

fish and wildlife resources and individuals who represent the interests of saltwater and freshwater recreational fishing, recreational boating, the recreational fishing and boating industries, recreational fisheries resource conservation, Native American Tribes, aquatic resource outreach and education, and tourism. Background information on the Council is available at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

**Upcoming Meeting**

The Council will convene to consider:

1. Progress in implementing the Council's assessment of the Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program;
2. Progress in implementing the Council's assessment of the activities of the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation;
3. Issues related to implementation of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative;

4. Issues related to Marine Protected Areas and implementation of the National Ocean Policy;
5. Updates on activities of the Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program and Fisheries Program; and
6. Other Council business.

The final agenda will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/sfbpc>.

**Public Input**

If you wish to	You must contact Douglas Hobbs (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) no later than
Attend the meeting .....	August 22, 2011.
Submit written information or questions before the meeting for the council to consider during the meeting.	August 22, 2011.
Give an oral presentation during the meeting .....	August 17, 2011.

*Attendance*

In order to attend this meeting, you must register by close of business on the date above. Because entry to Federal buildings is restricted, all visitors are required to preregister to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address, and phone number to Douglas Hobbs (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

*Submitting Written Information or Questions*

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Council to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by the date under DATES, so that the information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

*Giving an Oral Presentation*

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the meeting will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact Douglas Hobbs, Council Coordinator, in writing (preferably via e-mail; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for this meeting. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are

invited to submit written statements to the Council after the meeting.

**Meeting Minutes**

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS- 3103-AEA, Arlington, VA 22203, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Dated: July 28, 2011.

**James J. Slack,**  
*Acting Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Sloan Hills Competitive Mineral Material Sales, Clark County, NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Southern Nevada District Office in Las Vegas, Nevada has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed competitive sale of mineral materials in the Sloan Hills of Southern Nevada, and by this notice announces the availability of the Draft

EIS and the opening of the comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Proposed Sloan Hills Competitive Mineral Materials Sales Draft EIS within 120 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments related to the Proposed Sloan Hills Competitive Mineral Materials Sales by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvjo.html>.

- *E-mail:* [sloanhillseis@blm.gov](mailto:sloanhillseis@blm.gov).

- *Fax:* 702-515-5023, Attention

Robert B. Ross, Jr.

- *Mail:* Robert B. Ross, Jr., Field Manager, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301.

Copies of the Draft EIS for the Proposed Sloan Hills Competitive Mineral Materials Sales are available in the Las Vegas Field Office at the above address and at the following public library locations in Nevada:

- Paseo Verde Library, 280 South Green Valley Parkway, Henderson.

- James I Gibson Library, 280 South Water Street, Henderson.

- Enterprise Library, 25 East Shelbourne Avenue, Las Vegas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Shonna Dooman at (702) 515-5174 or e-mail: [sloanhillseis@blm.gov](mailto:sloanhillseis@blm.gov). 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 Draft EIS describes and analyzes the proposed competitive sale of mineral materials within the Sloan Hills of Southern Nevada. The proposed project site consists of a total of 640 acres south of Las Vegas and east of Interstate 15 near the community of Sloan. The proposed project site includes the entire south half Section 29 (the North Site) and the entire north half of Section 32 (the South Site) located in Township 23 South, Range 61 East. The proposed action is consistent with 43 CFR 3600 and is authorized under the Mineral Materials Act of 1947 and the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976.

Two mining companies, CEMEX and Service Rock Products Corporation, have submitted mining plans of operations proposing to mine and process limestone and dolomite from the proposed project site. In addition to open pit mines, each proponent is proposing ancillary facilities that would include a minerals processing plant and other support facilities, which may include office buildings, truck maintenance buildings, fueling facilities, scale houses, parking facilities, an employee training facility, parts storage area, and a quality control/quality assurance laboratory.

Four action alternatives are analyzed in the Draft EIS, ranging from 320 acres to 640 acres. Alternative 1, at 640 acres, includes the sale of mineral materials in the North Site and the South Site to two mining companies that would operate independently and results in a single open pit mine. Alternative 2, at 320 acres, includes the sale of mineral materials in the North Site only. Alternative 3, at 320 acres, includes the sale of mineral materials in the South Site only. Alternative 4, at 640 acres, includes the sale of mineral materials in both the North Site and the South Site to a single mining company. Alternative 5 is the No Action Alternative.

A Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, June 11, 2007. Scoping of the project occurred from June 11, 2007 to January 5, 2008. Two public scoping meetings were held at the Henderson Executive Airport on December 5 and 6, 2007. A total of 126 individuals submitted comments during the scoping period. Comments received

pertained to a variety of broad categories, including alternatives, mining operations, and physical/natural resources.

The Draft EIS addresses the following issues identified during scoping: NEPA process (consultations/coordination, proposal description, alternatives, and connected action/cumulative impacts); social resources (cultural resources, visual resources, noise, land use, recreation, transportation, and socioeconomic resources); and physical/natural resources (biological resources, water resources, paleontological resources and geologic/soil resources).

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 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. While you may 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 1506.6 and 1506.10.

**Robert B. Ross Jr.,**

*Manager, Las Vegas Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CACA 51022 DOE/EIS–0439]

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Rice Solar Energy, LLC Rice Solar Energy Project and Proposed California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Western Area Power Administration (Western), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the California

Energy Commission (CEC) prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan Amendment for the Rice Solar Energy Project (RSEP) in Riverside County, California. By this Notice, the BLM is announcing the availability of the Proposed CDCA Plan Amendment/Final EIS.

**DATES:** The BLM planning regulations state that any person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations may protest the BLM's Proposed CDCA Plan Amendment. A person who meets the conditions and files a protest must file the protest by September 6, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the RSEP Proposed CDCA Plan Amendment/Final EIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders. Copies are available for public inspection at the Palm Springs South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262. Interested persons may also review the document at the following Web site: <http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/RiceSolar.htm>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

*Regular Mail:* BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, P.O. Box 71383, Washington, DC 20024–1383.

*Overnight Mail:* BLM Director (210), Attention: Brenda Hudgens-Williams, 20 M Street, SE, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Liana Reilly, NEPA Document Manager, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, Colorado 80228–8213, e-mail:

[RiceSolar@wapa.gov](mailto:RiceSolar@wapa.gov); or Ms. Allison Shaffer, Realty Specialist, telephone 760–833–7100, address (see above field office address), e-mail

[CAPSSolarRice@blm.gov](mailto:CAPSSolarRice@blm.gov). 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 proposed Rice Solar Energy Project (Project) is a 150 megawatt (MW) solar electric power plant that would use concentrating solar “power tower” technology to capture the sun’s heat to make steam, which would power traditional steam turbine generators.