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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Lassen Volcanic National Park has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Mineral Headquarters Utilities Replacement Environmental Assessment (EA). Acting Pacific West Regional Director Stephanie Burkhart signed the FONSI on May 17, 2013.

The purpose of the project is to improve staff and community safety, increase energy efficiency, protect National Register of Historic Plans (NRHP) listed cultural resources, and reduce labor and budgetary costs associated with the park's utility infrastructure. The EA examined two alternatives in detail, addressed the environmental impacts of each alternative, and identified a preferred alternative. The FONSI explains why the Selected Alternative (Alternative B) will have no significant effects on the human environment. It is based on the EA and the comments received from the public, interested parties, agencies, and staff during the public review period, which concluded May 3, 2012. The FONSI summarizes the public comments received, lists the responses to those comments, and identifies the changes to the text in the EA as a result of the public and agency comments.

The selected alternative will replace the existing overhead and underground utilities in the park headquarters area in Mineral. The following utility systems will be replaced: potable and fire water, electrical, telephone/data/IT, propane, sanitary sewer, and site lighting. To the greatest extent possible, buried utilities will be consolidated to minimize trenching. Roads will be repaved where utility trenches are dug, and water testing and inspection of the sewer and water lines will also be completed.

These errata, attached to the EA are intended to correct or clarify statements in the EA other than typographical and minor editorial errors and to address public comments on the documents received during the public review period.

The approved FONSI to replace utilities is on file at park headquarters in Mineral and can be found online at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lavo>.

Together the FONSI, the EA, and the errata represent the National Park Service's approved action to replace utilities at Mineral Headquarters. We thank you for your interest and concern for the future of Lassen Volcanic National Park.

Sincerely,

Darlene M. Koontz  
Superintendent