

services, noise, hazardous materials, aesthetics, cumulative effects, and indirect and growth-inducing effects.

*Locations where the DEIS is available for review:* The DEIS will be available for review at the Beloit Public Library located at 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, Wisconsin 53511, and online at <http://www.ho-chunkbeloiteis.com>. To obtain a compact disk copy of the DEIS, please provide your name and address in writing to Timothy Guyah, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Midwest Regional Office. Contact information is listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice. Individual paper copies of the DEIS will be provided only upon payment of applicable printing expenses by the requestor for the number of copies requested.

*Public comment availability:* Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 that your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, the BIA cannot guarantee that this will occur.

*Authority:* This notice is published pursuant to Sec. 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) and Sec. 46.305 of the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of the NEPA of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371, *et seq.*), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: November 6, 2018.

**Tara Sweeney,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale; Notice of Availability of the Detailed Statement of Sale for the NPR–A 2018 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Office will hold an oil and gas lease sale bid opening for 254 tracts in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR–A).

**DATES:** The oil and gas lease sale bid opening will be at 10 a.m. (AKST) on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018. The BLM must receive all sealed bids by 4 p.m. (AKST), Monday, Dec. 10, 2018. The Detailed Statement of Sale for the NPR–A Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2018 will be available to the public on November 9, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Sealed bids must be received at the BLM Alaska State Office, ATTN: Carol Taylor (AK932); 222 West 7th Avenue, #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504. You may see the Detailed Statement of Sale from the BLM Alaska website at <https://www.blm.gov/alaska>, or request a copy from the BLM Alaska Public Information Center (Public Room), 222 West 7th Avenue, #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504; 907–271–5960.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne Svejnoha, telephone 907–271–4407. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 December 2018 NPR–A Oil and Gas Lease Sale will include 254 tracts (approximately 2.85 million acres) available for leasing under the NPR–A Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement Record of Decision (ROD) finalized in February 2013.

The opening and reading of the bids for the 2018 NPR–A lease sale will be available via video livestreaming at <http://www.blm.gov/live>.

The Detailed Statement of Sale will include a description of the areas the BLM is offering for lease, as well as the

lease terms, conditions, special stipulations, required operating procedures, and directions about how to submit bids. If you plan to submit a bid(s), please note that all bids must be sealed in accordance with the provisions identified in the Detailed Statement of Sale.

The United States reserves the right to withdraw any tract from this sale prior to issuance of a written acceptance of a bid.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 3131.4–1 and 42 U.S.C. 6506a.

**Ted A. Murphy,**

*Acting State Director, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement for the Borderlands Wind Project in Catron County, New Mexico; and Notice of Public Lands Segregation

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Socorro Field Office will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which includes a potential Plan Amendment to the 2010 Socorro Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP) for a proposed commercial wind energy project located on public lands in Catron County, New Mexico. Publication of this Notice initiates the scoping process and opens a 30-day public comment period to solicit public comments and identify issues. Publication of this Notice also serves to segregate the public 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. This Notice initiates the public scoping process and the public lands segregation.

**DATES:** This notice initiates a 30-day public scoping period that will assist in preparation of the Draft EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 10, 2018.

The BLM expects to hold at least one public meeting in New Mexico during the scoping period, to provide an opportunity to review the proposal and project information. Announcements will be made by news release to the media and posted on the BLM's website listed below.

Comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period in order to be included in the Draft EIS/Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA). The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS/RMPA.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments or resource information related to the project by any of the following methods:

- *Website:* <https://www.blm.gov/site-page/programs-planning-and-nepa-plans-development-new-mexico-proposed-borderlands-wind-project>.

- *Mail:* Jim Stobaugh, National Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office, Borderlands Wind Project, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, please contact Virginia Alguire, BLM Socorro Field Office, 901 South Hwy 85, Socorro, New Mexico 87801; phone (575) 838-1290, or email to [valguire@blm.gov](mailto:valguire@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Alguire during normal business hours. The FRS 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:** On May 18, 2017, Borderlands Wind, LLC, submitted an application to the BLM requesting authorization to construct, operate, maintain, and terminate an up-to-100 megawatt commercial wind energy generation facility—Borderlands Wind Project (NMNM136976), in Catron County, New Mexico, within a boundary that encompasses approximately 40,348 acres of land managed by the BLM, the New Mexico State Land Office (SLO), and private landowners. The project would be located south of U.S. Route 60 in Catron County near Quemado, New Mexico, and the Arizona–New Mexico border. Approximately 28,989.38 of the 40,348 acres are located on lands managed by the BLM Socorro Field Office. The project would generally consist of approximately thirty-six 2.5-megawatt (MW) and four 2.3–MW General Electric

(GE) wind turbine generators (WTG). Ancillary facilities such as access roads, underground collections, substation/switchyard, etc., would be located on lands administered by the BLM, SLO, or privately owned lands as needed.

Due to the potential impacts of the proposed Borderlands Wind Project, the BLM is preparing an EIS, and would be the lead agency. 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 EIS and potential Plan Amendments. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: Cultural resources; threatened, endangered, and sensitive species; visual resources; tribal interests; military training flight paths; and future reclamation/mitigation from wind turbine construction and location. The BLM will identify, analyze, and require on-site mitigation, as appropriate, to address the reasonably foreseeable impacts to resources from the approval of this project. Mitigation may include avoidance, minimization, rectification, reduction or elimination over time, and may be considered on multiple scales to address the associated impact.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA scoping process to help fulfill the public involvement process under the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108) as provided in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). The information about historic and cultural resources within the area potentially affected by the proposed action will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources.

The BLM will consult with Native American Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration. Federal, state, and local agencies, along with tribes and other stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the proposed Borderlands Wind Project that the BLM is evaluating, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request, or be requested by the BLM, to participate in the development of the environmental analysis as a cooperating agency.

Authorization of this proposal requires amendments to the 2010 Socorro Field Office RMP to modify the visual resource management class in the project area and to modify a right-of way (ROW) avoidance area. By this notice,

the BLM is complying with requirements 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to the 2010 Socorro Field Office RMP. The BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA analysis process for this project.

The BLM encourages comments concerning the proposed Borderlands Wind energy generation facility, feasible alternatives, possible measures to minimize and/or avoid adverse environmental impacts, and any other information relevant to the proposed action. You may submit comments in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting or at any time by using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Public scoping meetings will be conducted in an open house format with BLM staff and representatives from Borderlands Wind, LLC available to explain project details and gather information from interested individuals or groups. You should submit comments by the close of the 30-day scoping period.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Any persons wishing to be added to a mailing list of interested parties can call or write to the BLM, as described in this Notice. Additional information meetings may be conducted throughout the process to keep the public informed of the progress of the EIS.

#### Segregation of the Public Lands

In accordance with 43 CFR 2091.3–1(e) and 43 CFR 2804.25(f), the BLM is segregating the public lands within the proposed ROW area from appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law, but not the Mineral Leasing or the Material Sales Acts, for a period of up to 2 years in order to promote the orderly administration of the public lands. This temporary segregation is subject to valid existing mining claims located before this segregation notice. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact lands identified in this notice may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregation period. The lands segregated

under this Notice are legally described as follows:

**New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico**

T. 1 S, R. 19 W,  
 Sec. 10, All;  
 Sec. 15, lots 1 thru 4;  
 Sec. 17, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 20, All;  
 Sec. 21, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 29, All;  
 Sec. 30, All;  
 Sec. 31, All;  
 Sec. 33, All;  
 Area described approximate 5051.28 acres.

**New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico**

T. 2 S, R. 19 W,  
 Sec. 4, lots 2 and 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Secs. 5 thru 8;  
 Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Secs. 17 thru 19;  
 Sec. 20, lots 1 thru 5, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 30, lots 3 thru 14, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Area described approximate 6268.11 acres.

*New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico*

T. 1 S, R. 20 W,  
 Sec. 25, All;  
 Sec. 26, All;  
 Sec. 29, All;  
 Sec. 30, All;  
 Sec. 31, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , lots 13 and 14, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 33, lots 1 thru 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 34, lots 1 thru 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 35, All;  
 Area described approximate 3688.25 acres.

**New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico**

T. 2 S, R. 20 W,  
 Sec. 1, All;  
 Secs. 3 thru 5;  
 Sec. 6, lots 1 and 2, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Sec. 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Secs. 11 thru 15;  
 Secs. 21 thru 28;  
 Secs. 33 thru 35;  
 Area described approximate 13601.49 acres.

**New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico**

T. 3 S, R. 20 W,  
 Sec. 3, lots 5 thru 12;  
 Sec. 4, lots 5 thru 8.  
 Area described approximate 380.25 acres.

The areas described contain approximately 28,989.38 acres, according to the official plats of the surveys and protraction diagrams of the lands on file with the BLM.

As provided in the 43 CFR 2804.25(f), the segregation of lands in this Notice will not exceed 2 years from the date of publication of this Notice, though it can be extended for up to 2 additional years

through publication of a new notice in the **Federal Register**.

Termination of the segregation occurs on the earliest of the following dates: Upon issuance of a decision by the authorized officer granting, granting with modifications, or denying the application for a ROW; automatically at the end of the segregation; or upon publication of a **Federal Register** notice of termination of the segregation. Upon termination of segregation of these lands, all lands subject to this segregation will automatically reopen to appropriation under the public land laws.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 2091.3–1, and 43 CFR 2804.25(f).

**Timothy R. Spisak,**

*Acting BLM New Mexico State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Bureau of Reclamation Use Authorization Application**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 10, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*; or via facsimile to (202) 395–5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to Jason Kirby, Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy and Administration, 84–57000, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225–0007; or by email to *jkirby@usbr.gov*. Please reference OMB Control Number 1006–0003 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jason Kirby by email at

*jkirby@usbr.gov*, or by telephone at (303) 445–2895. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A Federal Register notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 14, 2018 (83 FR 40334). No comments were received.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of Reclamation; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might Reclamation enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might Reclamation minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

**Abstract:** Reclamation is responsible for approximately 6.5 million acres of land which directly support Reclamation's Federal water projects in the 17 Western States. Under Title 43 CFR part 429, individuals or entities wanting to use Reclamation's lands, facilities, or waterbodies must apply using Form 7–2540. Examples of such uses are:

—Agricultural uses such as grazing and farming;