

Statement of questions	Burden
<b>Bureau of Reclamation</b>	
(a) Total average annual applications for collection .....	1,000 applications.
(b) Average annual applications per industry:	
(1) Utility Industry .....	850 applications.
(2) Service Providing Industry .....	50 applications.
(3) State and Local Government .....	100 applications.
(b) Frequency of application (for each industry) .....	1 application.
(c) Response time per applicant:	
(1) Utility Industry .....	25 hours.
(2) Service Providing Industry .....	25 hours.
(3) State and Local Government .....	25 hours.
(d) Annual response time for collection .....	25,000 hours.
(e) Annual response time per industry:	
(1) Utility Industry (850 × 25) .....	21,250 hours.
(2) Service Providing Industry (50 × 25) .....	1,250 hours.
(3) State and Local Government (100 × 25) .....	2,500 hours.
<b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</b>	
(a) Total average annual applications for collection .....	32 applications.
(b) Average annual applications per industry:	
(1) Utility Industry .....	32 applications.
(b) Frequency of application (for each industry) .....	1 application.
(c) Response time per applicant:	
(1) Utility Industry .....	25 hours.
(d) Annual response time for collection .....	800 hours.
(e) Annual response time per industry:	
(1) Utility Industry (32 × 25) .....	800 hours.

Annual Responses: 5,786.  
 Annual Burden Hours: 144,351.  
 Total Annual Application and Cost  
 Recovery Fees: \$8,611,902.  
 Bureau Clearance Officer: Ted R.  
 Hudson, 202-452-5042.  
 Dated: November 21, 2008.  
**Ted R. Hudson,**  
 Acting Chief, Regulatory Affairs.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an  
 Environmental Impact Statement for  
 the New Comstock Wind Energy  
 Project, Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land  
 Management (BLM) Carson City District

Office intends to prepare an  
 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)  
 for the Great Basin Wind New Comstock  
 Wind Energy Project proposal in Carson  
 City, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe  
 counties. This notice announces the  
 beginning of the scoping process and  
 solicits input on the identification of  
 issues.

**DATES:** The BLM will accept comments  
 until December 26, 2008. A public  
 scoping meeting will be held regarding  
 the EIS on Wednesday, December 10,  
 2008, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the BLM's  
 Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan  
 Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments  
 to:

- BLM Carson City District Office,  
 Attn: New Comstock Wind Energy  
 Project EIS Project Manager, 5665  
 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV  
 89701.

- Fax: (775) 885-6147.

- E-mail:

*newcomstockwind@blm.gov.*

Documents pertinent to this proposal  
 may be examined at the Carson City  
 District Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For  
 further information and to have your  
 name added to the Comstock EIS  
 mailing list, call Mark Struble (775)  
 885-6107; or e-mail  
*newcomstockwind@blm.gov.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EIS  
 for the New Comstock Wind Energy  
 Project (Project) will analyze the direct,  
 indirect, and cumulative impacts  
 resulting from construction and  
 operation of a commercial wind turbine  
 facility proposed in a right-of-way  
 application submitted by Great Basin  
 Wind, LLC. The proposed project  
 includes the construction of  
 approximately 69 wind turbines with  
 the potential of producing 192  
 megawatts of electricity. The turbine  
 towers would be 210 feet to 330 feet tall  
 supporting a nacelle and three blades  
 115 feet to 170 feet in length. Turbine  
 units would be connected to a proposed  
 electric substation by approximately 20  
 miles of underground electrical  
 distribution system. A proposed 120 kV  
 overhead transmission line  
 approximately 5 miles in length would  
 connect the new substation to an

existing substation operated by NV Energy located near U.S. Highway 50 east of Carson City. A series of 15 feet to 40 feet wide access roads will be improved or constructed to facilitate site development. Other facilities will include several small outbuildings for storage of materials and temporary work areas and storage yards.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the EIS process. The EIS will address issues brought forth through scoping and will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of BLM and other agency specialists. A range of alternatives and mitigating measures will be considered to evaluate and minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed actions do not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals and organizations that may be interested in or affected by the BLM decision on the New Comstock Wind Energy Project are urged to participate in the EIS process. It is important that those interested in the proposed activities participate in the scoping and commenting processes of the EIS.

Written comments may be provided to BLM at the public scoping meetings or may be submitted to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the Addresses section. 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 publically 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.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2804.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

**Linda J. Kelly,**

*Field Manager, Sierra Front Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, VA**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Draft General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS) for Cedar Creek and Belle Grove National Historical Park, Virginia.

Consistent with National Park Service laws, regulations, policies, and the purposes of the National Historical Park, the Draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes four alternatives (A-D) to guide the management of the park over the next 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to address the following issues: protecting park resources and values, interpretation, visitor facilities and services, access and circulation, related resources, partnership collaboration, and technical assistance.

*Alternative A* is continuation of current management practices. Visitors would experience the park at sites owned and independently managed by the Key Partners. The NPS would provide technical assistance and bring national recognition and visibility to the park by virtue of being part of the national park system.

Under *Alternative B*, visitors would experience the park at sites owned by the Key Partners and through electronic media and NPS ranger led tours and programs. Visitors would access the park via auto-touring routes and a few non-motorized trails located on Key Partner properties. The primary NPS role would be to provide interpretive programs and technical assistance. The Key Partners would have the responsibility for land and resource protection. There would be increased collaboration among the NPS and the Key Partners, with the NPS serving as a coordinator for resource and planning issues.

Under *Alternative C*, visitors would experience the park at a NPS-developed and managed visitor center and at visitor focal areas owned and managed by the NPS and the Key Partners. The NPS and the Key Partners would coordinate interpretive programs at these sites. Visitors would access the park via auto-touring routes and a system of non-motorized trails that provides opportunities for interpretation. The NPS and the Key Partners would develop a coordinated land protection plan focused on protection of key historic sites that would become focal areas. The NPS and the Key Partners would develop formal

agreements to undertake special projects and general park management.

*Alternative D* is the preferred alternative. Under this alternative, visitors would experience the park at a NPS-developed and managed visitor center and at visitor focal areas owned and managed by the NPS and the Key Partners. The NPS and the Key Partners would coordinate interpretive programs at these sites. Visitors would access the park via auto-touring routes and an extensive system of non-motorized trails that provides opportunities for interpretation and recreation, that connect focal areas, and that tie to communities and resources outside the park. The NPS and the Key Partners would develop a coordinated land protection plan focused on protection of cultural landscapes, sensitive natural resource areas, and lands providing connections between NPS and Key Partner properties. The NPS and the Key Partners would develop formal agreements that define responsibilities for special projects, programs, events, and specific park operations.

The Draft GMP/EIS evaluates the potential environmental consequences of implementing the alternatives. Impact topics include the cultural, natural, and socioeconomic environments. This notice also announces that public meetings will be held to solicit comments on the Draft GMP/EIS during the public review period. Dates, times, and locations will be announced on the agency's planning Web site <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cebe>, in local papers, and can be obtained by calling the park office at (540) 868-9176.

**Public Review:** There are several ways to view the document:

- An electronic version of the document will be available for download, review, and comment on the agency's planning Web site <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cebe>.
- CDs and a limited number of printed copies can be requested by contacting the park at (540) 868-9176 or by e-mailing park planner Christopher Stubbs at [chris\\_stubbs@nps.gov](mailto:chris_stubbs@nps.gov).
- The document will be available for review at the park office at 7718½ Main St., Middletown, VA 22645.

The National Park Service will accept comments on the Draft GMP/EIS from the public for a period of 90 days following publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. Interested persons may check the planning Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/cebe> for dates, times, and places of public meetings to be conducted by the NPS, or by calling (540) 868-9176.