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133772	Richard H. Gebhard	71 FR 60561; October 13, 2006	February 5, 2007.
137715	Philip S. Majerus	71 FR 66187; November 13, 2006	February 5, 2007.
125179	Warren L. Strickland	71 FR 35692; June 21, 2006	January 4, 2007.
130142	Jerry L. Brenner	71 FR 76684; December 21, 2006	February 21, 2007.
137039	Kelly J. Powell	71 FR 76682; December 21, 2006	February 21, 2007.
138216	Michael J. Lenarduzzi	71 FR 76682; December 21, 2006	February 12, 2007.
141939	Philip M. Ripepi	72 FR 2539; January 19, 2007	February 21, 2007.

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Michael S. Moore,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

List of Programs Eligible for Inclusion in Fiscal Year 2007 Funding Agreements To Be Negotiated with Self-Governance Tribes

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists programs or portions of programs that are eligible for inclusion in fiscal year 2007 funding agreements with self-governance tribes and lists programmatic targets pursuant to section 405(c)(4) of the Tribal Self-Governance Act.

DATES: This notice expires on September 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries or comments regarding this notice may be directed to Sue Marcus, American Indian/Alaska Native Liaison, U.S. Geological Survey, 104 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title II of the Indian Self-Determination Act amendments of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-413, the "Tribal Self-Governance Act" or the "Act") instituted a permanent self-governance program at the Department of the Interior (DOI). Under the self-governance program certain programs, services, functions, and activities, or portions thereof, in DOI bureaus other than the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) are eligible to be planned, conducted, consolidated, and administered by a self-governance tribal government.

Under section 405(c) of the Act, the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is required to publish annually: (1) A list of non-BIA programs, services,

functions, and activities, or portions thereof, that are eligible for inclusion in agreements negotiated under the self-governance program; and (2) programmatic targets for these bureaus.

Under the Act, two categories of non-BIA programs are eligible for self-governance funding agreements (AFAs):

(1) Under section 403(b)(2) of the Act, any non-BIA program, service, function or activity that is administered by COI that is "otherwise available to Indian tribes or Indians," can be administered by a tribal government through a self-governance funding agreement. The DOI interprets this provision to authorize the inclusion of programs eligible for self-determination contracts under Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Pub. L. 93-638, as amended). Section 403(b)(2) also specifies "nothing in this subsection may be construed to provide any tribe with a preference with respect to the opportunity of the tribe to administer programs, services, functions and activities, or portions thereof, unless such preference is otherwise provided by law."

(2) Under section 403(c) of the Act, the Secretary may include other programs, services, functions, and activities or portions thereof that are of "special geographic, historical, or cultural significance" to a self-governance tribe.

Under section 403(k) of the Act, funding agreements cannot include programs, services, functions, or activities that are inherently Federal or where the statute establishing the existing program does not authorize the type of participation sought by the tribe. However, a tribe (or tribes) need not be identified in the authorizing statutes in order for a program or element to be included in a self-governance funding agreement. While general legal and policy guidance regarding what constitutes an inherently Federal function exists, we will determine whether a specific function is inherently Federal on a case-by-case basis considering the totality of circumstances.

Response to Comments

The DOI Office of Self-Governance requested comments on the proposed list on June 14, 2006. A number of editorial and technical changes were provided by DOI bureaus and incorporated into this Notice. While the Notice of June 14, 2006 illustrated all eligible non-BIA programs for DOI, this Notice is specific to the U.S. Geological Survey.

II. Eligible Non-BIA Programs of the U.S. Geological Survey

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will consider for inclusion in funding agreements activities which, upon request of a self-governance tribe, USGS determines to be eligible under either sections 403(b)(2) or 403(c) of the Act. Tribes with an interest in such potential agreements are encouraged to bring such discussions.

The mission of USGS is to collect, analyze, and provide information on biology, geology, hydrology, and geography that contributes to the wise management of the Nation's natural resources and to the health, safety, and well-being of the American people. This information is usually publicly available and includes maps, data bases, and descriptions and analyses of the water, plants, animals, energy, and mineral resources, land surface, underlying geologic structure, and dynamic processes of the earth. The USGS does not manage lands or resources. Self-governance tribes may potentially assist USGS in the data acquisition and analysis components of its activities through a funding agreement.

For questions regarding self-governance contact Sue Marcus, American Indian/Alaska Native Liaison, U.S. Geological Survey, 104 National Center, Reston, VA 20192, telephone 703-648-4437, fax 703-648-4454, e-mail smarcus@usgs.gov.

III. Programmatic Targets

During fiscal year 2007, upon request of a self-governance tribe, the U.S. Geological Survey will negotiate

funding agreements for its eligible activities.

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Mark Limbaugh,

Assistant Secretary—Water and Science.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Southern California Edison Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended (Pub. L. 91–190, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347), and Title 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives notice that the Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Southern California Edison Company (SCE) Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line Project is available for public review and comment.

The BLM is the lead Federal agency for the preparation of the EIS in compliance with the requirements of NEPA. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is the lead State of California agency for the preparation of the EIR in compliance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act. If the project is approved, BLM and CPUC would issue right-of-way grants to SCE.

DATES: The document will be available for public review and comment for 30 days following publication of a Notice of Availability (NOA) of this document in the **Federal Register** by the Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: The EIR/EIS is available online at the BLM Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/palmsprings>. Copies of the document can also be viewed at the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, Calif. 92258, and at public libraries in Buckeye and Quartzite, Arizona, and Redlands, Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Cathedral City, Loma Linda, Riverside, Coachella, Colton, Desert Hot Springs, Grand Terrace, Indio, Mentone, Palm

Desert, Palo Verde, Rancho Mirage, San Bernardino, and Yucaipa, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Hill at (760) 251–4840 or e-mail: gchill@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SCE is proposing to construct a new 230-mile long, 500-kilovolt (kV) electrical transmission line between its Devers Substation located near Palm Springs, California, and the Harquahala Generating Station switchyard, located near the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station west of Phoenix, Arizona. In addition, SCE is proposing to upgrade 48.2 miles of existing 230-kV transmission lines between the Devers Substation west to the San Bernardino and Vista Substations, located in the San Bernardino, California, vicinity. Together, the proposed 500-kV line and the 230-kV transmission facility upgrades are known as DPV2. The proposed route crosses public and private lands in Arizona and California. Portions of the proposed route cross Federal lands managed by the BLM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Construction of DPV2 would add 1,200 megawatts of transmission import capacity from the southwestern United States to California, which would reduce energy costs throughout California and enhance the reliability of California's energy supply through increased transmission infrastructure. The BLM identified a list of issues that this analysis addresses including the impacts of the proposed project on visual resources, agricultural lands, air quality, plant and animal species including special status species, cultural resources, and watersheds. Other issues identified by the BLM are impacts to the public in the form of noise, traffic, accidental release of hazardous materials, and impacts to urban, residential, and recreational areas.

Public participation hearings and workshops on the draft EIR/EIS were held in: Tonopah, Arizona, on June 6, 2006; Beaumont, California, on June 7, 2006; and Palm Desert, California, on June 8, 2006.

The BLM will prepare a Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed project after a 30-day period following publication of the NOA.

Dated: December 11, 2006.

Gail Acheson,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meetings—John Day/ Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Prineville District, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Department of the Interior, BLM John Day Snake RAC will meet as indicated below:

The John Day/Snake RAC is scheduled to meet on April 3, 2007, at the Oxford Suites at 2400 S.W. Court Place, Pendleton, OR 97801. The meeting time will be from approximately 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A public comment period will begin at 1 p.m., and end at 1:15 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time). The meeting may include such topics as off-highway vehicle and travel management, noxious weeds, planning, Sage grouse, and other matters as may reasonably come before the council.

Meeting Procedures: The meeting is open to the public. The public may present written comments to the RAC. Depending on the number of persons wishing to provide oral comments and agenda topics to be covered, the time to do so may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM representative indicated below. For a copy of the information to be distributed to the RAC members, please submit a written request to the BLM Prineville District Office 10 days prior to the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the John Day/Snake RAC may be obtained from Virginia Gibbons, BLM Public Affairs Specialist, Prineville District Office, 3050 N.E. Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, (541) 416–6647 or e-mail Virginia.Gibbons@or.blm.gov.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

Stephen R. Robertson,
Acting District Manager.

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