

substation complex is located on BLM land, approximately 0.5 mile from the southern border of the Moapa River Indian Reservation. The proposed BIA actions include approval of the solar energy ground lease and associated agreements, and approval of rights-of-way and easements on the Moapa River Indian Reservation for K Road to construct electric transmission lines and other supporting facilities for one or more interconnections.

K Road has requested the BLM to approve a right-of-way across approximately a 0.5 mile of Federal public lands in Township 17 South, Range 64 East, Section 10, for purposes of constructing an electrical transmission line to connect the solar generating facility and electric transmission on the Moapa River Indian Reservation with the Crystal substation.

K Road intends to construct and operate the solar facility for a period of 35 years, with an option to renew the lease for another 15 years, if mutually acceptable to the Moapa Tribe and K Road. This area is located in Clark County, Nevada, approximately one mile west of Interstate 15 and approximately 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The proposed solar facility will be built in phases of 50 to 100 MW each to meet the needs of offtakers or utilities, up to a total of 350 MW. During the construction of each phase, photovoltaic panels will be affixed to the earth using concrete posts, concrete ballast, or other suitable foundation design techniques appropriate to the topography and site conditions. Some or all of the panels may employ trackers to track the sun during the day. No water will be used in the production of electricity. Water will periodically be used for cleaning the photovoltaic panels during routine maintenance, administrative and sanitation uses at the site (*e.g.*, water in a small office on site), and fugitive dust control.

As lead agency, the BIA will have authority over decisions regarding the EIS and BIA's approval of the solar energy ground lease and associated agreements. These decisions will be documented in a Record of Decision (ROD). BLM will have authority over approval of the off-reservation right-of-way, documented in its ROD.

Cooperating agencies, including BLM, will provide expertise and data for their resources of interest and will aid in the development of alternatives and mitigation measures that will minimize or prevent significant adverse impacts.

Significant issues to be covered during the scoping process may include, but would not be limited to: air quality,

geology and soils, surface and groundwater resources, biological resources, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, land use, aesthetics, environmental justice, and Indian trust resources.

#### Directions for Submitting Public Comments

Please include your name, return address, and the caption "EIS, K Road and Moapa Band of Paiute Indians Solar Facility" on the first page of any written comments you submit. You may also submit comments at the public scoping meetings.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice, during regular business hours, 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

This notice is published in accordance with sections 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) and Section 46.305 of the Department of Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, by part 209 of the Departmental Manual.

Dated: January 28, 2011.

**Larry Echo Hawk,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Bureau of Land Management and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service To Promote Conservation of Migratory Birds

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of the final signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to Promote Conservation of Migratory Birds.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Geoff Walsh, Wildlife Biologist, 202-912-7271, [geoffrey\\_walsh@blm.gov](mailto:geoffrey_walsh@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice announces the availability of the MOU between the BLM and the FWS to Promote Conservation of Migratory Birds signed April 12, 2010. The MOU provides for strengthening migratory bird conservation by identifying and implementing strategies that promote conservation and reduce or eliminate adverse impacts on migratory birds through enhanced collaboration between the BLM and the FWS, in coordination with State, tribal, and local governments. This MOU identifies specific activities where cooperation between the BLM and the FWS will contribute to the conservation of migratory birds and their habitat. These activities are intended to complement and support existing partnerships and efforts, and to facilitate new collaborative conservation partnerships and comprehensive planning efforts for migratory birds. Pursuant to Executive Order 13186, [FR 66 3853] published on January 17, 2001, entitled "Responsibilities of Federal agencies to Protect Migratory Birds," this MOU outlines a collaborative approach to promote the conservation of migratory bird populations. The Executive Order also directs agencies to take certain actions to further implement the migratory bird conventions, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) and other pertinent statutes. The implementation of the MOU will be coordinated through ongoing communication between the BLM Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Conservation and the FWS Division of

Migratory Bird Management. Major implementation elements include, but are not limited to, BLM development of a migratory bird strategic conservation plan and the FWS completion of raptor conservation measures.

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

NEPA will be complied with as the MOU is implemented.

**Robert V. Abbey,**

*Director, Bureau of Land Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

[NPS-WASO-NRSS-1210-6465; 2330-RYY]

**Proposed Information Collection; National Park Service Natural Quiet Valuation**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) will ask the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to approve the Information Collection (IC) for a pretest and a subsequent survey of the general public concerning the use and non-use value of natural quiet in national parks. Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this IC. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Public comments will be accepted on the proposed Information Collection (IC) on or before April 5, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send Comments concerning this IC to: Catherine Taylor, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Economics and Industry Analysis Division (RVT-21), 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142; via e-mail at *Catherine.Taylor@dot.gov* or via phone at 617-494-2380. Also, you may send comments to: Dr. Bruce Peacock, Chief, Social Science Division, Natural Resource Program Center, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525-5596, via e-mail at *Bruce\_Peacock@nps.gov* or via phone at 970-267-2106. All responses to this Notice will be summarized and included in the proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) for the Office

of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. Please note that all comments will become a matter of public record.

To Request a Draft of Proposed Collection of Information, Contact: Catherine Taylor, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center, Economics and Industry Analysis Division (RVT-21), 55 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02142; or via e-mail at *Catherine.Taylor@dot.gov* or via phone at 617-494-2380.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Bruce Peacock, Chief, Social Science Division, Natural Resource Program Center, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525-5596, or via e-mail at *Bruce\_Peacock@nps.gov* or via phone at 970-267-2106.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The National Park Service (NPS) Act of 1916, 38 Stat 535, 16 U.S.C. 1, *et seq.*, requires that the NPS preserve national parks for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In keeping with this mission, the NPS must be sensitive to human activity in parks that can impact the natural landscape. An area of growing concern has been the increasing presence of human-caused sounds at the national parks, including sounds from road vehicles, aircraft, and construction and mining equipment. These human-caused sounds can affect both human visitors and wildlife that live in the park.

Due to adverse impacts of human-caused sounds, the NPS is developing sound management policies at a number of national parks. To better inform the development of such practices, the NPS seeks to understand the “use” and “non-use” values the general public (visitors and non-visitors) hold for preserving natural quiet at national parks.

This information collection will consist of pre-tests and a final survey instrument that will be used to derive estimates of the use and non-use value of natural quiet to the public. The pre-test will involve a series of focus groups for the purpose of developing and refining the questions to be used in the survey. Following the focus groups, the revised survey will then be pre-tested among a small group of respondents for final feedback and refinement. The final survey will be administered to the park visitors to estimate their use value and to the general public to estimate their non-use value of natural quiet in a national park.

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* None. This is a new collection.

*Title:* Quantifying the Non-use Value of Natural Quiet at National Parks to the General Public.

*Type of Request:* New.

*Respondent Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of response:* One-time per respondent.

*Description of Respondents:* General public; visitors and non-visitors.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,140.

	Visitor	General public
Pretest .....	52	88
Survey .....	500	500
<b>Total Number of Respondents .....</b>	<b>552</b>	<b>588</b>

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 534.

	Visitor	General public
Pretest .....	132	68
Survey .....	167	167
<b>Total Hours .....</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>235</b>

**III. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (1) The practical utility of the information being gathered; (2) the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment; please 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 personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: January 31, 2011.

**Robert Gordon,**

*Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service.*

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