

pad-mounted transformers, an underground 34.5 kilovolt (kV) electrical collection system between the turbines, either a 345 or 500 kV electrical substation, and either a 345 or 500 kV overhead transmission line from the substation to a new switchyard where the project would interconnect to one of the two major existing transmission lines in the area. Up to 10 WTGs could be installed on adjacent private lands during Phase I.

Subsequent phases are proposed to include comparable facilities with additional wind generation capacity of up to 150 MW on the balance of the area within the ROW and the private lands adjacent to the ROW area. A total of 50 to 100 WTGs may be installed on public or adjacent private lands in the subsequent phases of the project. These turbines also are anticipated to range in size from 1.5 to 3.0 MW.

A map of the proposed project area with the news release announcing the public meetings, is available on the BLM-Arizona Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html>.

The EIS will consider the impacts of the proposed action, alternatives, and a no action alternative.

The public is invited to submit comments and resource information and identify issues or concerns to be considered in the Draft EIS. Public comments will aid the BLM in identifying alternatives and mitigating measures and will help assure all relevant issues are considered in the EIS.

Preliminary issues that have been identified by the BLM for analysis include: access requirements; air quality during construction; cultural and historical resources; areas with high mineral potential; noise; sensitive soils and geology; recreation resources; socioeconomic; threatened and endangered species; visual resources; water resources; and wildlife habitats.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy and Tribal concerns and will be given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets. Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals, organizations, or tribes that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

Before including your 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.

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James G. Kenna,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the One Nevada Transmission Line, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the One Nevada Transmission Line and by this Notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft SEIS for the One Nevada Transmission Line within 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* www.blm.gov/nv.
- *E-mail:* michael_dwyer@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (775) 289-1910.
- *Mail:* Michael Dwyer, BLM, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301.

Copies of the Draft SEIS for the One Nevada Transmission Line are available at the following locations in Nevada:

—BLM Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely.

—White Pine County Library, 950 Campton Street, Ely.

—BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno.

—BLM Caliente Field Station, U.S. Highway 93, Caliente.

—Caliente Branch Library, 100 Depot Avenue, Caliente.

—BLM Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines, Las Vegas.

—North Las Vegas Library, 2300 Civic Center Drive, North Las Vegas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Dwyer, (702) 821-7102; e-mail: michael_dwyer@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 30, 2009, the BLM received an amended right-of-way application and Plan of Development from NV Energy for the One Nevada Transmission Line Project (ON Line Project). The Draft SEIS analyzes the construction, operation, and abandonment of a 236-mile, 500 kilovolt transmission line and telecommunication facilities running generally from Ely to Las Vegas, one new substation near Ely, and an expansion of one existing substation on private land near Battle Mountain, Nevada. The Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed One Nevada Transmission Line, Nevada was published in the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2009 (74 FR 37728).

The components of the ON Line Project had been part of the original Ely Energy Center (EEC) proposal. In February 2009, during the public comment period for the EEC Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), NV Energy made public their intention to postpone including the coal-fired power generation facilities associated with the EEC in their proposal until carbon capture technology becomes commercially feasible.

Two north-south utility corridors exist in Nevada that could accommodate a transmission line linking the northern and southern grids: one on the eastern side of the state and the other on the Western side of the State. The westerly corridor was considered as a potential location for the ON Line Project, but was eliminated because it would not provide access to transmission infrastructure for renewable energy resource areas in Eastern Nevada. Two alternative alignments within the eastern corridor (except in a few locations) are assessed in the SEIS. The "action" alternative generally follows the western boundary of the corridor and is the proponent's preferred

alternative for engineering and operational reasons. The other alternative generally follows the eastern boundary of the corridor, but would be more costly to construct. A no-action alternative is also assessed.

Applicable comments collected during the public comment period on the EEC Draft EIS were carried forward into the SEIS process.

Please note that public comments and information submitted, including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

Rosemary Thomas,

District Manager, Ely District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Comprehensive Management Plan, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, in Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon

AGENCY: National Park Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)), the National Park Service (NPS) is announcing its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a comprehensive management plan (CMP) for the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail (Trail) in the states of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. The EIS will be approved by the Regional Director, Midwest Region.

The CMP will prescribe the resource conditions and visitor experiences that are to be achieved and maintained for the Trail over the next 15 to 20 years. The clarification of what must be achieved according to law and policy will be based on review of the Trail's purpose, significance, special mandates, and the body of laws and policies that direct Trail administration. Based on determinations of desired conditions, the CMP will outline the kinds of resource management activities, visitor activities, and development that would be appropriate in the future. A range of reasonable management alternatives will be developed through this planning process and will include, at a minimum, no-action and the preferred alternative.

Major issues to be addressed in the CMP include: issues surrounding preserving Trail resources (such as developing management strategies to preserve and maintain historic structures and cultural landscapes, and protect archeological sites in the face of a predicted increase in visitation); issues surrounding visitor understanding; education and appreciation of park resources; and issues surrounding ensuring organizational effectiveness (such as identifying existing and potential partnerships with the state, federal, local, tribal, nonprofit organizations).

DATES: Any comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS can be received at any time after the publication of this notice in the FR. Public meetings regarding the CMP will be held during the scoping period. Specific dates, times, and locations will be made available in the local media, on the Trail Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/lecl>), on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/lecl>), or by contacting the Superintendent at the address and telephone number below.

ADDRESSES: Information on the planning process will be available from Mark Weekley, Superintendent, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68182, telephone 402-661-1806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to comment on any issues associated with the CMP, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68182. You may provide comments electronically by entering them into the PEPC Web site at the address above. Finally, you may deliver comments to the Trail located at

601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68182.

Before including your address, telephone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, 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 comments to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 30, 2009.

Martin A. Sterkel,

Acting Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Inyo, Riverside, Imperial, San Diego, and Tulare Counties, CA and Possible Land Use Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert District, Moreno Valley, California, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which may include an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan of 1980, as amended, and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EIS and possible plan amendment. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 21, 2009. The dates and locations of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>. In order to be considered in the Draft EIS, all comments must be