

Decision Summary – Energy Infrastructure

Project Name	California Creek Powerline Project		
Forest	Humboldt-Toiyabe	Region	R4
Choose Type of Activity (Wilderness, Roadless, Energy infrastructure, Minerals, Vegetation CE, Land Management Plan) and level of Decision (No DM, DM, DN/FONSI, ROD)			
Energy Infrastructure, DM			
Planned Decision Date	February 12, 2021		

Summary Description

Purpose/Need
The powerline to private land inholding was destroyed during the Browns Gulch Fire. There is a need to replace the powerline to the private property.
Intended Selected Action
The selected action will approve the installation of an underground electric line for 2,100 feet across NFS land on the Mountain City Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. The electric line will be buried at a minimum depth of 42 inches. All disturbance will be limited to previously disturbed areas within the existing footprint of NFS road 56936.
Potentially Significant Effects or Extraordinary Circumstances (if any)
The activities as outlined in the proposed action fit within the following identified categorical exclusion: (36 CFR 220.6(e)3) “Approval, modification, or continuation of minor special uses that require less than 20 acres of NFS lands.”
There are no extraordinary circumstances associated with this proposal, based on interdisciplinary analysis and in accordance with the seven extraordinary circumstances, as defined by USFS regulations at (36 CFR 220.6(b)).
Public Involvement (include State, local governments and Tribal consultation)
The scoping letter was mailed to potentially affected parties on April 23, 2019. No issues or concerns were raised during public involvement.
A letter to local tribal government inviting tribal input was mailed on April 23, 2019. The project was discussed at several of the regularly scheduled tribal consultation meetings. No issues or concerns were raised by the local tribes.
Timeline Considerations (statutory, court-related, administrative) and Objections Status
No statutory, court-related, administrative timeline considerations apply. The decision is not subject to objection.