RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. **Proposed Action:** Western proposes to re-align the Christmas Tree to Davis antenna within the fenced area of the Christmas Tree Pass Communication Site, Clark County, Nevada. This work is necessary to maintain the safety and reliability of the bulk electrical system. Western will use existing access roads and vehicles such as pickup trucks & crew trucks to bring personnel and equipment to the work area.

The attached map shows the project area location. The legal description is Section 17 Township 31 South, Range 65 East on the Mt. Diablo Meridian (USGS Spirit Mountain, Nevada 7.5' maps). This work is planned to be completed by December 31, 2011.

B. **Categorical Exclusion Applied:** 10 CFR, Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.7: "Acquisition, installation, operation and removal of communication systems, data processing equipment and similar electronic equipment."

C. **Regulatory Requirements in 10 CFR 1021.410 (b):**

1. The proposed action fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix B to Subpart D.

   a. The proposed action was reviewed for the requirements of the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act, and all applicable Department of Energy Orders.

   b. The proposed action does not require the siting, construction, or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities.

   c. The proposed action does not disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminates, or CERLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that pre-exist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled and unpermitted releases.

   d. The proposed action was reviewed and surveyed for impacts to cultural and sensitive biological resources. Cultural and sensitive biological resources have been determined to not be affected.

2. There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposal that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal; and

3. The proposal is not "connected" to other actions with potentially significant impacts, is not related to other proposed actions with cumulatively significant impacts, and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211.

D. Determination: Based on my review of information conveyed to me and in my possession (or attached) concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (as authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have determined that the proposed action fits within the specified class of actions, the other regulatory requirements set forth above are met, and the proposed action is hereby categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

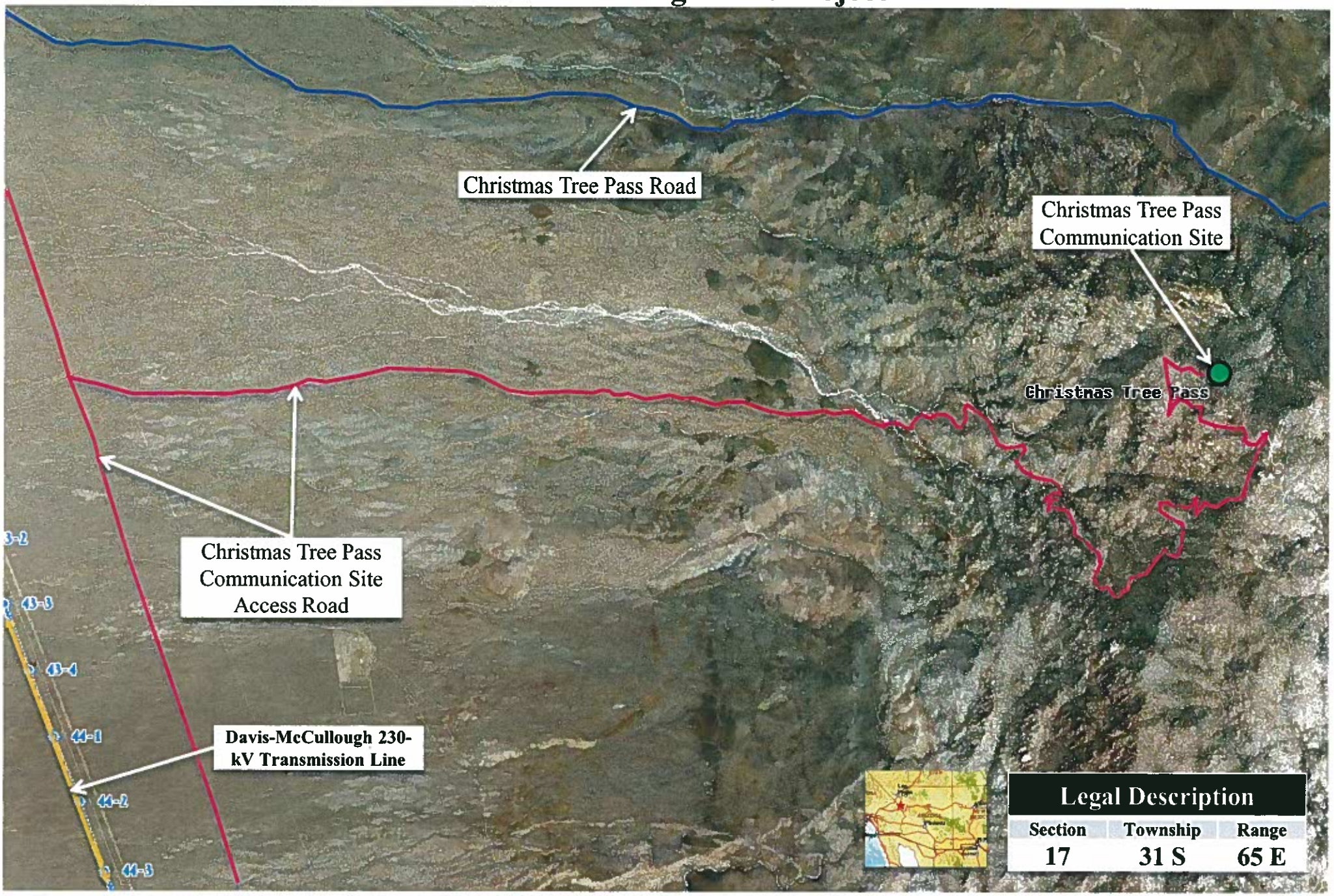
E. Special Conditions: NONE

John R. Holt
NEPA Compliance Officer

3/16/11
Date

Christmas Tree Pass Communication Site

Antenna Re-Alignment Project



Legal Description

Section	Township	Range
17	31 S	65 E