

Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), a copy of the Committee's charter is filed with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration; Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate; Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives; and the Library of Congress. The Secretary appointed 22 individuals to the Committee on October 24, 2007, representing the varied interests associated with wind energy development and its potential impacts to wildlife species and their habitats. The Committee provided its recommendations to the Secretary on March 4, 2010.

Draft Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines

The Draft Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines were made available for public comment on February 18, 2011, with a comment-period ending date of May 19, 2011 (76 FR 9590). The purpose of the Guidelines, once finalized, will be to provide recommendations on measures to avoid, minimize, and compensate for effects to fish, wildlife, and their habitats.

Meeting Location Information

Please note that the meeting location is accessible to wheelchair users. If you require additional accommodations, please notify us at least 1 week in advance of the meeting.

Meeting Participation Information

All Committee meetings are open to the public. The public has an opportunity to comment at all Committee meetings.

We require that all persons planning to attend in person or participate via webcast register at <http://www.fws.gov/windenergy> no later than September 13, 2011. We will give preference to registrants based on date and time of registration. Limited standing room at the meeting may be available if all seats are filled.

Dated: August 29, 2011.

Rachel London,

Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee.

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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 Shoshone Basin Grazing Permit Renewal

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burley Field Office, Burley, Idaho intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS. Comments should be submitted within 30 days of the date of this posting to be included in the analysis. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and the BLM Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/id>. In order to be included 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.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments and issues related to the Shoshone Basin Grazing EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/burley.html>.
- *E-mail:* id_burley_fo@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 208-677-6699.
- *Mail:* 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Burley Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Scott Sayer, Natural Resource Specialist, telephone (208) 677-6630, e-mail ssayer@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: This document provides notice that the BLM Burley Field Office, Burley, Idaho, intends to prepare an EIS for grazing permit renewals in the Shoshone Basin area, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues. The planning area is located in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and encompasses approximately 125,800 acres of public land. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the EIS, including the alternatives. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The primary issue is the cumulative effects to a highly mobile sage-grouse population. These effects come from a variety of sources, including the proposed China Mountain Wind Project, Jack Ranch Wind Project (private), Gollaher Mountain Wind Project (private), Southwest Intertie (500 kV) transmission line, Gateway West (500kV) transmission line, numerous wildfires, and grazing.

The Burley Field Office will consult with the Shoshone-Paiute and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes on this action during regular consultation proceedings and briefings. The BLM will also brief county commissioners, Congressional delegations and grazing permittees during the EIS process.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared for the Horse Creek, Magic Common, South Big Creek, Kerr Lost Creek, and Baker Lost Creek allotments in the Shoshone Basin. An EA was also prepared for grazing permit renewal for the Western Stock Growers, Hub Butte, and Squaw Joe allotments. In those EAs, the BLM concluded that direct and indirect impacts from livestock grazing alone were not significant. However, large energy projects proposed in the area could, if constructed result in significant cumulative effects on Greater sage-grouse. The EIS will explore potential impacts from proposed grazing against the backdrop of wildfire and the development of energy projects that are reasonably foreseeable in the Browns Bench/Shoshone Basin area.

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period. 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 in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The public is also encouraged to help identify any other management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the EIS.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Range management, wildlife biology, archaeology, riparian, soils, and outdoor recreation.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2.

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Field Manager.

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and a Resource Management Plan Amendment, and Notice of Segregation for the Proposed First Solar South Project Near Primm in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO), will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and a proposed amendment to the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP) for a proposed solar energy project located on public lands in Clark County, Nevada. Publication of this notice initiates the scoping process to solicit public comments and identifies issues for both actions. Publication of this notice also serves to segregate the identified lands from appropriation under the public land laws, including location under the Mining Law, but not the Mineral Leasing Act or the Materials Act, subject to valid existing rights.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until October 31, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html>. A temporary segregation of the lands identified herein is effective immediately upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by the following methods:

• *E-mail:*

SilverStateSouthEIS@blm.gov.

• *Fax:* (702) 515-5010, attention

Gregory Helseth.

• *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management,

Las Vegas Field Office, Attn: Gregory Helseth, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Helseth, Renewable Energy Project Manager, at (702) 515-5173; or e-mail at SilverStateSouthEIS@blm.gov.

Please also contact Gregory Helseth to have your name added to the 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: Silver State Solar, LLC, has submitted a right-of-way (ROW) application for the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of a solar energy generation facility on 13,043 acres of public land east of Primm, Nevada. The ROW application is assigned BLM case number NVN-089530. This application expands on ROW application NVN-085801. The proposed solar energy project would consist of photovoltaic panels and related ROW appurtenances, including a substation and switchyard facilities, and would produce about 400 megawatts of electricity.

The Supplemental EIS will address new information associated with NVN-089530 and update as necessary the consideration of NVN-085801, which was analyzed in the Final EIS for the Silver State Solar Energy Project. The Record of Decision signed October 12, 2010 for the Silver State Solar Energy Project did not authorize all phases of application NVN-085801.

Approval of ROW application NVN-089530 will require amendment of the October 1998 Las Vegas RMP in order to

address proposed changes in land and resource use within the Jean Lake/Roach Lake Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). 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 process for developing the Supplemental EIS. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: Impacts to threatened and endangered species, visual resources, recreation and off-highway vehicle use; and socioeconomic and cumulative impacts. The Supplemental EIS will analyze the site-specific impacts on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, special designations (SRMA), water resources, geological resources and hazards, hazardous materials handling, land and airspace use, noise, paleontological resources, public health, socioeconomics, soils, traffic and transportation, visual resources, wilderness characteristics, waste management, worker safety, and fire protection; as well as facility-design engineering, efficiency, reliability, transmission-system engineering, transmission line safety, and nuisance issues.

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