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Toiyabe National Forest
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Reply to: 1920

Date: July 14, 1988

Dear Forestholder:

The Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) was signed and approved on June 23, 1986 by Regional Forester Stan Tixier. As in all large couple documents, oversights are found after the document has been finalized and sent to the printers. One such non-significant errata oversight has come to our attention and I need of correction. The LRMP uses the term "validity examination" interchangeable within the meaning of "an informal review of a mining claimants mineral operation. This is an incorrect interpretation of the term "validity examination". The correct term to match the meaning of "an informal review of a mining claimants mineral operation" is justification examination. We, therefore, are making the following word changes related to minerals in the Toiyabe LRMP:

Page IV-58, item No. 12: Justification examinations may be conducted

Page IV-58, item No. 13: Justification examinations may be conducted...

Page IV-66, item No. 11: Justification examinations may be conducted..

Page IV-85, item Minerals 002 (A): Justification exams may be conducted

Page IV-93, item Minerals G02 (A): Justification exams may be conducted on proposed mineral operations.

Page IV-i04, item Minerals 002 (A): Justification exams may be conducted on proposed mineral operations.

Page IV-128, item Minerals 002(A): Justification exams may be conducted on proposed mineral operations.

Page IV-133, item Minerals G02(A): Justification exams may be conducted on proposed mining operations.

Page IV-152, last sentence: Justification exams may be conducted proposed mineral activities.

Appendix E, page E-10. Minerals: Validity examinations may be use to alleviate unauthorized occupancies. In areas withdrawn from mineral entry, validity examinations will be conducted on propose mining-related activities. Justification examinations may be conducted on proposed mining-related activities in RNA's that are not withdrawn from mineral entry and in proposed and br recommend wildernesses.

Appendix E, page E-25, Minerals: Validity examinations will be used to determine the validity of a mining claim in relation to a patent application and to alleviate administrative conflicts (such as withdrawn areas).

There may be more instances in the LRMP where the meaning of the two terms 'validity and 'renewal' examination is not clear. If you have a question on the exact meaning intended, please contact me or my staff at (702) 331-6444.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

DECISION MEMO
LRMP AMENDMENT #2

Sierra Pacific Power Company
Chimney Peak - Microwave Reflectors

TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST
Carson Ranger District

USDA Forest Service
Carson City, Nevada

Sierra Pacific Power Company has applied for a Special Use Permit to construct two microwave reflectors on National Forest System lands. The reflectors are needed to relay microwave signals from Reno to their microwave site at Chimney Peak. The proposed site is located in T.19N., R.18E., Section 34, SE1/4, MDB&14. The project would consist of construction of two 10 feet by 16 feet billboard type passive reflectors. The area of use would be 40 feet by 90 feet for a total area of 0.08 acres.

I have determined that this action is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement. An environmental analysis has been performed. The construction of low-impact facilities or improvements normally do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment and no extraordinary circumstances exist that might cause the action to have significant effect.

This is a non-significant amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan (LRNO) and is consistent with the management direction in Management Unit 2, including standards and guidelines.

This decision May be implemented immediately.

This decision is subject to appeal in accordance with Secretary of Agriculture Appeal; Regulation 36 CFR 217. A notice of appeal must be filed with the Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street Ogden, Utah 84401, within 45 days of the date of this decision with a copy simultaneously sent to Forest Supervisor, 1200 Franklin Way, Sparks, Nevada 89431.

For further information, contact Guy V. Pence at (702) 882-2766.

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DECISION MEMO
LAMP Amendment #3
Musser-Jarvis Watershed
Management Area 3
Carson Ranger District
Toiyabe National Forest

A portion of the Musser-Jarvis Watershed is located in Management Area 3, Alpine County, California. General Management Area Direction for this watershed states:

“Vegetative manipulation will be conducted to enhance watershed, range, wildlife, aesthetic and vegetative vigor; and to minimize the potential for catastrophic wildfire and insect and disease infestations” (LAMP IV-87).

Specific direction for This watershed states:

“Continue to manage the Musser-Jarvis municipal watershed as follows:
Allow no livestock grazing, no road or trail construction, and no timber cutting”.

Management direction for this area dates back in the 1950’s and 60’s under the old Multiple Use (MU) Plans. Management direction under those MU plans for this watershed has been to allow no land uses which would adversely affect watershed conditions or water quality.

This watershed has long been an important source of irrigation and domestic water for the Markleeviile area. A special use permit, dated September 30, 1910, to the Markleeviile Ditch Company authorized the maintenance and operation of a ditch. A permit, dated June 4, 1962, to the Markleeviile Water Company authorized another system of diversion for municipal water to the communities of Markleeviile and Markleevillage. The protection of the watershed has for sometime now been the highest and best use of this piece of National Forest System lands.

Local concern has developed recently for some type of treatment to address a bark beetle infestation and concurrent fuel build-up in an area adjacent to private residential areas. Local residents fear, due to the fuels situation, the area has the potential for a conflagration. Any type of ignition poses a threat to private property and the municipal watershed.

The Carson Ranger District initiated a review of this situation in 1990 under the Forest Monitoring and Evaluation process and concluded that the current management direction was too restrictive to accomplish the overall management area direction. A change in wording from “no timber cutting to “no timber production” would allow sufficient management flexibility to apply mechanical vegetative manipulation without compromising the specific management intent of protecting this municipal watershed. Therefore, the proposed word change would amend the Toiyabe Land and Resource Management Plan (LAMP) from:

‘Continue to manage the Musser-Jarvis Municipal Watershed as follows: allow no livestock grazing, no road or trail construction and no timber cutting”

TO

“Continue to manage the Musser-Jarvas Municipal watershed as follows: allow no livestock grazing, nor road or trail construction and no timber production’. (See definitions in glossary of LAMP).

What this word change would do, is allow timber to be manipulated through, but not limited to cutting or chopping or burning for purposes other than the purposeful crowing, tending, harvesting and regeneration of regulated crops of trees to be cut into logs, bolts or other round sections for industrial or consumer use. Vegetation in this watershed could be cut for the purposes of fuelwood or one-time harvesting to accomplish non-timber production objectives.

I have determined that this action is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, as this action falls within the scope of analysis completed in the Toiyabe Land and Resource Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement. Specifically, direct and indirect effects would not change as displayed on pages V.49 through V.55 of the LRMP ES. I have determined this after a review of the literature and after an environmental analysis had been performed.

This word change will not have a significant affect on the quality of the human environment and no extraordinary circumstances exist that might cause the action to have significant effects.

This is a non-significant amendment to the Land and Resource Management Plan and is consistent with the management direction in Management Area 3, including Standard and Guidelines.

This decision is subject to administrative review in accordance with 38 CFR 217. Any appeal of this decision must include the information required by 36 OFA 217.9 (Content of a notice of appeal), including the reasons for appeal. Two (2) copies of the Notice of Appeal must be filed with Regional Forester, Intermountain Region, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401 within 45 days of the date of publication in Reno Gazette-Journal. This decision may be implemented 7 calendar days after the legal notice of the decision is published in the newspaper. For further information concerning this amendment, you may contact Robert M. Larkin, Planning Staff Officer, Toiyabe National Forest.