

authorizes the applicant to take 40 Hawaiian petrels, 40 Newell's shearwaters, 60 Hawaiian geese, and 20 Hawaiian hoary bats incidental to operation of the KWPI wind farm. The amendment would reduce the permitted level of take to 30 Hawaiian petrels and 8 Newell's shearwaters, with no change to the permitted level of take for the Hawaiian goose and the Hawaiian hoary bat. The KWPI wind farm project is located on the island of Maui, Hawaii.

The requested amendment to permitted take levels is based on the results of monitoring the take of listed species during the first six seasons of operation of the KWPI wind farm project. Monitoring has detected two Hawaiian petrel carcasses, but no Newell's shearwater carcasses were detected at the wind farm site. Under the approved HCP, KWPI is required to mitigate for the take of the covered species by implementing predator control at nesting areas of the Hawaiian petrel, Newell's shearwater, and the Hawaiian goose on Maui, and by contributing to Hawaiian hoary bat research. No changes to the mitigation program under the KWPI HCP are being proposed. The HCP's mitigation for take of Hawaiian petrels and Newell's shearwaters is conducted based on observed levels of take. The KWPI project's mitigation plans are being implemented pursuant to the KWPI HCP. Pursuant to the adaptive management aspects of the KWPI HCP, the mitigation program for Hawaiian petrel and Newell's shearwater has been refined. Summaries of the KWPI project's seabird mitigation plans are outlined in the October 2011 Draft Seabird Mitigation Plan for KWPI and KWPII. The document outlines the applicant's plans to attract both seabird species to protected areas in west Maui, and to develop, within five years, additional mitigation measures that would be implemented, if necessary, to offset project take. These additional mitigation measures include in-situ management of Newell's shearwater in west Maui, east Maui, Molokai, and Lanai, in-situ management of Hawaiian petrel colonies on the Haleakala Crater in east Maui, and additional social attraction projects for Newell's shearwater in east Maui, Molokai, and Lanai.

The application for a permit amendment includes KWPI's 2006 Kaheawa Pastures Wind Energy Generation Facility HCP, Implementing Agreement, Guarantee Agreement, a proposed amendment to the HCP, a proposed amendment to the Implementing Agreement, and the

October 2011 Draft Seabird Mitigation Plan for KWPI and KWPII.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the Biological Opinion, Set of Findings, Environmental Assessment, and Finding of No Significant Impact, all of which were previously approved in support of issuance of the original incidental take permit, do not require revision, because there is no new information relating to the impacts of this action that warrant such a change, and there are no additional impacts expected beyond those originally assessed.

Next Steps

The public process for the proposed Federal permit action will be completed after the public comment period, at which time we will evaluate the permit amendment application and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act, applicable regulations, and NEPA requirements. If we determine that those requirements are met, we will amend the ITP to reflect the revised HCP, Implementing Agreement, Guarantee Agreement, and the October 2011 Draft Seabird Mitigation Plan for KWPI and KWPII.

Public Comments

We invite public comment on the proposed amendments of the ITP, HCP, Implementing Agreement, and the October 2011 Draft Seabird Mitigation Plan for KWPI and KWPII. If you wish to comment on the proposed amendment of the ITP, HCP, and associated documents, you may submit comments by any one of the methods discussed above under **ADDRESSES**.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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: We provide this notice under section 10 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: November 8, 2011.

Richard R. Hannan,

Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Region, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plats; Colorado

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office is publishing this notice to inform the public of the intent to file the land survey plats listed below, and to afford all affected parties a proper period of time to protest this action, prior to the plat filing.

DATES: Unless there are protests of this action, the filing of the plats described in this notice will happen on December 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: BLM Colorado State Office, Cadastral Survey, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randy Bloom, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado, (303) 239-3856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The supplemental plat of the SW1/4 of Tract 38 in Township 41 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on July 1, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 7 South, Range 69 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on July 7, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and a metes-and-bounds survey in Township 9 North, Range 78 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on July 15, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and a metes-and-bounds survey in Township 9 North, Range 79 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on July 15, 2011.

The supplemental plat, in 4 sheets, of Section 19, in Township 1 North, Range 71 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on August 3, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in

Township 11 North, Range 88 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 4, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Fractional Township 12 North, Range 88 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 4, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the corrective dependent resurvey, dependent resurvey and survey in Township 14 South, Range 68 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 10, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 35 North, Range 8 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 10, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey in Township 33 North, Range 17 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on August 19, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 1 South, Range 76 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 13, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 1 South, Range 77 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on September 13, 2011.

The plat incorporating the field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 42 North, Range 10 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted on September 22, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Fractional Township 2 South, Range 1 East, Ute Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on October 13, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 26 South, Range 71 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on October 28, 2011.

The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey in Township 11 North, Range 89 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on October 28, 2011.

Randy Bloom,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Windy Gap Firming Project, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Windy Gap Firming Project is available for public review. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has evaluated comments and has identified Alternative 2 as the Preferred Alternative. The Preferred Alternative includes construction of Chimney Hollow Reservoir, pre-positioning of Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) water in the new reservoir, and a new pipeline to convey water to the reservoir from existing C-BT facilities.

DATES: Reclamation will not make a decision on the Proposed Action until at least 30 days after release of the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: The Final EIS and related documents are available for review at <http://www.usbr.gov/gp/eca>.

To obtain a compact disk of the Final EIS, contact Lucy Maldonado at the Bureau of Reclamation, 11056 West County Rd. 18E, Loveland, CO 80537-9711; (970) 962-4369, facsimile (970) 663-3212, lmaldonado@usbr.gov; or Kara Lamb at (970) 962-4326; klamb@usbr.gov.

Refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations of libraries where paper and electronic copies of the Final EIS are available for reading.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lucy Maldonado at (970) 962-4369, lmaldonado@usbr.gov; or Kara Lamb at (970) 962-4326, klamb@usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Windy Gap Firming Project was proposed by the Municipal Subdistrict, Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, acting by and through the Windy Gap Firming Project Water Activity Enterprise (Subdistrict). The Preferred Alternative (Proposed Action) described in the Final EIS includes:

- Construction of Chimney Hollow Reservoir (90,000 acre-feet) by the Subdistrict;
- Pre-positioning of Colorado-Big Thompson (C-BT) water in the new reservoir;
- A new pipeline to convey water to the new reservoir from existing C-BT facilities.

The Subdistrict completed the Windy Gap Project by 1985 following a final environmental statement and a Record of Decision prepared by Reclamation in 1981. The Windy Gap Project is neither federally owned nor operated, although Windy Gap Project water is conveyed through Reclamation's C-BT Project facilities.

Reclamation allows the storage and transport of Windy Gap Project water in the C-BT Project through an excess capacity contract with the Subdistrict. The Windy Gap Project was originally planned to divert an estimated long-term annual average of 56,000 acre feet (AF) of water from the Colorado River. During actual operation, the Windy Gap Project has been unable to provide the expected yield due to its junior water right and periodic lack of excess capacity in the C-BT Project.

The Subdistrict concluded that the firm yield (the amount it can guarantee annually) of the Windy Gap Project is actually zero because it is unable to deliver Windy Gap water to Colorado's Front Range community participants in all years. The purpose of the Windy Gap Firming Project is to increase the annual firm yield to about 30,000 AF. This would be based upon a long-term average annual diversion of about 46,000 AF from the Colorado River basin. From 1985 to 2005, Windy Gap diverted an average annual 11,080 AF of water per year. However, demands among the participants have been increasing so that diversions for 1999 through 2008 have averaged 21,957 AF per year.

The Subdistrict developed this proposal to improve their ability to deliver water from Windy Gap. The proposal is to construct Chimney Hollow Reservoir on the eastern slope near Carter Lake (C-BT Project), along with a connecting pipeline from C-BT Project facilities to deliver Windy Gap water to Chimney Hollow Reservoir. Reclamation's Preferred Alternative in the Final EIS is implementation of the Proposed Action. This new reservoir would be used to store and pre-position Windy Gap Project water for delivery to participants along the Front Range. Under the pre-positioning proposal included in the Preferred Alternative, Chimney Hollow Reservoir would also store C-BT Project water when it is pre-positioned in Chimney Hollow Reservoir to make space in Granby Reservoir for Windy Gap water. The Preferred Alternative would continue to use C-BT Project facilities to deliver Windy Gap Project water to the Front Range.

Reclamation is the lead agency in compliance under the National