Categorical Exclusion for the Flagstaff and Pinnacle Peak communication site building demolition in Coconino and Maricopa Counties, Arizona

RECORD OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION

A. **Proposed Action:** Western proposes to remove communication buildings and associated items from the Flagstaff and Pinnacle Peak substations, because they no longer meet our needs and we do not anticipate finding a use for it in the future. This will consist of demolishing buildings and removing communication towers from both locations. The buildings are presently vacant. Western will use crew trucks and pickup trucks along existing access roads to bring personnel and equipment to the work area.

The project is located in Coconino and Maricopa Counties, Arizona. The attached maps show the project area locations. The legal descriptions are Section 24 Township 21 North, Range 9 East & Section 10 Township 4 North, Range 4 East Gila and Salt River Meridian (USGS Winona and Curry's Corner, AZ 7.5' maps). Western owns the land. Work at the Flagstaff communication site is planned to begin the last week of August 2011 and the Pinnacle Peak communication site is planned to begin October 2011.

B. **Categorical Exclusion Applied:** 10 CFR, Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, B1.23 "Demolition and subsequent disposal of buildings, equipment, and support structures (including, but not limited to, smokestacks and parking lot surfaces)."

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:

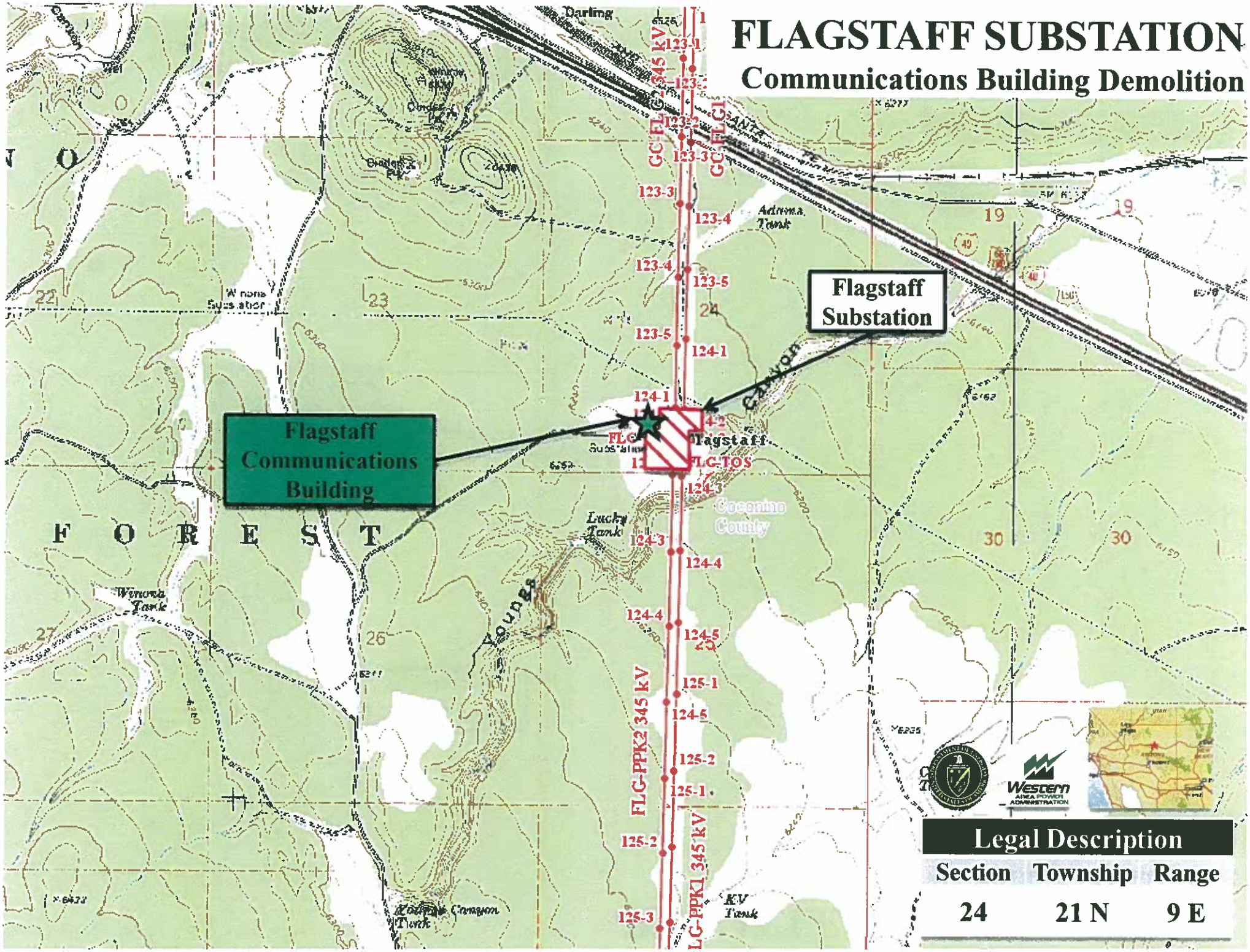
1. **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) notification and fee payment for demolition is required by Arizona Department of Environmental Quality if the buildings at Flagstaff and Pinnacle Peak communication sites are being demolished and not removed as a whole.**

Linda J. Hughes
NEPA Compliance Officer

8-25-11
Date

FLAGSTAFF SUBSTATION

Communications Building Demolition



Legal Description

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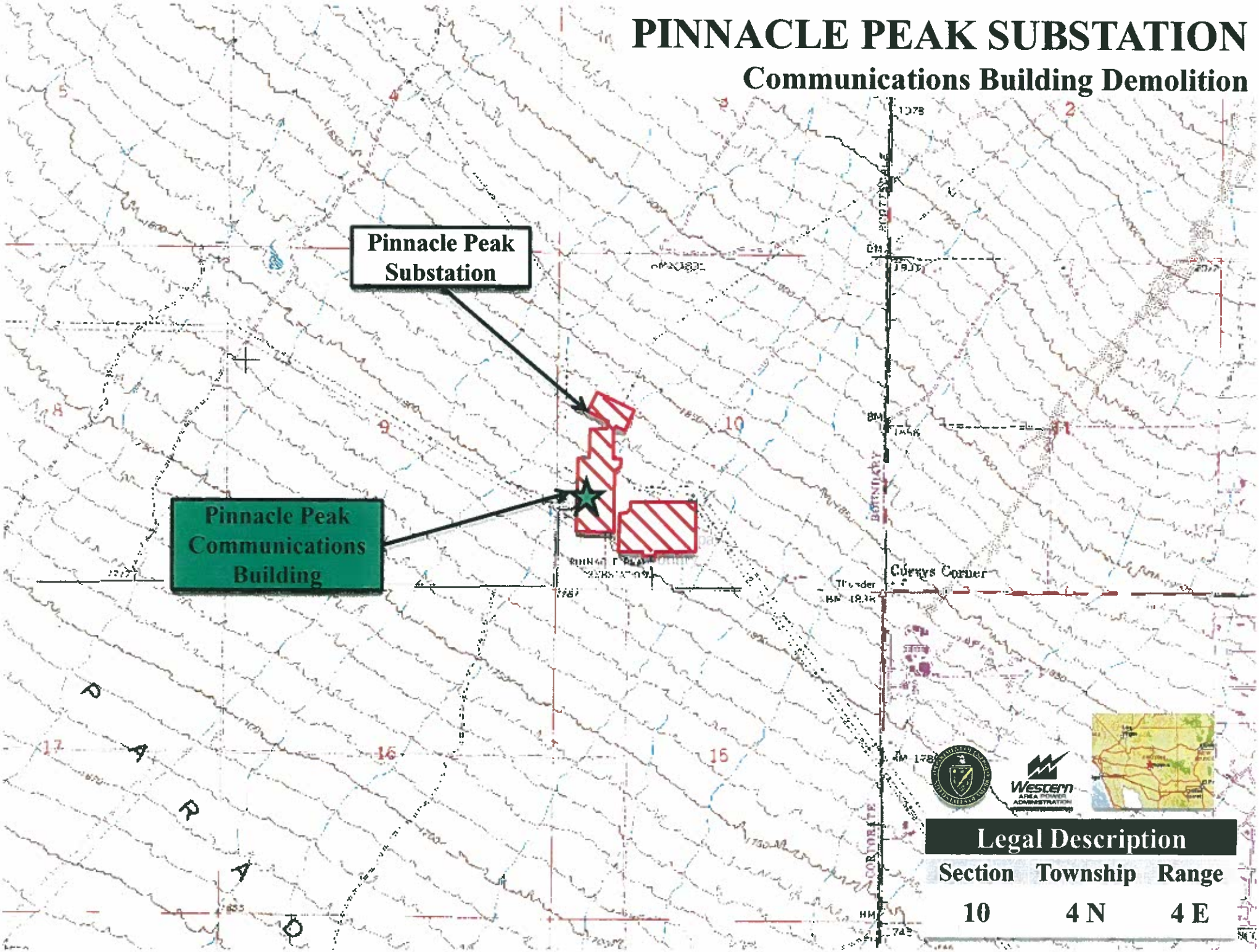
PINNACLE PEAK SUBSTATION

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