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Notice of Determination - Inyo County

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From (Public Agency): Inyo County Planning Department
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Project Title: Conditional Use Permit #2012-04/Branson

Project Applicant: Lone Pine TV – Bruce Branson, PO Box 867, Lone Pine, CA 93545
 (Phone: 760-876-5481; Contact: Bruce Branson)

Project Location: A 24-acre site at 1579 Indian Springs Drive, located in the Alabama Hills near Lone Pine, CA.

Project Description: A proposal to build a 30-foot tall tri-pole communications tower to house an antenna at 1579 Indian Springs Dr., in the Alabama Hills and remove a 26-foot existing antenna attached to a garage located next door to the proposed project location at 1601 Indian Springs Dr. The proposed tower at 1579 Indian Springs Dr. will re-transmit wireless internet signals from existing towers located at 125 North Lakeview Street in Lone Pine, and 585 Alabama Drive in the Alabama Hills, making wireless internet service available to residential clients in the Alabama Hills and to a broader clientele area in the future.

The project site has two General Plan and two Zoning designations. The portion of the parcel the proposed project will be located has a General Plan designation of Residential Rural Medium Density (RRM) and a Zoning designation of Rural Residential with a 2.5-acre minimum (RR-2.5). A Conditional Use Permit is required in the RR Zone for the proposed use.

Project Action: Conditional Use Permit #2012-04/Branson

Project Contact Person: Cathreen Richards, Associate Planner (Phone: 760-878-0263)

Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

Summary:

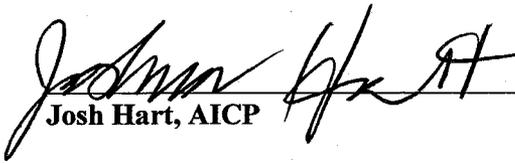
This is to advise that the Inyo County Planning Commission approved the above-described project on February 27, 2013. The decision was subsequently appealed to the Board of Supervisors on March 11, 2013. The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing for the appeal on April 16, 2013; denied the appeal; and, upheld the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.

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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 all documents relating to this project are available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Planning Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California.



Josh Hart, AICP

Director, Inyo County Planning Department

Title

April 16, 2013

Date

Date received for filing at OPR:

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CEQA Filing Fee No Effect Determination Form

Date Submitted: 01-13-2013

Applicant Name: Bruce Branson/Lone Pine TV

Applicant Address: PO Box 867, Lone Pine, CA 93545

Project Name: Conditional Use Permit 2012-04/Branson

CEQA Lead Agency: Inyo County

CEQA Document Type: Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration

SCH Number and/or local agency ID number: 2012101046

Project Location: Alabama Hills, Lone Pine (026-340-04)

Brief Project Description: The applicant proposes to build a 30-foot tall tri-pole communications tower at 1579 Indian Springs Dr., in the Alabama Hills and remove a 26-foot existing antenna attached to a garage located next door to the proposed project location at 1601 Indian Springs Dr. The proposed tower will re-transmit wireless internet signals from existing towers located at 125 North Lakeview Street in Lone Pine, and 585 Alabama Drive in the Alabama Hills, making wireless internet service available to residential clients in the Alabama Hills. No other physical improvements are proposed.

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: Heidi Seckler

Date: 2/14/13

Title: Habitat Conservation Supervisor