

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the DEIS using any of the following methods:

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- **Fax:** 775-861-6689 (Attention: Penny Woods, Project Manager).
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Penny Woods, BLM Project Manager, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, by fax 775-861-6466 (Attention: Penny Woods), or by e-mail: nvgwprojects@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS describes and analyzes a proposal for groundwater development in the Clover Valley and Tule Desert hydrographic basins as submitted by the Lincoln County Water District (LCWD). The DEIS addresses the proposal as submitted by LCWD; an alternative alignment of pipelines, power lines and facilities; and a no action alternative. Under the proposed action, LCWD would develop and convey groundwater in Tule Desert and Clover Valley hydrographic basins to private land for community development in the Toquop Township (Lincoln County Land Act) tract just north of Mesquite, Nevada. The volume of water to be transported through the proposed facilities could be up to 24,000 acre-feet per year.

The proposed project would be located in unincorporated portions of southeastern Lincoln County, Nevada, and consists of approximately 47 miles of a main transmission pipeline; approximately 54 miles of lateral pipelines; up to 30 production wells; water storage tanks, booster stations, and access roads; 138 kV, 22.8 kV and 4.16 kV power lines and a power substation; a natural gas pipeline; underground telephone lines; and a telemetry system utilizing a fiber optic line.

The water wells and associated facilities would be located primarily within or adjacent to a utility corridor established by the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2004—Public Act 108-424 (LCCRDA). A portion of the pipeline would be constructed outside of the LCCRDA corridor to follow existing roads, which would reduce disturbance by following gentler gradients. Lateral pipelines (up to 12-inch diameter) would connect the transmission pipeline (up to 54-inch diameter) to the production wells. Associated facilities would include overhead power lines, buried fiber optic lines for telemetry, telephone lines, natural gas lines, access roads, and

temporary storage areas. The power lines and communication lines would be placed in a permanent right-of-way to provide power and communication for project facilities. Depending on final well sitings, access roads approximately 12 feet wide may be needed from existing public roads to each well site. Temporary work areas up to 1 acre in size would be spaced approximately every mile along the right-of-way. Up to 20, five-acre sites, may also be needed for temporary storage, parking, or construction activities along the right-of-way. All temporary work spaces and ancillary storage sites would be reclaimed following completion of project consultation.

The proposed width of the permanent right-of-way for the main transmission pipeline and connected lateral pipelines is 60 feet. A temporary adjacent right-of-way would also be established to accommodate construction activities and would be 40-feet wide. Where power lines are routed, an additional 100-foot permanent right-of-way would be placed adjacent to the 60-foot pipeline right-of-way.

Scoping of the project occurred from March 31 through May 1, 2006. Comments were received in the following broad categories: NEPA development (38 percent), social impacts (22 percent) and physical resources (40 percent). The DEIS addresses the following issues identified during scoping: NEPA process (consultation/coordination, the proposed action, alternatives, connected actions, cumulative impacts, and data needs/validity); social impacts (aesthetics, cultural resources, competing land uses, recreation, and socioeconomic resources); and physical resources (air quality, biological resources, geology and water resources). Key issues identified by individuals, groups and governmental entities include water supply and use, competing or conflicting land uses, and cumulative impacts and connected actions.

A map of the proposed project is available for viewing at the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., in Reno and at the BLM Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada. Copies of the DEIS or the executive summary are available on request from the BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, 775-861-6681 or e-mail to nvgwprojects@blm.gov. The DEIS is available both in hard copy and on compact disc (CD). The DEIS and summary will be available electronically on the Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en.html>. Copies of the DEIS will be

available for public inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, Nevada.
- Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada.

All public comments, including names and mailing addresses, will be available for public review at the Nevada State Office in Reno during public room hours from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays, and may be published as part of the Final EIS.

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.

Ron Wenker,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Supplemental Final Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, is issuing the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska (NPR-A) Supplemental Final Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS).

DATES: The Final IAP/EIS is available to the public. After 30 days the BLM will issue a Record of Decision.

ADDRESSES: Requests for information regarding the Final IAP/EIS may be sent to Jim Ducker, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office (931), 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your correspondence, you should be aware that your entire

correspondence—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The Final IAP/EIS is available on the BLM-Alaska Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ak>. CD or paper copies may be requested by calling Jim Ducker, BLM project lead at 907-271-3130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Ducker, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-3130.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Supplemental IAP/EIS supplements the Northeast NPR—A Amended IAP/EIS, which was completed in January 2005 and was followed with a Record of Decision in January 2006. On September 25, 2006, the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska found the Amended IAP/EIS analysis failed to fully consider the cumulative effects of oil and gas leasing in planning area and in the adjacent Northwest NPR—A planning area and vacated the Record of Decision for the Amended IAP/EIS. The Supplemental IAP/EIS provides the additional analysis necessary to fully address deficiencies noted by the court and updates relevant sections of the document with information that has become available since the completion of the Amended IAP/EIS. Like the Amended IAP/EIS, the Supplemental IAP/EIS considers additional oil and gas leasing opportunities in the same approximately 4.6 million acres in the northeast portion of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The Supplemental IAP/EIS considers the same issues and almost identical alternatives as were addressed in the Amended IAP/EIS. The Final Supplemental IAP/EIS identifies as the Preferred Alternative a modified version of Alternative D that appeared in the Draft Supplemental IAP/EIS. The primary modification is to defer more than 500,000 acres from leasing for 10 years following the adoption of a decision on the plan.

Dated: March 17, 2008.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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West Fry Wind Energy LLC, California Desert District, Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and To Amend the California Desert Conservation Area Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California, will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the development and operation of a wind energy farm on public lands in the West Fry Mountains northeast of Lucerne Valley, California to meet the requirements of NEPA. The project and associated ancillary facilities will require one or more BLM right-of-way authorizations. Pursuant to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, new power generation projects must be evaluated through the planning process. By this notice the BLM is announcing a 45-day period for public scoping of alternatives, issues, the scope of the direct, indirect, and cumulative analysis for this proposal and associated planning criteria. In addition, BLM is requesting the views of other agencies as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the statutory responsibilities or areas of expertise for your agencies in connection with the proposed project and the analysis of its impacts.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Requests for participation in the development of this EIS as a cooperating or participating agency, and comments on issues or alternatives related to this proposal must be received within 45 days of the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, and may be submitted in writing to the address listed below. Additionally, at least two scoping meetings will be held to encourage public input. The public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site (<http://www.ca.blm.gov/barstow>) at least 15 days prior to the event. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: Requests for participation in the EIS development by agencies, requests to be added to the mailing list, and comments on the scope and content of the EIS should be sent to Edy Seehafer, Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311, by fax at 760-252-6099, or e-mail at cabaeis@ca.blm.gov. A follow-up hard copy is requested when comments are sent by fax or e-mail, to assure readability. Documents pertinent to this proposal, including comments with the names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review Monday through Friday, except holidays, at the BLM Barstow Field Office located at 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California, during regular business hours of 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and may be published as part of the EIS. 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. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *EIS/EIR Process:* Edy Seehafer, 760-252-6021, or cabaeis@ca.blm.gov. *Technical Information:* Joan Patrovsky, 760-252-6032, or jpatrovs@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: West Fry Wind Energy, LLC has applied for a right of way on public lands to construct a wind energy generating facility in the West Fry Mountains in San Bernardino County, California. The 3,100 acre project site is northeast of Lucerne Valley, on public lands managed as the Johnson Valley Off Highway Vehicle area. The proposed project is comprised of (1) A main access road from the northwest (off Camp Rock Road); (2) other internal access roads; (3) up to 34 wind turbine generators, each up to 425 feet tall; (4) associated pad-mounted transformers; (5) an underground electrical collection system; (6) a new 230 kV electrical substation; (7) a 500-ft 230 kV overhead transmission line from the substation to a new switchyard; (8) the new switchyard where the project would interconnect to