

construct a concentrated solar thermal power plant facility approximately 14 miles west of El Centro, CA, in Imperial County. The project site is just south of Plaster City between the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and the Interstate 8 highway. The facility is expected to operate for approximately 30 years. The proposed project would utilize SunCatcher technology, consisting of approximately 30,000 25-kilowatt solar power dishes with a generating capacity of approximately 750 megawatts (MW) to be built in two phases. The first phase would consist up to 12,000 SunCatcher configured in 200 1.5 MW solar groups of 60 SunCatchers per group and have a net nominal generating capacity of 300 MW. The second phase would consist of approximately 18,000 SunCatchers configured in 500 1.5 MW groups with a net generating capacity of 450 MW. Each SunCatcher system consists of an approximate 38-foot high by 40-foot wide solar concentrator dish that supports an array of curved glass mirror facets designed to automatically track the sun and focus solar energy onto a Power Conversion Unit which generates electricity. Related structures would include a main services complex, assembly buildings, a 230-kilovolts (kV) electrical substation, a 10-mile transmission line, access roads, supply water line, and a 10-mile double circuit 230kV transmission line from the project site to San Diego Gas and Electric's existing Imperial Valley electrical substation interconnecting the project to the existing 500 kV transmission system. The 450-MW Phase II is dependent on the approval of the proposed Sunrise Powerlink 500kV transmission line that would also interconnect with the Imperial Valley electrical substation. The EIS/SA will analyze the site-specific impacts on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, water resources, geological resources and hazards, hazardous materials handling, land use, noise, paleontological resources, public health, socioeconomics, soils, traffic and transportation, visual resources, waste management and worker safety and fire protection, as well as facility design engineering, efficiency, reliability, transmission system engineering and transmission line safety and nuisance. The CDCA Plan, while recognizing the potential compatibility of solar generation facilities on public lands, requires that all sites associated with power generation or transmission not identified in the Plan will be considered through the Plan Amendment process.

The following Planning Criteria will be utilized during the plan amendment process:

- The plan amendment process will be completed in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA, and all other relevant Federal law, Executive orders, and management policies of the BLM;
- The plan amendment process will include an EIS that will comply with NEPA standards;
- Where existing planning decisions are still valid, those decisions may remain unchanged and be incorporated into the new plan amendment;
- The plan amendment will recognize valid existing rights;
- Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration. The plan amendment process will include the consideration of any impacts on Indian trust assets;
- Consultation with the SHPO will be conducted throughout the plan amendment process; and
- Consultation with USFWS will be conducted throughout the plan amendment process.

If the ROW and proposed land use plan amendment are approved by BLM, the concentrated solar thermal power plant facility on public lands would be authorized in accordance with Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Regulations at 43 CFR part 2800.

A certificate designating approval of the Energy Commission must be obtained by SES before it may construct a power plant and/or electric transmission line and related facilities.

Dated: October 10, 2008.

**Thomas Pogacnik,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Availability and Notice of Hearing for the South Gillette Area Coal Draft Environmental Impact Statement That Includes Four Federal Coal Lease by Applications, Wyoming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the South Gillette Area Coal project that contains four Federal Coal Lease By Applications (LBAs), and by this Notice is announcing a public hearing requesting comments on the DEIS, Maximum Economic Recovery (MER), and Fair Market Value (FMV) pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3425.4.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the South Gillette Area Coal DEIS, MER, and FMV within 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes the Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. MST, on November 19, 2008, at the Campbell County George Amos Memorial Building, 412 South Gillette Avenue, Gillette, Wyoming.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [casper\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:casper_wymail@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* 307-261-7587.

- *Mail:* Casper Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Teresa Johnson, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming 82604.

Copies of the DEIS are available at the following BLM office locations: BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009; and BLM Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Lane, Casper, Wyoming 82604. The DEIS is available electronically on the following Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/cfdocs/south\\_gillette.html](http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/cfdocs/south_gillette.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Teresa Johnson or Mike Karbs at the above address, or telephone: 307-261-7600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DEIS analyzes the potential impacts for Federal Coal LBAs serialized as WYW161248, WYW172585, WYW172657, and WYW173360 and referred to as the Belle Ayr North, West Coal Creek, Caballo West, and Maysdorf II tracts, in the decertified Powder River Federal Coal Production Region, Wyoming. The BLM is considering issuing these four coal leases as a result of four applications filed between July of 2004 and September of 2006. **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** by application is as follows.

**Belle Ayr North Coal Tract**

The BLM is considering issuing a coal lease as a result of a July 6, 2004, application made by RAG Wyoming Land Company (RAG) to lease the Federal coal in the Belle Ayr North coal tract (WYW161248). RAG subsequently sold the Belle Ayr Mine and its associated interests to Foundation Coal Holdings, Inc. (Foundation). From this point forward, the applicant for the Belle Ayr North Tract will be referred to as Foundation. The Belle Ayr North LBA is located in Campbell County Wyoming, east of Hwy 59 and south of the Bishop Road/Hwy 59 intersection.

Foundation originally applied for the tract to extend the life of the existing Belle Ayr Mine in accordance with 43 CFR part 3425. The applicant estimated that the tract includes approximately 200 million tons of in-place Federal coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

- T. 48 N., R. 71 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
 Section 18: Lots 17, 18, 19 (W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>);  
 Section 19: Lots 5 through 19;  
 Section 20: Lots 3 (SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), 4 (W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>),  
 5, 6, 7 (S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>), 9 (S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>), 10 through 16;  
 Section 21: Lots 13, 14;  
 Section 28: Lots 3 through 6;  
 Section 29: Lots 1, 6;  
 T. 48 N., R. 72 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
 Section 24: Lots 1, 8.

Containing 1,578.74 acres, more or less.

The Belle Ayr Mine is adjacent to the LBA and has an approved mining and reclamation plan from the Land Quality Division of the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and an approved air quality permit from the Air Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ that allows them to mine up to 45 million tons of coal per year.

**West Coal Creek Coal Tract**

The BLM is considering issuing a coal lease as a result of a February 10, 2006, application made by Ark Land Company (Ark) to lease the Federal coal in the West Coal Creek coal tract (WYW172585). The West Coal Creek LBA is located in Campbell County east of Hoadley Road approximately 12 miles northeast of the city of Wright, Wyoming.

Ark originally applied for the tract to extend the life of the existing Coal Creek Mine in accordance with 43 CFR part 3425. The applicant estimated that the tract includes approximately 57 million tons of recoverable Federal coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

- T. 46 N., R. 70 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
 Section 18: Lots 14 through 17;  
 Section 19: Lots 7 through 10, 15 through 18;  
 Section 30: Lots 5 through 20.

Containing 1,151.26 acres, more or less.

The Coal Creek Mine is adjacent to the LBA and has an approved mining and reclamation plan from the Land Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ and an approved air quality permit from the Air Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ that allows them to mine up to 25 million tons of coal per year.

**Caballo West Coal Tract**

The BLM is considering issuing a coal lease as a result of a March 15, 2006, application made by Caballo Coal Company (Caballo) to lease the Federal coal in the Caballo West coal tract (WYW172657). The Caballo West LBA is located in Campbell County Wyoming east of the Hwy 59/Bishop Road intersection.

Caballo originally applied for the tract to extend the life of the existing Caballo Mine in accordance with 43 CFR part 3425. The applicant estimated that the tract includes approximately 87.5 million tons of mineable Federal coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

- T. 48 N., R. 71 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
 Section 7: Lots 12, 19;  
 Section 8: Lot 10;  
 Section 17: Lots 1 through 10, 11 (N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), 12 (NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), 15 (N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), 16;  
 Section 18: Lot 5, 12 (NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>);  
 Section 20: Lots 1, 2 (NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>), 8 (N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>).  
 Containing 777.485 acres, more or less.

The Caballo Mine is adjacent to the LBA and has an approved mining and reclamation plan from the Land Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ and an approved air quality permit from the Air Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ that allows them to mine up to 50 million tons of coal per year.

**Maysdorf II Coal Tract**

The BLM is considering issuing a coal lease as a result of a September 1, 2006, application made by Cordero Mining Company (Cordero) to lease the Federal coal in the Maysdorf II coal tract (WYW173360). The Maysdorf II LBA is located in Campbell County Wyoming on the east side of Hwy 59 starting approximately 5 miles south of the Bishop Road Hwy 59 intersection. The Maysdorf II LBA has 2 separate units. The larger of the 2 units is against the west edge of the Cordero-Rojo Mine. The other unit is to the south of the Cordero-Rojo mine and to the west of the Coal Creek Mine by roughly 1 mile.

Cordero originally applied for the tract to extend the life of the existing Cordero-Rojo Mine in accordance with 43 CFR part 3425. The applicant estimated that the tract includes approximately 483 million tons of in-

place Federal coal underlying the following lands in Campbell County, Wyoming:

- T. 46 N., R. 71 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
 Section 4: Lots 8, 9, 16, 17;  
 Section 5: Lots 5, 12, 13, 20;  
 Section 9: Lots 6 through 8;  
 Section 10: Lots 7 through 10;  
 Section 11: Lots 13 through 16;  
 Section 14: Lots 1 through 4;  
 Section 15: Lots 1 through 4;  
 T. 47 N., R. 71 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
 Section 7: Lots 6 through 11, 14 through 19;  
 Section 17: Lots 1 through 15, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;  
 Section 18: Lots 5 through 14, 19, 20;  
 Section 20: Lots 1, 8, 9, 16;  
 Section 21: Lots 4, 5, 12, 13;  
 Section 28: Lots 4, 5, 12, 13;  
 Section 29: Lots 1, 8, 9, 16;  
 Section 32: Lots 1, 8, 9, 16;  
 Section 33: Lots 4, 5, 12, 13;  
 T. 47 N., R. 72 W., 6th PM, Wyoming  
 Section 12: Lots 1 through 16;  
 Section 13: Lots 1 through 8.

Containing 4,653.80 acres, more or less.

The Cordero-Rojo Mine is adjacent to the LBA and has an approved mining and reclamation plan from the Land Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ and an approved air quality permit from the Air Quality Division of the Wyoming DEQ that allows them to mine up to 65 million tons of coal per year.

The DEIS analyzes and discloses to the public direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of issuing four Federal coal leases in the Wyoming portion of the Powder River Basin. A copy of the DEIS has been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies; persons and entities identified as potentially being affected by a decision to lease the Federal coal in each of the tracts; and persons who indicated to the BLM that they wished to receive a copy of the DEIS. The purpose of the public hearing is to solicit comments on the DEIS, on the proposed competitive sales of the Belle Ayr North, West Coal Creek, Caballo West, and Maysdorf II coal tracts, and on the FMV and MER of the Federal coal.

The Wyoming DEQ; the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement; and the Wyoming Department of Transportation are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the DEIS.

The DEIS analyzes leasing all of the South Gillette Area coal tracts as the Proposed Action. Under the Proposed Action, a competitive sale would be held and a lease issued for Federal coal contained in the tracts as applied for by each of the applicants. As part of the coal leasing process, the BLM is evaluating adding Federal coal to the tracts to avoid bypassing coal or to

prompt competitive interest in unleased Federal coal in this area. The alternate tract configurations for each of the LBAs that BLM is evaluating are described and analyzed as separate alternatives in the DEIS. Under these alternatives, competitive sales would be held and leases issued for Federal coal lands included in tracts modified by the BLM. The DEIS also analyzes the alternative of rejecting the application(s) to lease Federal coal as the No Action Alternative. The Proposed Actions and alternatives for each of the LBAs being considered in the DEIS are in conformance with the Approved Resource Management Plan for Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management Buffalo Field Office (2001).

Requests to be included on the mailing list for this project and to request copies of the DEIS or notification of the comment period or hearing date, or both, may be sent in writing, by facsimile, or electronically to the addresses previously stated at the beginning of this notice. The BLM asks that those submitting comments on the DEIS make them as specific as possible with reference to page numbers and chapters of the document. Comments that contain only opinions or preferences will not receive a formal response; however, they will be considered as part of the BLM decision-making process.

Please note that comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Donald A. Simpson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Revision of the Resource Management Plans of the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management Districts of Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford, and the Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared six Resource Management Plans with a single associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/FEIS) for the Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford Districts and the Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District in western Oregon.

**DATES:** The Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management is the responsible official for the RMP. Accordingly, there will be no administrative review "protest" on the RMP/FEIS under 43 CFR 1610.5-2. The Record of Decision (ROD) will not be signed until at least 30 days after the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes this notice of availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the RMP/FEIS have been sent to affected federal, state, and local government agencies, and to tribal governments. Interested persons may review the RMP/FEIS on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/or/plans/wopr/index.php>. Copies of the RMP/FEIS are available for public inspection at Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, and Medford District offices and the Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Tillamook Resource Area offices.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Jerry Hubbard, Western Oregon Plan Revisions Public Outreach Coordinator; at (503) 808-6115.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM has analyzed revision of six Resource Management Plans with this single Environmental Impact Statement. These plans are the Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, and Coos Bay District RMPs and the Klamath Falls Resource Area RMP. The RMP/FEIS for the Western Oregon Bureau of Land Management Districts has identified and analyzed

four action alternatives, including the RMP, for managing approximately 2,550,000 acres of federal land, most of which are revested Oregon and California Railroad Grant and Coos Bay Wagon Road Grant lands, within the western Oregon planning area.

The major resource management plan issues include:

- Providing a sustainable supply of wood and other forest products, as mandated by the Oregon & California Lands Act of 1937, while also meeting other applicable laws.
- Providing for conservation of species listed under the Endangered Species Act.
- Contributing to meeting the goals of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Reducing the risk of wildfire and integrating fire back into the ecosystem.

Comments received on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) were important in shaping the Resource Management Plans. The RMP is based on Alternative 2 from the DEIS, but includes portions of the other alternatives in the DEIS.

Some of the key changes include:

- Wider riparian management areas, as described in Alternative 1 of the DEIS.
- Late successional management areas were reconfigured to match the Final Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan.
- Deferring harvest for 15 years in "older and more structurally complex multi-layered conifer stands," as described in Final Northern Spotted Owl Recovery Plan in the timber management area.
- Using uneven-aged management, as described in Alternative 3 of the DEIS, in the southern portion of the Medford District and the Klamath Falls Resource Area to decrease fire hazard and increase fire resiliency.

Dated: September 8, 2008.

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-325]

### The Economic Effects of Significant U.S. Import Restraints: Sixth Update

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of sixth update report and scheduling of public hearing.