

As part of this collection process, TSA intends to follow-up with pipeline operators on their implementation of security improvements and recommendations made during facility visits. During critical facility visits, TSA documents and provides recommendations to improve the security posture of the facility. TSA intends to follow-up with pipeline operators via email on their status toward implementation of the recommendations made during the critical facility visits. The follow-up will be conducted between approximately 12 and 24 months after the facility visit.

TSA will use the information collected to determine to what extent the pipeline industry is implementing the 2011 guidance document and security improvement recommendations made during critical facility visits. The information provided by owners or operators for each information collection is Sensitive Security Information (SSI), and it will be protected in accordance with procedures meeting the transmission, handling and storage requirements of SSI set forth in 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520.

Number of Respondents: 125 for the renewal of the critical facility information and 590 for the critical facility security reviews and recommendations follow-up.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 2,730 hours in the first year and 1,080 hours annually in subsequent years.

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Joanna Johnson,

TSA Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Office of Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Amend the Resource Management Plan for the San Luis Resource Area, Colorado, and Associated Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management

Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, Monte Vista, Colorado, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment with an associated Environmental Assessment (EA) 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 RMP amendment and associated EA. Comments on issues and planning criteria may be submitted in writing by November 10, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and newspapers. In order to be included in the RMP amendment and associated EA, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30 day scoping period or 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP amendment and associated EA.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the proposed RMP amendment by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* slvplc_comments@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 719-852-6250
- *Mail:* BLM, La Jara Field Office, 15571, County Road T-5, La Jara, Colorado 81140-9579.

Documents pertinent to this plan amendment and associated EA may be examined at the La Jara Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jill Lucero, Interdisciplinary Team Lead, (719) 274-6327; see address above; e-mail jlucero@blm.gov. 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 the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM La Jara Field Office La Jara, Colorado, intends to prepare an RMP amendment and associated EA for the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The EA will analyze the BLM proposal to amend the San Luis Resource Area (SLRA) Resource

Management Plan (RMP) of September 1991, to expand the Blanca Wetlands Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) and to analyze the terms, along with the compatibility and suitability, of three grazing allotments—one allotment within the Blanca Wetlands ACEC (Blanca allotment) and two allotments adjacent to the current ACEC (Lakes and Dry Lakes allotments). The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for amending the RMP. The RMP amendment and associated EA will specifically address resources in the project area that may be affected. The BLM welcomes public comments concerning the RMP amendment and associated EA and on the following proposed planning criteria:

1. The BLM intends to continue to manage the SLRA in accordance with FLPMA, (43 U.S.C. 1701. *et seq.*), other applicable laws and regulations, and all existing public land laws.

2. The BLM intends to use a collaborative, multi-jurisdictional approach with local, state, tribal and Federal agencies to jointly determine the desired future condition of public lands and provide consistency with existing plans and policies to the extent that those plans and policies are consistent with Federal law governing the administration of public land.

3. The BLM intends to limit its RMP amendment to enlarging the Blanca Wetlands ACEC and analyzing the three range allotments (Lakes, Dry Lakes and Blanca).

4. The BLM intends to address the socioeconomic impacts of the alternatives.

5. The amendment process will follow the NEPA planning process and will include an EA. If a Finding of No Significant Impact cannot be reached, an EIS will follow.

At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues concerning the RMP amendment and associated EA. The BLM welcomes public comments on potential issues in addition to those identified here:

1. Compatibility of grazing with wetland habitat and waterbird production;

2. Need for restoration and connectivity of wetland habitat;

3. Impacts to cultural resources;

4. Impacts to mineral resource production;

5. Potential for recreational development and conflicts in priorities between recreation and wildlife.

The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to help fulfill the public involvement process under 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 will be given due consideration, including impacts on Indian trust assets. Federal, state and local agencies, and tribes—along with other stakeholders 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 contacted by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments by the close of the 30 day scoping period or within 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. 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.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the RMP amendment in order to consider the resource issues and concerns identified during public scoping. The planning process will include specialists with expertise in rangeland management, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, archaeology, botany, wildlife, fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, vegetation and fire.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

John Mehlhoff,

Acting Colorado State Director.

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an
Environmental Impact Statement for
the Proposed Valley Electric
Association Hidden Hills Transmission
Project, Clark and Nye Counties, NV**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southern Nevada District, Las Vegas Field Office, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) 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. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 12, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local news media, newspapers, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lyfo.html>. Comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later, to be included in the Draft EIS. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Valley Electric Association Hidden Hills Transmission Project by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* ValleyElec_HiddenHillsEIS@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (702) 515-5010 (*attention:* Gregory Helseth).
- *Mail:* Gregory Helseth, BLM Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301.

• *In Person:* At any EIS public scoping meeting.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM Southern Nevada District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Helseth, Renewable Energy Project Manager, (702) 515-5173; or e-mail

ValleyElec_HiddenHillsEIS@blm.gov.

You may also use this contact

information to request that your name be added to the project mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant, Valley Electric Association (VEA), has requested a right-of-way authorization for the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of transmission infrastructure improvements in Pahrump and Sandy Valleys to Jean, Nevada, and terminating at Eldorado Substation near McCullough Pass. The proposed project will support the delivery of 500 megawatts into the VEA transmission system through the development of a solar electric generating facility to be located on private land in Inyo County, California. The proposed improvements may also support the development of additional renewable resource generation facilities in Nevada.

The proposed transmission upgrades would consist of the following new or expanded facilities on BLM managed land:

- A new 10-acre Tap 230/500 kilovolt (kV) Substation (Tap Substation) located immediately northeast of the existing VEA 138 kV and VEA 230 kV transmission line alignments adjacent to Highway 160.
- Approximately 53.7 miles of new 500 kV single-circuit transmission line from the Tap Substation to the existing Eldorado Substation.
- Approximately 9.7 miles of new 230 kV single-circuit transmission line from the solar electric generating facility site in Inyo County, California to the new Tap Substation.
- Improvement of existing VEA facilities to accommodate the necessary interconnections at Pahrump Substation, Vista Substation, Gamebird Substation, Charleston Substation, and Eldorado Substation.
- Installation of a buried 9.3 mile, 12-inch natural gas pipeline, which would extend from the solar electric generating facility site in Inyo County, California, to the existing VEA 230 kV transmission line. From this location, a 36-inch line would turn southeast and continue 26 miles to where it intersects the existing Kern River Gas Transmission pipeline.
- Construction and operation of new and improved existing access roads