

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City District Office, Carson City, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Sierra Pacific Power Company's Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project which will run through Storey, Lyon, Carson City and Douglas counties. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process and solicits input on the identification of issues.

DATES: The BLM will accept comments until October 31, 2008. The BLM will announce public scoping meetings through local news media, mailings, and the BLM Web site http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html at least 15 days prior to each meeting.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to:

- BLM Carson City District Office, Attn: Blackhawk EIS Project Manager, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

- Fax: (775) 885-6147.

- E-mail: blackhawkeis@blm.gov.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Carson City District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and to have your name added to the Blackhawk EIS mailing list, call Mark Struble, (775) 885-6107; or e-mail blackhawkeis@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM Carson City District Office will prepare an EIS for the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project (Project) to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts resulting from construction of a new 120 kV electrical transmission line and two new substations proposed in a right-of-way (ROW) application submitted by Sierra Pacific Power Company. The proposed Project includes the construction of approximately 34 miles of an electrical 120 kV transmission line through four counties in Nevada, beginning at the proposed new Blackhawk Substation in Storey County. From the proposed

Blackhawk Substation four new 120 kV transmission lines would run parallel, crossing U.S. Highway 50, for approximately four miles where two of the lines would fold into an existing transmission line north of the Carson River. From that point the remaining two lines would continue southwest, crossing the Carson River, and running eight miles to the existing Dayton Substation in Lyon County. From the Dayton Substation one transmission line would run south over two miles, then west approximately six miles, parallel with existing lines to the existing Brunswick Substation in Carson City. From the Brunswick Substation the transmission line parallels existing powerlines straight south for approximately seven miles to the existing Prison Hill Substation in Carson City. At this point the line would parallel an existing line south for less than a mile before turning west for approximately three and a half miles in a new corridor through a saddle in Hot Springs Mountain and across the Douglas County water treatment facility, then south for approximately one mile paralleling an existing line and terminating at the proposed new Heybourne Substation in Douglas County. The proposed transmission line runs parallel with existing transmission lines along all but the first four miles in Storey and Lyon counties and three and a half miles in Douglas County. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the best possible alternatives and management decisions that will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

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 EIS process. The EIS will address issues brought forth through scoping and will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of BLM and other agency specialists. A range of alternatives and mitigating measures will be considered to evaluate and minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed actions do not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the BLM decision on the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project are urged to participate in the EIS process. It is important that those interested in the proposed activities participate in the scoping and commenting processes of the EIS.

Written comments may be provided to the BLM at the public scoping meetings or may be submitted to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the Addresses section above. Comments will be accepted until October 31, 2008.

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.

Dated: September 11, 2008.

Patrick Gubbins,

Manager, Carson City District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-957-08-1420-BJ]

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the dates indicated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The plat and field notes representing the metes and bounds survey of Lot 4, section 8, Township 18 North, Range 79 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 794, was accepted July 23, 2008.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Fifth Standard Parallel North, through Ranges 93 and 94 West, a portion of the east boundary, the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, Township 20 North,

Range 94 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 673, was accepted July 23, 2008.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary and subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 4, and the metes and bounds survey of lots 5 and 6, section 4, Township 27 North, Range 103 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 687, was accepted August 7, 2008.

The plat representing the entire record of the dependent resurvey of a portion of Tract 49, designed to restore the corners in their true locations according to the best available evidence, Township 52 North, Range 97 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 769, was accepted August 25, 2008.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of Tract 105, portions of Tracts 106 and 107, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of Tracts 105 and 107, Township 52 North, Range 96 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 770, was accepted August 25, 2008.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of the south, east and west boundaries, a portion of the north boundary, and the subdivisional lines, Township 54 North, Range 78 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 767, was accepted September 16, 2008.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Ninth Standard Parallel North through Range 110 West, portions of the east boundary and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 1, Township 36 North, Range 111 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 768, was accepted September 16, 2008.

Copies of the preceding described plats and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: September 17, 2008.

John P. Lee,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2310.3-1, notice is hereby given that on the behalf of the United States Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management proposes to extend Public Land Order No. 6776 for a 20-year period. This order withdrew approximately 8,950 acres of National Forest System land from surface entry and mining to protect the natural, scenic, and recreational values, and the investment in federal funds in the North Cascades Scenic Highway Zone. The withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 6776 will expire on April 17, 2010, unless extended. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and to request a public meeting.

DATES: Effective Date: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by December 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory B. Graham, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest, 509-664-9262, or, Charles R. Roy, Bureau of Land Management Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Forest Service has filed an application to extend Public Land Order No. 6776 (55 FR 14422 (1990)) lands from location and entry under the mining laws for a 20 year period, subject to valid existing rights.

The areas described aggregates approximately 8,950 acres in Chelan, Okanogan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection of the Federal investment in the improvements located on the land.

There are no suitable alternative sites with equal or greater benefit to the government.

No additional water rights will be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

The preliminary mineral potential evaluation found the above described lands to have a high potential for locatable minerals.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal extension is to protect the scenic, natural, and recreation values, and the investment of federal funds at the North Cascades Scenic Highway Zone.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the State Director at the address indicated above.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address indicated above during regular business hours.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the State Director at the address indicated above within 90 days from the publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.