SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe has asked the BIA to take 223 acres of land into trust on behalf of the Tribe, on which the Tribe proposes to develop a casino-hotel complex. The proposed project is located at the site of the existing Dairyland Greyhound Park, at 5522–104th Ave., Kenosha, Wisconsin 53144. The property is approximately one half mile east of Interstate 94, and approximately 35 miles south of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The BIA serves as lead agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Tribe, the NIGC, the City of Kenosha, and Kenosha County, as entities having jurisdiction and special expertise relevant to potentially affected resources, are acting as cooperating agencies. The project design includes taking the 223-acre Dairyland Greyhound Park property into trust for the Tribe, and the development of a casino-hotel complex, while potentially retaining the current greyhound racetrack, structure, concourse and kennel facilities. Future development includes a water park, a second hotel, and a recreational vehicle park. Interim Class III gaming would be conducted inside the existing clubhouse until the new casino is built. The FEIS considers a range of project alternatives, including: (1) Preferred casino-hotel complex; (2) reduced intensity; (3) off-site expansion of existing Keshena facilities; (4) hotel-conference center/recreational development; and (5) no action. Environmental issues addressed in the FEIS include land and water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic conditions, transportation and circulation, land use, public services, noise, hazardous materials, visual resources, environmental justice, cumulative effects, indirect effects and mitigation.

The BIA has afforded other opportunity to participate in the preparation of this FEIS. The BIA published a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed action in the Federal Register on June 23, 2004 (69 FR 35058), with a correction published on July 7, 2004 (69 FR 40966). The BIA held a public scoping meeting on August 3, 2004, in Kenosha, WI. A Notice of Availability for the DEIS was published in the Federal Register on September 23, 2005 (70 FR 55585). The document was available for public comment from September 23, 2005, to November 21, 2005, and a public hearing was held on October 25, 2005, in Pleasant Prairie, WI. An extended comment period for the DEIS was announced in the Federal Register on February 3, 2006 (71 FR 5837). The document was available for public comment from February 3, 2006, to March 6, 2006. Applicable information including population and traffic densities were updated in the preliminary FEIS and completed in January 2012.

Locations where the FEIS is Available for Review: The FEIS will be available for review at the following branches of the Kenosha Public Library: Simmons, 711 59th Place, Kenosha, WI 53140; Southwight, 7979 38th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142; Northside, 1500 27th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140; Uptown, 2419 63rd Street, Kenosha, WI 53143. General information for the Kenosha Public Library system can be obtained by calling (262) 564–6100. The FEIS will also be available for review at the Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County Street, Waukegan, IL 60085. General information for the Waukegan Public Library can be obtained by calling (847) 623–2041. An electronic version of the FEIS can be viewed at the following Web site: http://www.kenoshafeis.com.

Public Availability of Comments: Before including your address, phone number, email 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 pursuant to Sec. 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500 through 1508) and Sec. 46.305 of the Department of Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), and in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.


Donald E. Laverdure,
Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.
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transmission line and access road ROW’s within an existing BLM administered utility corridor, of which five miles are located on the Reservation and 0.5 miles is located on BLM land just south of the Reservation boundary, pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and BLM’s ROW regulations. The transmission corridor and access road ROW will be approximately 150 feet wide by approximately 5.5 miles long, for approximately 100 acres. The transmission line and access road supports the KRoad solar project by providing access to the transmission grid.

The Final EIS analyzed three alternatives: The Proposed Action, Alternative I: Reduced Solar Facility Footprint and Alternative 500kV Transmission line; and the No Action Alternative. These alternatives were shaped in part by comments received from the public and internal BLM, BIA, and Tribal review.

The BLM Proposed Action (Selected Alternative) includes an up to 500kV transmission line ROW and parallel access road. The transmission line is approximately 5.5 miles long, with five miles being within the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians reservation (Pub. L. 96– 491) in a BLM administered utility corridor, and the remaining half mile on BLM lands. The transmission line ROW would be approximately 5.5 miles long by 150 feet wide and encompass approximately 100 acres. The access road ROW will be within the transmission line ROW foot print and will be approximately 16–24 feet wide and approximately 5.5 miles long. The transmission line and access road provide access to the Crystal substation operated by NV Energy.

The No Action Alternative assumed the BLM ROW’s would not be issued. The NOA (77 FR 15750) for the Final EIS, was published in the Federal Register by the EPA on March 16, 2012. The publication of the NOA for the Final EIS initiated a 30-day review period on the Final EIS. The comment period ended on April 16, 2012.

The BLM and the BIA received two letters as a result of the NOA. The BLM and the BIA determined that there were no significant new information presented in the letters that would require reissuance of the Draft or Final EIS. A final response comment table is attached to the ROD as (Attachment B).

Because the Record of Decision was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, it is not subject to administrative appeal (43 CFR 4.410(a)(3)).

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

Michael J. Pool,
Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Availability of the Alta East Wind Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report and Proposed California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment, Kern County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Kern County, California, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and a Draft California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan Amendment (PA) for the Alta East Wind Project (AEWP), and by this notice the BLM is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR/PA within 90 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 releases, and/or mailings.

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

- Email: altaeast@blm.gov.
- Fax: 951 697–5299.
- Mail: ATTN: Jeffery Childers, Project Manager, BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553–9046.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jeffery Childers, telephone 951 697–5308; address BLM California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553–9046; email jchilders@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: Alta Windpower Development, LLC (AWD) has requested a right-of-way (ROW) authorization to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission the AEW. The Project would be located on about 3,200 acres on the north and south sides of State Route 58 in southeastern Kern County, California. The project area is approximately 3 miles northwest of the town of Mojave and approximately 11 miles east of the city of Tehachapi. The proposed project would include up to 106 wind turbines, access roads, energy collection lines, and ancillary facilities on 3,200 acres, of which 2,083 acres are on public land under the jurisdiction of the BLM and 1,117 acres are on private land under the jurisdiction of Kern County. The Project could produce up to 318 Megawatts (mW).

The BLM’s purpose and need for the AEW is to respond to AWD’s application for a ROW grant to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a wind energy facility on public lands in compliance with FLPMA, BLM ROW regulations, and other applicable Federal laws. The BLM will decide whether to grant, grant with modification, or deny a ROW to AWD for the proposed AEW. The BLM is also proposing to amend the CDCA Plan by designating the project area as either available or unavailable for wind energy projects. The CDCA Plan (1980, as amended), while recognizing the potential compatibility of wind energy generation facilities with other uses on public lands, requires that all sites proposed for power generation or transmission not already identified in the Plan be considered through the plan amendment process. If the BLM decides to grant a ROW for this project, the CDCA Plan would be amended as required.