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Avi Kwa Ame National Monument

August 2024 Update

Monument Manager



Welcome Eamon Brennan to Avi Kwa Ame National Monument!

One beautiful September morning, Eamon Brennan came into this world and immediately regretted the decision. Never one to quit something, even if tedious and Sisyphean in nature, he continued onward into life determined to improve what he could and what he couldn't fix he would turn into humor since as an Absurdist he believes you must imagine Sisyphus happy. In pursuit of this, he attended college majoring in History and Anthropology to try and understand humanity and how it got to this point in time.

Finding no solace or path forward in history, post-college Eamon decided to create his own path, literally by spending his twenties designing and building trails for the BLM, Forest Service, various Conservation Corps, and NPS as well as working as a Park Ranger to expand recreation opportunities both in America and abroad during his frequent sojourns to Eurasia. Eamon has spent his thirties working in New Mexico both as an Outdoor Recreation Planner for the Carlsbad Field Office building new trail systems, creating a standardized interpretive plan for the office, leading massive National Public Lands Day events, and engaging with various stakeholders, resource staff, federal agencies, and the public to support sustainable recreation; as well as a Monument Manager/Assistant Field Manager for the Rio Puerco Field Office overseeing Kasha Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument and El Malpais National Conservation Area.

He is hoping to take what he has learned working with stakeholders ranging from small recreation focused non-profits and international corporations all the way to Tribal Nations to help Avi Kwa Ame National Monument be successful in whatever way the stakeholders decide it should be. If you would like to say hello and introduce yourself to Eamon, please feel free to send an e-mail to ebrennan@blm.gov.

Extended Deadline for the Monument Advisory Committee

Good news! The call for nominations for the Monument Advisory Committee for the Avi Kwa Ame National Monument has been extended. The new deadline is **September 30**. Please send nomination packages to Kirsten Cannon by e-mail at k1cannon@blm.gov.

For more information, please visit <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/nevada/avi-kwa-ame-mac>

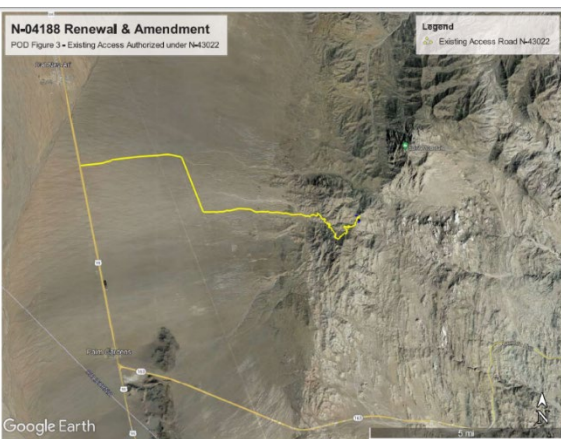
Proposed Actions in the Monument

Spring Restoration

The BLM received Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act funding for restoration of springs that are degraded or at risk of damage. In the past two years, field crews with the Springs Stewardship Institute have surveyed springs in southern Nevada to establish a baseline condition of vegetation condition, spring functionality, biological diversity and other metrics. Hiko Spring and Granite Spring are identified as springs impacted by visitor use and require protection and restoration. New fencing and/or large boulders will be installed and invasive weeds removed.

The BLM hopes to start restoration activities in the fall. If you have questions, please contact Project Manager Jimmy Linares at jlinares@blm.gov or (702) 515-5056.

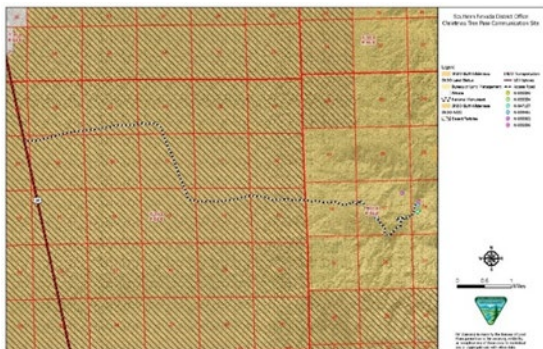
NV Energy Christmas Tree Pass Communications Site Underground 12.5kV Distribution Line Right-of-Way



NV Energy submitted an application for the renewal and amendment of a Right-of-Way at the Christmas Tree Pass Communications Site. The amendment request is to increase the width of the existing right-of-way to provide for a new underground 12.5kV distribution line to a customer facility by adding a 25-foot-long by 40-foot-wide segment and include existing roads.

The proposed action will cover 0.13 acres of previous disturbance of existing roads and facilities and 0.2 acres of new disturbance for the installation of an underground 405-foot-long 12.5kV distribution line. The line will be within and/or alongside an existing dirt road in the expanded ROW for approximately 380 feet, and within a new extension of the ROW into the existing T-Mobile facility. The proposed Project is in its early stage of internal review.

Christmas Tree Pass Communication Site Communication Use Leases



The Christmas Tree Pass Communication Site is an existing facility on Spirit Mountain. County of San Bernadino, Tri State Amateur Radio, Insite Towers, Vertical Bridge Assets, Mohave Valley Fire District, SpectraSite Communication, LLC c/o American Towers have applied for renewals and amendments of their existing communication use leases at this site. There will not be any additional ground disturbance outside of the existing lease areas. The proposed application is in its early stage of internal review.

Any questions?

For general inquiries, contact the monument e-mail at blm_nv_avikwaame@blm.gov. If you are interested in scheduling a Government-to-Government meeting regarding any of these topics, please contact Kat Aben, BLM Southern Nevada District Tribal Liaison, at (702) 515-5044 or kaben@blm.gov.