## Amendment 18

## Amendment to the Toiyabe National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan Mountain Warfare Training Center Communication Infrastructure Upgrades Project

## Designation of 9494 Site

My decision amends the communications site direction in the 1986 Toiyabe National Forest LRMP to designate the 9494 site (approximately 0.14 acre) as a new communication site. Section 90.3.1 requires that "Communications sites must be designated in a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) decision document. The designation may be reflected in a separate NEPA decision document or in a land and resource management plan (LRMP) or amendment or revision to a LRMP". The 9494 site is not currently designated as a Communications Site in the Toiyabe National Forest LRMP, and therefore authorization of this site will require amending the Toiyabe National Forest LRMP to allow for the communications tower and equipment on the site. The site will be designated as a FS/MCMWTC (government only) facility.

The Forest Service will amend MCMWTC existing special use authorization (BRI250). MCMWTC's use will be authorized as a private mobile radio service (PMRS - 806), which is defined as a FCC licensed private mobile radio systems primarily used by a single entity for the purpose of mobile internal communications and the communications equipment directly related to the operation, maintenance, or monitoring of the use. The communications service cannot be sold to others and is limited to the user (FSH 2709.11.90 Exhibit 01).

## Site Description

The 9494 site is a non-broadcast site to be used by government entities only. It is located at an elevation of 9,422 feet at 38° 19' 36" N and 119°34'39"W at the Northeast edge of a northeast to southwest trending ridgeline in the NW 'A of the SE 'A of the NE 'A of Section 32 T 6 N, R22 E. The largest community served by the site will be the MCMWTC and the Community of Coleville, California.

Forest Service Handbook (FSH) 2709.11 Chapter 90 (WO Amendment 2709. 11-2009-9, effective September 30, 2009) identifies Forest Service policy regarding Communications Site Management.