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  - No Effect Concurrence Letter from Larry Crist, Field Supervisor with the USFWS dated October 19, 2010
  - Notification of the Proposed Project to Native American Tribes by NTIA via the Tower Construction Notification System (TCNS) dated October 29, 2010
  - Memorandum of November 9, 2010 Telephone Conversation with Susan Zarekarizi of the Utah Parks and Recreation Department
  - Memorandum of November 15, 2010 Telephone Conversation with Mike Pectol of the USACE
  - Letter from John Urbanic with the USACE dated November 18, 2010
  - Email from NTIA detailing received Native American responses to TCNS Notification dated January 6, 2011
  - Letter from Ben Hart with Layton City dated December 22, 2010
  - Memorandum of January 18, 2011 Telephone Conversation with Chuck Williamson with the Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Water Rights
  - Letter dated December 28, 2010 to the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer (signed on January 11, 2011)

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## Acronyms

APE	Area of Potential Effects
BMP	Best Management Practices
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act
DERR	Division of Environmental Response and Remediation
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
GHG	Greenhouse Gases
LWCF	Land and Water Conservation Fund
LUST	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks
Mbps	Megabits per second
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NOI	Notice of Intent
NPL	National Priorities List
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NTIA	National Telecommunications Information Agency
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	Particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns
PM <sub>10</sub>	Particulate matter smaller than ten microns
RLS	Reconnaissance Level Survey
SIP	State Implementation Plan
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SWPPP	Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program
TCNS	Tower Construction Notification System
TCP	Traditional Cultural Property
UDAQ	Utah Department of Air Quality
UDOT	Utah Department of Transportation
UDWQ	Utah Department of Water Quality
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UPDES	Utah Pollution Discharge Elimination System
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
UTOPIA	Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency

## Executive Summary

The Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency (UTOPIA) Community Partnership Project proposes to construct a fiber-optic broadband network to provide services to 395 anchor institutions, government facilities, and other critical community-support organizations within the proposed network boundaries. The purpose of this project is to extend broadband connectivity in eight municipalities that are part of the UTOPIA consortium along the Wasatch Front, including Payson and Orem in Utah County; Murray, Midvale, and West Valley City in Salt Lake County; Centerville and Layton in Davis County; and Perry in Box Elder County.

The Proposed Action consists of the construction of approximately 254 total miles of middle-mile fiber-optic cable facilities (middle mile distribution rings and middle mile laterals both underground and overhead on existing power poles) in the UTOPIA consortium communities. The project will also provide high-speed broadband service connections through multiple service providers at 10 Mbps and higher to various anchor institutions, including:

- 39 kindergarten-12 grade schools
- 1 library
- 55 medical or healthcare provider facilities
- 161 public safety sites
- 3 community college campus locations
- 13 public housing complexes
- 12 institutions of higher learning other than community colleges
- 7 other community support organizations
- 104 other government facilities

Proposed construction is characterized as an urban overbuild upon already developed land. The proposed utility lines will utilize existing distribution facilities where possible. Where existing overhead lines are not available or underground installation is required, construction would occur within existing utility easements within roadway rights-of-way in order to minimize environmental disturbance. The proposed project would also include the construction of approximately 80 10-foot by 10-foot pre-fabricated structures (“huts”) with concrete slab foundations for the deployment of the fiber optic network to the anchor institutions, as well as future last mile deployments. All of these structures would be located on previously disturbed land parcels located within municipal city limits.

During the development of the Proposed Action for this project, various alternatives for the cable installation were looked at, including alternatives that would utilize only aerial installation or only underground installation for the proposed cable routes. However, it was determined that the best approach was a hybrid of both aerial and underground installation in order to best utilize existing utility corridors and to avoid unnecessary installation of additional poles in the case of an all-aerial option or unnecessary trenching for an all-underground option. Therefore, both options were eliminated from further discussion.

A summary of the environmental impacts from the project is as follows:

- **Noise:** The project would have temporary construction-related noise impacts.
- **Air Quality:** The project would have temporary construction-related air quality impacts.
- **Geology and Soils:** The project would have temporary construction-related impacts related to ground disturbance but no permanent impacts on soils or geologic features.

- **Water Resources:** No impacts to water resources are anticipated from the project; however, if impacts to wetlands are required, a Section 404 Permit will be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- **Biological Resources:** The project has been determined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to have no effect on Threatened and Endangered Species listed under the Endangered Species Act; the project would also have no impact on state-sensitive species.
- **Historic and Cultural Resources:** The project has been determined to have No Adverse Effect on historic and cultural resources and the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer has concurred with this determination.
- **Aesthetic and Visual Resources:** The project would have temporary construction-related impacts and minimal permanent impacts on visual resources.
- **Land Use:** The project would not substantially alter land usage in the project area; however, it would involve impacts to resources subject to the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act requiring mitigation.
- **Infrastructure:** The project would have temporary construction-related impacts to local roadways and would provide beneficial impacts in the form of increased broadband services and capability for previously unserved or underserved areas.
- **Socioeconomics:** The project would have beneficial impacts in the form of increased broadband services and capability for previously unserved or underserved areas.
- **Human Health and Safety:** The project would have no adverse impacts to human health and safety.