CEQA filing fees [F&G Code 711.4(c)] the project has no potential effect on fish, wildlife and habitat and the project as described does not require payment of a CEQA filing fee. This determination does not in any way imply that the project is exempt from CEQA and does not determine the significance of any potential project effects evaluated pursuant to CEQA.

Please retain this original determination for your records; you are required to file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk after your project is approved and at the time of filing of the CEQA lead agency's Notice of Determination (NOD). If you do not file a copy of this determination with the County Clerk at the time of filing of the NOD, the appropriate CEQA filing fee will be due and payable.

Without a valid No Effect Determination Form or proof of fee payment, the project will not be operative, vested, or final and any local permits issued for the project will be invalid, pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4(c)(3).

DFG Approval By: Debra L. Haul Date: 28 Jan 2010

Title: Environmental Scientist