

NEPA analysis and prepare an EA or EIS, as appropriate.

The Department, on behalf of Reclamation, invites comments on these proposed CE revisions and will consider all comments received by the comment deadline. Comments should be as specific as possible and provide detail to explain the importance of the issues raised in the comment to Reclamation's proposed rulemaking.

Public Disclosure Statement

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.

Amended Text for the Departmental Manual

The proposed text would modify 516 DM as set forth below:

Part 516: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969

Chapter 14: Managing the NEPA Process—Bureau of Reclamation

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14.5 Categorical Exclusions

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D. Operation and Maintenance Activities

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(4) Approval, execution, administration, and implementation of water-related contracts and contract renewals, amendments, supplements, and assignments, and water transfers, exchanges, and replacements, for which one or more of the following apply: (a) for minor amounts of long-term water use, where impacts are expected to be localized; (b) for temporary or interim water use where the action does not lead to long-term changes and where the impacts are expected to be localized; or (c) where the only result will be to implement an administrative or financial practice or change. A "water-related contract" is any legally binding agreement to which Reclamation becomes a party, pursuant to its authority under Federal law that (1) makes water available from or to the United States; (2) allows water to be stored, carried, or delivered in facilities Reclamation owns, manages, operates, or funds; or (3) establishes operation,

maintenance, and replacement responsibilities for such facilities.

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(8) Issuance or renewal of use authorizations (as defined in 43 CFR 429.2, including crossing agreements which provide rights-of-way) that provide right-of-use of Reclamation land, facilities, or waterbodies where one or more of the following apply: (a) work is minor and impacts are expected to be localized; (b) the action does not lead to a major public or private action; (c) the only result of the authorization will be to implement an administrative or financial practice or change; or (d) the level of use or impacts to resources is not increased.

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(10) Reserved.

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(14) Reserved.

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E. Financial Assistance, Loans, and Funding

(1) Financial assistance, cooperative agreements, grants, loans, contracts, or other funding, where the underlying actions being funded (a) would be covered by another Reclamation CE if Reclamation were implementing the action itself; or (b) where the work to be done is confined to areas already impacted by farming or development activities, work is considered minor, and where the impacts are expected to be localized.

(2) Reserved.

(3) Reserved.

Stephen G. Tryon,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: The BLM must receive protests by July 8, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may buy a copy of the plats from the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 W 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Please use this address when filing written protests. You may also view the plats at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas B. O'Toole, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513; 907-271-4231; totoole@blm.gov. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM 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 lands surveyed are:

Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska

- T. 15 N., R. 17 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 16 N., R. 17 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 17 N., R. 17 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 15 N., R. 18 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 16 N., R. 18 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 17 N., R. 18 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 15 N., R. 19 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 17 N., R. 19 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 13 N., R. 20 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 14 N., R. 20 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 15 N., R. 20 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 16 N., R. 20 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 17 N., R. 20 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 15 N., R. 21 E., accepted May 14, 2024.
T. 16 N., R. 21 E., accepted May 14, 2024.

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 14639, accepted April 29, 2024, situated in T. 18 N., R. 10 W.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

- T. 21 N., R. 48 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 20 N., R. 49 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 17 N., R. 50 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 18 N., R. 50 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 19 N., R. 50 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 20 N., R. 50 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 19 N., R. 51 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 20 N., R. 51 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 19 N., R. 55 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 21 N., R. 55 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 22 N., R. 55 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 18 N., R. 56 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 19 N., R. 56 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 20 N., R. 56 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 21 N., R. 56 W., accepted May 13, 2024.
T. 22 N., R. 59 W., accepted May 13, 2024.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska. The protest may be filed by mailing to BLM State

Director, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513 or by delivering it in person to BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 W 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. You must file the notice of protest before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. The BLM will not consider any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the State Director for the BLM in Alaska during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed.

If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask the BLM to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. chap. 3.

Thomas O'Toole,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Lava Ridge Wind Project in Jerome, Lincoln, and Minidoka Counties, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

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 (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Lava Ridge Wind Project.

DATES: The BLM will not issue a decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The final EIS and documents pertinent to this proposal are available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2013782/510> and in hardcopy at the BLM Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kasey Prestwich, Project Manager, telephone 208-732-7204; address BLM Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352; email kprestwich@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Prestwich. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

Magic Valley Energy, LLC (MVE) has applied for a right-of-way (ROW) to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the Lava Ridge Wind Project (the project), a wind energy facility and ancillary facilities primarily on BLM-administered public lands in Jerome, Lincoln, and Minidoka Counties, Idaho. The BLM's purpose is

to respond to the ROW application submitted by MVE in compliance with FLPMA, BLM regulations, and other applicable Federal laws and policies. The need for the BLM's Proposed Action arises from FLPMA, which establishes a multiple use mandate for management of Federal lands, including "systems for generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy" (FLPMA title V). The BLM will decide whether to grant, grant with modifications, or deny MVE's ROW application.

Proposed Action and Alternatives

Under *Alternative A*, the BLM would deny MVE's application for construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the project. The project facilities would not be built, and existing land uses and present activities in the area would continue. The land would continue to be available for other uses that are consistent with the BLM's Monument Resource Management Plan (1986) and its amendments, including the 2015 *Idaho and Southern Montana Greater Sage-Grouse Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment*. Federal and regional renewable energy goals would have to be met using other alternative energy projects at other locations.

Under *Alternative B* (Applicant Proposed Action), the BLM would authorize the wind energy facility as proposed by MVE, subject to certain terms and conditions. *Alternative B* could have up to 400 3-megawatt (MW) turbines or up to 349 6-MW turbines, or a combination of 3-MW and 6-MW turbines not to exceed 400. The maximum height of the turbines would be between 390 and 740 feet, depending on their MW capacity. Siting corridors would span 84,051 acres, with the project area footprint within these corridors totaling 9,114 acres.

Alternative C (Reduced Western Corridors) would reduce the project's footprint by authorizing project development except within specific corridors. Siting corridors in *Alternative C* would span 65,215 acres. Project activity would disturb 6,953 acres. The intent of this alternative is to avoid and minimize potential impacts to Wilson Butte Cave and Minidoka National Historic Site (NHS). *Alternative C* would also aim to encourage development in areas that have already been impacted by energy infrastructure and reduce the extent of wildlife habitat fragmentation.

Like *Alternative C*, *Alternative D* (Centralized Corridors) would reduce the project's footprint by authorizing