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Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #:			
Project Title:	Ash Hill Communication Site Project		
Lead Agency:	California Department of Fish and Wildlife		
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Project Locati		San Bernardino	
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Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed project by InterConnect Towers, LLC (Applicant) aims to enhance cellular communication capability along Interstate 40 (I-40) in San Bernardino County, California. The project entails the construction of a multi-carrier communication site on Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered land. Key components of the project include a 196-foot communication tower, an equipment shelter, solar arrays, propane generators, and a secure perimeter fence. Upon completion of construction, any temporarily disturbed areas will be meticulously restored. The project area is northeast of National Trails Highway (Route 66) and north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad. The facility is designed to accommodate a minimum of four national carriers and government agencies. An existing access road would be utilized to connected to the project site. The project is subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and requires and Incidental Take Permit (ITP) under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) for the protection of the Mojave Desert tortoise. Additionally, an application for a Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) Agreement has been submitted. The primary objectives of the proposed project are to enhance coverage capabilities, meet telecommunication requirements, and ensure adherence to rigorous environmental standards.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project would result in potential impacts related to aesthetics, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures/applicant proposed measures are proposed for each of these impact areas which would reduce all potential impacts to a less than significant impact.

Mitigation measures and applicant proposed measures are outlined in the MND.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

No known areas of controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Bureau of Land Management U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 6)