

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Tamara Gertsch, Project Manager; telephone (307) 775-6115; e-mail [utsrbproj@blm.gov](mailto:utsrbproj@blm.gov); address BLM, Cedar City Field Office, 176 East D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power, has filed right-of-way applications with the BLM and United States Forest Service (USFS) proposing to construct, operate, and maintain the Project, a single-circuit, alternating-current (AC), 345 kV overhead transmission line. The transmission line would be located to connect the existing Sigurd Substation near Richfield in Sevier County with the existing Red Butte Substation near the community of Central in Washington County, Utah, a distance of approximately 160 miles depending on the route selected. The Project also includes expansion of the existing Sigurd Substation on private land to accommodate new substation equipment for interconnecting the proposed transmission line with the existing system. When completed, the Project would provide about 600 megawatts of electrical capacity to respond to anticipated load growth in Southwestern Utah. Alternative routes considered in the Draft EIS cross Federal, state, tribal, and private lands.

The requested right-of-way width on Federal lands for construction and operation of the Project is 150 feet. The Proponent proposes to predominantly use steel-pole H-frame tower structures, from 80 to 140 feet in height, with average spans between structures of 800 to 1,200 feet (5 to 7 structures per mile). Permanent and temporary access roads, a minimum of 14 feet wide, would be needed for the Project. Temporary access roads would be needed for construction only. Temporary work space would be needed during construction for material storage, conductor tensioning sites, and to accommodate vehicles and equipment.

Under Federal law, the BLM is responsible for responding to applications for rights-of-way on BLM-administered lands. Similarly, under Federal law, the USFS is responsible for

responding to applications for rights-of-way on lands they administer. In accordance with NEPA, the BLM has prepared a Draft EIS for the Project. An interdisciplinary approach was used to develop the Draft EIS, in order to consider a variety of resource issues and concerns identified during internal, interagency, and public scoping. The BLM is the designated lead Federal agency for preparation of the EIS as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5. Agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise were invited to participate as cooperating agencies in preparation of the EIS. The following agencies have agreed to participate as cooperating agencies: USFS (Dixie and Fishlake National Forests); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; National Park Service; State of Utah; Millard, Sevier, Beaver, Iron, and Washington counties, Utah; and the cities of St. George and Enterprise, Utah.

In response to Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 15926), a Programmatic EIS was prepared by the Department of Energy and the Department of the Interior for energy corridors in 11 western states including Utah. A Final Programmatic EIS was published on November 28, 2008 (73 FR 72521). Records of Decision (ROD) on the *Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal Land in the 11 Western States (DOE/EIS-0386)*, signed January 14, 2009, designated energy corridors and provided guidance, best management practices, and mitigation measures to be used where linear facilities are proposed within the corridors. Corridor designation occurred upon BLM's amendment of its relevant Resource Management Plans and upon USFS' amendment of its Land Management Plans. Designation of corridors does not require their use, nor does such designation exempt the Federal agencies from conducting a site-specific environmental review on each Project. The BLM has considered the use of the corridors in preparation of the Draft EIS. Documents pertinent to the right-of-way application and the Draft EIS for the Project may be examined at:

- BLM, Cedar City Field Office, 176 East D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721;
- BLM, Richfield Field Office, 150 East, 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701;
- BLM, Fillmore Field Office, 35 East, 500 North, Fillmore, Utah 84631;
- Dixie National Forest Office, 1789 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721;
- Fishlake National Forest Office, 115 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701.

Please note that public comments may be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or any 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 request in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that they will be able to do so.

**Juan Palma,**

*State Director.*

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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 Proposed Wilson Creek Wind Project, Lincoln County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Schell Field Office, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a right-of-way (ROW) application submitted by Wilson Creek Power Partners, LLC, for a wind energy generation project and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public input on the identification of issues. The BLM may also determine that the proposed project would require an amendment to the Ely Resource Management Plan, in which case the EIS would support any planning amendment.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until July 26, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM Web site at:

[http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely\\_field\\_office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html). In order to be considered in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues related to the Proposed Wilson Creek Wind Project by any of the following methods:

- Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely\\_field\\_office.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html).
- E-mail: [wilsoncreekwind@blm.gov](mailto:wilsoncreekwind@blm.gov).
- Fax: (775) 775-1918 (attention Dan Netcher).
- Mail: BLM Ely District Office, Attn: Dan Netcher, HC 33 Box 33500 Ely, NV 89301.
- In person: at the BLM Ely District Office and at any public scoping meetings on the proposal.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Netcher, Renewable Energy Project Manager, (775) 289-1872; or e-mail [wilsoncreekwind@blm.gov](mailto:wilsoncreekwind@blm.gov). You may also use this contact information to request that your name be added to the project mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant, Wilson Creek Power Partners, LLC, has requested a ROW authorization to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a multi-phase wind powered generation facility on approximately 31,000 acres of BLM administered public lands in Lincoln County, Nevada. The fully constructed project would consist of 336 to 373 wind turbines to be located along the ridgeline of the Wilson Creek Range approximately 20 miles northeast of the town of Pioche, Nevada. In addition to the wind turbines, other project components are expected to include buried power collection lines and communication cables, access roads, meteorological towers, substation(s) and switchyard(s), an operation and maintenance building, a single or double-circuited 120 to 230 kilovolt overhead transmission line, and

portable cement batch plants and rock crushing facilities. The project is anticipated to be developed in multiple phases, with the Wilson Creek Range and Table Mountain sites composing Phase I. Phase I would consist of up to 195 wind turbines, producing 500 megawatts (MW) of electricity, depending on the selected wind turbine manufacturer. The Atlanta Summit site would compose Phase II, and the White Rock site would compose Phase III. The later phases of the project would be considered for development if the wind resource in the Atlanta Summit and White Rock areas is found to be sufficient. Additional environmental analysis would be conducted for Phases II and III of the project and any associated land use plan amendments. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and guide the process for developing the EIS, including the development of alternatives. The BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: Threatened and endangered species; wildlife, particularly avian species; visual resource impacts; recreation impacts; and socioeconomic effects. Authorization of this proposal may require an amendment of the Ely Resource Management Plan (2007). By this notice, the BLM is complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans. If a land use plan amendment is necessary, the BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA process for this project.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with BLM policy, and tribal concerns including potential impacts on Indian trust assets will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision(s) are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

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.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Mary D'Aversa,**  
Manager, Schell Field Office.

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#### Notice of Public Meeting: Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The committee will meet Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 24 and 25, 2011, in Susanville, California. On Aug. 24, the RAC will convene at 10 a.m. at the Bureau of Land Management Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, and depart immediately for a field tour. Members of the public are welcome. They must provide their own transportation, food and beverages. On Aug. 25, the council meeting begins at 8 a.m. in the Conference Room of the BLM Eagle Lake Field Office. The public is welcome.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Haug, BLM Northern California District manager, (530) 224-2160; or Joseph J. Fontana, BLM public affairs officer, (530) 252-5332.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in northeast California and the northwest corner of Nevada. Agenda items at this meeting include management of wild horses and burros, stewardship contracting, alternative energy development, marijuana garden cleanup issues, status of a PG&E land transfer and the Sage Steppe Ecosystem Management Plan. The council will accept public comments at 11 a.m.