

ADDRESSES: You may request an electronic copy of the Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project Final EIS/EIR by any of the following methods:

- **Mail:** BLM Bishop Field Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100, Bishop, CA 93514; Attn: Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project Final EIS/EIR, c/o Collin Reinhardt, Project Manager.
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Interested persons may also review the Final EIS/EIR on the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop.html>.

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR are also available for public inspection at the BLM Bishop Field Office at the above address and at the Mono County Library at 400 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final EIS/EIR analyzes the potential impacts of authorizing the proposed Casa Diablo IV Geothermal Development Project near the town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono County, California. In accordance with the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, as amended (30 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*), the BLM Bishop Field Office is the lead Federal agency responsible for permitting the proposed project and for completing the required environmental analysis under NEPA. The USFS Inyo National Forest is a cooperating Federal agency. The GBUAPCD is the lead State agency responsible for permitting the proposed project and for completing the required environmental analysis under CEQA.

The purpose and need for action is to respond to an application to construct and operate the Casa Diablo IV project on Federal geothermal leases administered by the BLM Bishop Field Office. The project would be located on Inyo National Forest lands and adjacent private lands within portions of Federal geothermal leases CACA-11667, CACA-

14407, CACA-14408, and CACA-11672. The project would be located adjacent to three currently operating geothermal plants.

The 33 megawatt binary geothermal power plant would be the fourth geothermal plant in the vicinity. It would include up to 16 wells for production and injection, drilled 1,600 to 2,500 feet deep. Pipelines would be constructed to transport geothermal fluid from production wells to the power plant and the return of fluids from the power plant to injection wells. A 650-foot-long transmission line would connect the new power plant to the Southern California Edison substation at Substation Road. The power plant, access roads, well pads, pipelines, and transmission line would occupy approximately 80 acres. Of the 16 proposed production/injection well locations, 14 were previously analyzed and approved by the BLM as exploration wells in EA-170-02-15 (2001) and EA-170-05-04 (2005). Three of these exploration wells have already been drilled as of the time of the publication of this notice.

Three action alternatives and a no action alternative are analyzed in the Final EIS/EIR. Alternative 1 is the applicant's proposed action as outlined above; Alternative 2 considers an alternative location for the proposed power plant; and Alternative 3 (the BLM's preferred alternative) considers alternative pipeline alignments in Basalt Canyon and slightly alters the location of one proposed well. The GBUAPCD has identified Alternative 3 as the "environmentally superior alternative" pursuant to CEQA (14 C.C.R. 15126.6(e)(2)).

Alternative 4, the No Action Alternative, would not construct the CD-IV Project. The three existing geothermal power plants, the pipeline from Basalt Canyon, and two existing production wells would continue operating in accordance with their respective permits. Under the No Action Alternative, geothermal exploration in Basalt Canyon and Upper Basalt Canyon previously approved would be expected to continue. Previous analyses resulted in the approval of up to ten small diameter (slim hole) and six geothermal exploratory (large diameter) geothermal wells, some of which have been already drilled. Under the No Action Alternative, while no activities related to the Proposed Action would occur, nine additional small diameter and two large diameter exploratory wells could be drilled as previously authorized.

The Final EIS/EIR describes and analyzes the project's site-specific impacts on the following resources: Air,

biological, climate change, cultural and paleontological, geothermal and groundwater, geologic, soil, mineral, grazing, wild horses and burros, land use, noise and vibration, population and housing, public safety, hazardous materials, fire, recreation, socioeconomics and environmental justice, traffic, utilities and public service, visual, and surface water.

In addition to scoping activities, a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on November 16, 2012 (77 FR 68813), announcing a 60-day comment period ending January 15, 2013. In response to requests, the NEPA comment period was extended to January 30, 2013 and the CEQA comment period was extended to February 20, 2013. Additionally, two public meetings were held on December 5 and 6, 2012, in Mammoth Lakes and Lake Crowley, California, respectively.

One oral comment and 28 comment letters were received. Comments on the Draft EIS/EIR primarily pertained to the NEPA and CEQA processes, project alternatives, and impacts to various resources and uses. The agencies also received statements in support of the proposal.

All comments were addressed in the Final EIS/EIR, some of which resulted in corrections and clarifying text that did not significantly change the alternatives or analysis. Similarly, consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act has resulted in revisions to the project as reflected in the Final EIS/EIS that further avoid impacts to cultural and biological resources.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

Thomas Pogacnik,
Deputy State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7817; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6986; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order extends the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 6986, which was issued effective July 1, 1993, for an

additional 20-year period. The extension is necessary to continue protection of the scenic, recreational, and fish and wildlife habitat values in the scenic section of the Illinois Wild and Scenic River located in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest between the mouth of Deer Creek and the mouth of Briggs Creek, which would otherwise expire on June 30, 2013.

DATES: *As of:* July 1, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael L. Barnes, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6155, or Dianne Torpin, United States Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, 503-808-2422. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact either of the above individuals. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with either of the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension to continue to protect the scenic, recreational, and fish and wildlife habitat values of the scenic section of the Illinois Wild and Scenic River between the mouth of Deer Creek and the mouth of Briggs Creek located in the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest. The withdrawal extended by this order will expire on June 30, 2033, unless as a result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date, pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

Public Land Order No. 6986 (58 FR 35408 (1993)), which withdrew approximately 4,239.95 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the scenic section of the Illinois Wild and Scenic River located in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest between the mouth of Deer Creek and the mouth of Briggs Creek, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period until June 30, 2033.

Dated: June 20, 2013.

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Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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**Public Land Order No. 7818;
Withdrawal of Public Lands for the
Protection and Preservation of Solar
Energy Zones for Future Energy
Development; Arizona, California,
Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and
Utah**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 303,900 acres of public lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, for a period of 20 years to protect 17 Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) for future solar energy development. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral and geothermal leasing, and mineral material sales.

DATES: *As of:* June 27, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Brady, Bureau of Land Management, by telephone at 202-912-7312 or by email at rbrady@blm.gov, or contact one of the Bureau of Land Management offices listed below:

Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, 602-417-9200.

California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1623, Sacramento, California 95825, 916-978-4400.

Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, 303-239-3600.

Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Boulevard, Reno, Nevada 89502, 775-861-6400.

New Mexico State Office, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87508, 877-276-9404.

Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101, 801-539-4133.

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receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of maps depicting the land descriptions are available within the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States Web site (<http://solareis.anl.gov>) and are also available from the Bureau of Land Management offices listed in the "For Further Information Contact" section above.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following-described public lands are hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), but not from the public land, mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or mineral material laws, to protect 17 solar energy zones:

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Gila and Salt River Meridian

Brenda SEZ:

T. 5 N., R. 15 W.,

Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 4 N., R. 16 W.,

Sec. 1, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Secs. 2, 3, and 4; Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 3,343 acres.

Gillespie SEZ:

T. 2 S., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 6, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 7, N $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 8, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 16, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 23, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed;

Sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, unsurveyed.

T. 2 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 1, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;