

# RECLAMATION


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## Categorical Exclusion Checklist

### Fallon Field Office Trailer Removal and Clean-up

LO-2014-1029

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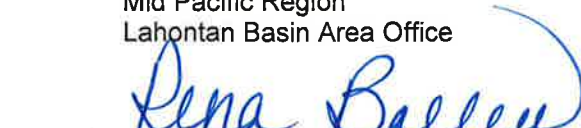
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**Project Name:** Fallon Field Office Trailer Removal and Clean-up

**CEC Number:** LO-2014-1029

**Cost Authority:** 15XR0680A2 RX191249991000000

**Date:** 05/04/2015

**7.5 Minute Quad Map:** Fallon Quad, Nevada

**Exclusion Category:** *516 DM 14.5 C.3 – Minor construction activities associated with authorized projects which correct unsatisfactory environmental conditions or which merely augment or supplement, or are enclosed within existing facilities.*

**Nature of Action:** Removal of temporary structures and site clean-up on a 2.97 acre lot, located at the Fallon Field Office and Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) Headquarters.

Reclamation is proposing to remove:

- One modular building, 50' long x 28' wide (Figure 3, bldg. on right)
- One modular building, 57' long x 26' wide (Figure 3, bldg. on left)
- One carport shed, 24' long x 21' wide (Figure 6)
- Two mobile homes, 39' long x 10' wide (Figure 5)
- Two storage sheds (Figure 4)
- Concrete walkway located in front of modular building, 153' long x 4' wide x 3" deep
- One radio tower, 3 guy wires, and the 3' long x 3' wide x 18" deep concrete slab the tower sits on (Figure 3, center)

The modular buildings and mobile homes will be lifted using jacks, removed by trailer and rolled away. Buried gas lines, powerlines, waterlines, and one septic tank, will be abandoned in place. A second septic tank services the on-site warehouse and will be left in place.

The two storage sheds will be torn down using heavy equipment. The storage sheds do not have footers or a foundation so the removal of the sheds will not result in digging or extensive ground disturbance. The carport shed can be lifted up as is and removed from the site.

The radio tower and guy wires will be dismantled on site and the concrete pad it sits on will be removed and disposed of.

Asbestos and lead paint are not present in the structures. Mold is present in one of the modular buildings but has been inspected and it has been determined that it is not toxic black mold that requires hazmat team removal. The company contracted for the removal will be consulted on how to dispose.

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**Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion**

1.	This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. (40 CFR 1502.3).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
2.	This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA Section 102(2) (E) and 43 CFR 46.215 (c)].	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
3.	This action will have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
4.	This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principle drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (E.O. 11990); floodplains (E.O. 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
5.	The action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risk (43 CFR 46.215 (d)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
6.	This action would establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
7.	This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
8.	This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau (in coordination with a Reclamation cultural resources professional, RM LND 02-01 D(1)(a)) (43 CFR 46.215 (g)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
9.	This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Uncertain <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

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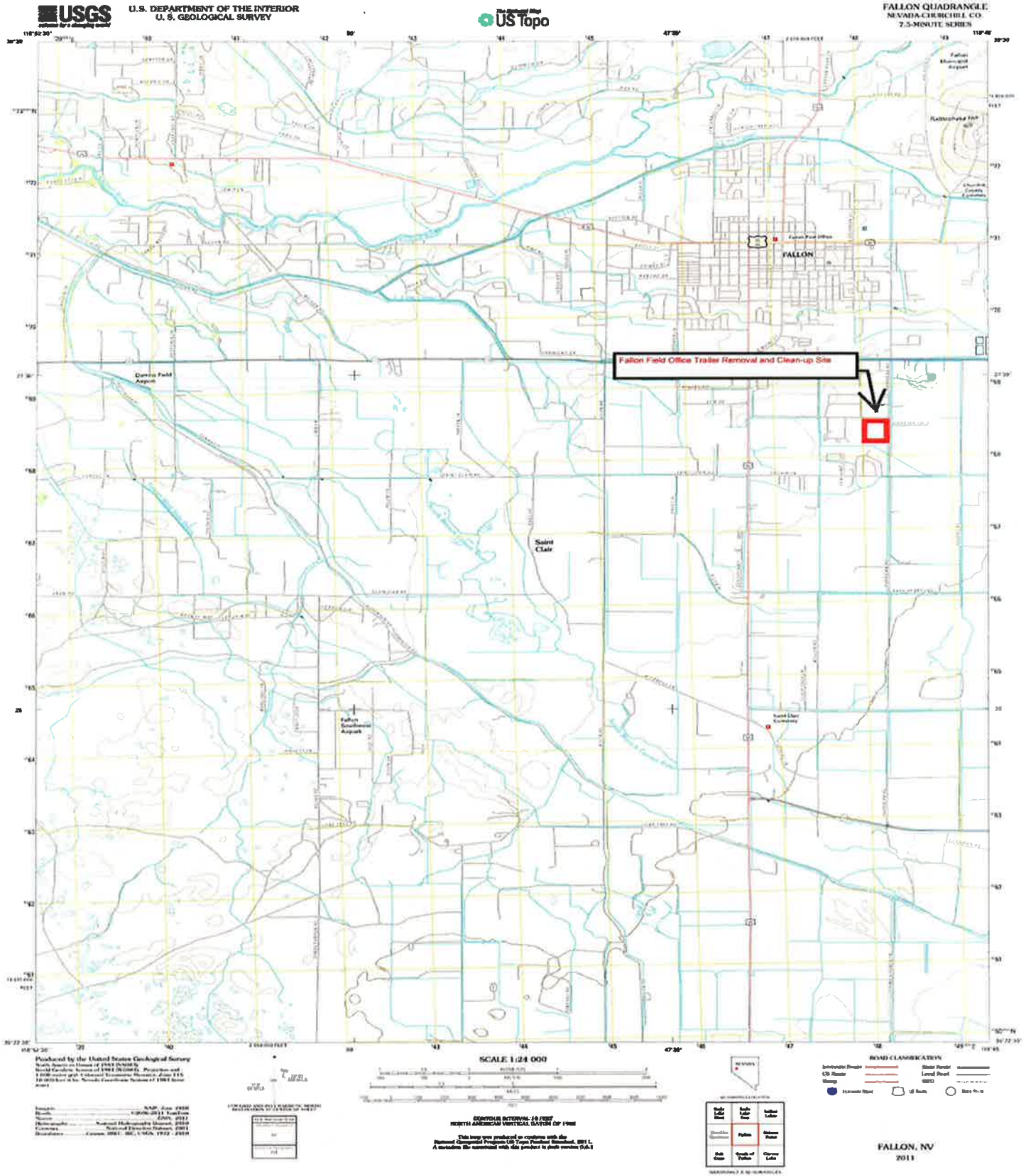


Figure 1 – USGS Fallon Quad



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Figure 3 - Two Modular Buildings and Radio Tower



Figure 4 - Looking at Modular Building to the Right with two Storage Sheds on Left

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE  
Division of Environmental Affairs  
Cultural Resources Branch (MP-153)**

**MP-153 Tracking Number:** 14-LBAO-295

**Project Name:** Fallon Field Office Structure Removal and Clean-up Project, Churchill County, Nevada

**NEPA Document:** CEC

**NEPA Contact:** Julia Long, Natural Resource Specialist

**MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer:** Scott Williams, Archaeologist 

**Date:** May 5, 2015

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Reclamation proposes to remove temporary field office structures, perform general site cleanup, and conduct minor earth moving activities on 2 acres of Reclamation land within the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (TCID) Headquarters compound in Fallon, Nevada. This action constitutes an undertaking with the potential to cause effects to historic properties, requiring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) as amended.

Reclamation completed a records search and field investigation. Just prior to fieldwork, Reclamation reviewed in-house documentation and past project data, conducted an online search of the Nevada Cultural Resources Inventory System (NVCRIS), and reviewed data available at the Nevada State Museum. A cultural resource pedestrian survey was completed by Mr. Scott Williams, Reclamation Archaeologist, on February 4, 2015. No historic properties were identified within the project APE through the records search or the pedestrian survey.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.4(a)(4), Reclamation invited the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe to assist in the identification of properties in the project area which may be of religious and cultural significance to them. To date, no responses have been received. Reclamation will consider all tribal comments and contact your office as appropriate if any such properties are subsequently identified.

Reclamation consulted with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on a finding of no historic properties affected pursuant to 36 CFR §800.4(d)(1) in the attached letter dated March 17, 2015 (Certified receipt March 30, 2015) seeking concurrence with the finding that the undertaking results in no adverse effects to historic properties pursuant to [36 CFR §800.5(d)(1)]. The SHPO received the consultation package on March 30, 2015 and has yet to respond to Reclamations request for review and comment. Pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR §800.5(c), a State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) has 30 days from receipt to review an agency finding. The regulations also state that "...the agency official shall then carry out the undertaking in accordance with paragraph (d)(1) of this section [§800.5(c)(1)]. Because the

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**ATTACHMENT B**

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR Mail - Re: ITA Review Request



**Long, Julia** <jlong@usbr.gov>

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**Re: ITA Review Request**

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**Johnson, Charles**

Mon, Jan 26, 2015 at 4:16  
PM

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Cc: "STEVENSON, RICHARD" <rstevenson@usbr.gov>

Julia,

Dick passed on your ITA request as we are still a few days away from having the ITA application up and running in Tessel.

While your TRS was off (a 19E vs 29E typo) I can say that there should be no impacts from the proposed demolition and removal work on any known ITAs. You can continue to process the CEC for the work at the Fallon Field Office/TCID headquarters.

The closest Indian land is the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Colony about 1.5 miles north of the field office.

*Chuck Johnson*

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Please see attached ITA Request.

Let me know if you would like for me to send you the project description without pics so you can past into your reply.

Thank you,

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