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Wireless Telecommunications Committee

Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Location: Tech Services Conference Room

Time: 2 P.M.

WTC Members in Attendance:

Bret De Young, Supv. Technology Services

Dustin Sene, Radio Technician

Doug Madsen, Compliance Outdoor Recreation Planner

Proposals:

Druid Peak Temporary/Permanent Repeater: An MRA was approved by the Wilderness Coordinator for a temporary test repeater on Druid Peak. This proved successful so a Wireless Proposal was submitted to comply with EA and FONSI for a permanent repeater. This addresses several previous issues addressing safety and reliability concerns for the park's primary communications system. Proposal was signed by committee and will be recommended to superintendent for approval.

Verizon Wireless Network Extender: Proposal from Andy Bilton submitted to the WTC to consider this device on a trial basis. Committee signed proposal with the comment that it would be for testing and deployment in areas approved in Wireless Plan. Committee recommended proposal for approval to superintendent with remarks.

Northeast Entrance Seismic Monitor: A seismic station at the Northeast Entrance was specifically discussed on page 4 of the FONSI. The committee signed proposal and recommended to the superintendent for approval, based on FONSI, with remarks.

Informational Updates

Qwest PSC Fiber Optic Installation: Edits to project description were documented with memo to file and signed by superintendent completing NEPA. ROW legal description is being confirmed, once this is confirmed it will be pink slipped and then sent to Qwest by superintendent. Project is currently held up in Yankee Jim Canyon awaiting Forest Service ROW. Qwest may do the work in Gardiner in the Fall. A new ROW has to be sent to Denver by superintendent for signature.

Federal Register Notice for the WTF and Cell Tower at Lake: The Federal Register Notice is in the hands of the Solicitors in Denver, they are consulting with the Solicitor in Washington. Committee needs a memo, in writing, stating that a Federal Register Notice is not needed, per notes from last meeting.

Roundtable – Non Agenda items

Cellular Courtesy Signs: Park ordered 25 signs, a record needs to be started for central files including proposals, agendas, and minutes.

Next Meeting- Monday, 10/19/2010 at 10 A.M., Tech Services Conference Room.

Telecommunications Committee

This FONSI modifies Alternative C by clarifying the role of the Telecommunications Committee. To clarify, this committee will 1) receive and address requests for wireless service, 2) ensure proposals adhere to the wireless communications plan, 3) make recommendations to the Superintendent regarding any action to be taken. The committee will ensure that any new proposals follow the intent of the preferred alternative (i.e. proposals will need to fall within the actions and areas discussed in the alternative and adhere to the limitations imposed under the preferred alternative). Any new proposals to install additional wireless communications services, repeater sites, or equipment will be reviewed by the park Telecommunications Committee, which is led by the telecommunications specialist and comprised of members from compliance and resource programs. This committee will review each proposal for purpose and need, resource impacts, and adherence to the guidance established by this plan, NPS DO-53, frequency coordination, and permitting by the FCC. The committee will also determine whether each proposal meets the objectives of the plan. The committee will make recommendations to the superintendent regarding the allowance of new or altered Wireless Communications Facilities (WCFs). The committee will also update the criteria established in this plan based on technology changes, make recommendations based on new technology, and document all decisions regarding wireless communications projects. Also as a point of clarification, as a part of the committee process, site specific consultation for National Register listed or eligible property (such as Mt. Washburn,