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## *Forest Service Authorizes Communication Site Improvements*

**Colville, WA...**Colville National Forest Supervisor Laura Jo West signed a decision on April 23, 2014, to authorize SBA Structures, LLC (SBA) to make improvements at their Chewelah Peak Communications Site, authorized under a Forest Service Communication Site Lease. The decision was documented in a Categorical Exclusion that can be found on the Colville National Forest Website: [www.fs.usda.gov/projects/colville/landmanagement/projects](http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/colville/landmanagement/projects)

The improvements were proposed by SBA to respond to current and prospective tenant's requests for additional equipment on the SBA towers and/or building. As site owner, SBA requested their Forest Service Lease be modified to accommodate additional improvement at the site. The improvements include the replacement of one existing 80-foot lattice tower with a 140-foot tall self-supporting tower, a 372 square-foot equipment building addition, and the installation of a second propane tank.

Construction is expected to start in late June or early July, and take an estimated 8 weeks to complete. Some short traffic delays may occur on the Cottonwood Divide Road (FS Road 4342000) during the movement of tower components, materials and supplies. During those periods SBA and/or their contractor will provide traffic control signs and pilot cars as needed.

For more information on this project, please contact Karen Nooney, Lands, Mineral and Special Uses Program Manager at (509) 684-7000

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