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Next Steps

Issuance of an ITP is a Federal proposed action subject to compliance with NEPA. We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and the public comments we received to determine whether the requirements of NEPA regulations and section 10(a) of the ESA have been met. If we determine that those requirements are met, we will issue a record of decision no sooner than 30 days after the EPA publishes notice of the final EIS in the **Federal Register**. Subsequently, we will issue a permit to the applicant for the incidental take of the covered species.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22), the MBTA (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 21.23), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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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 Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area, California, and the Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan

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) has prepared a Draft Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan and a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Area (HGLA), Inyo County, California, and is announcing the opening of the comment period. In order to comply with Federal regulations, the BLM is also announcing a comment period on changes to the management of four Areas of Critical Environmental Concern within the HGLA.

DATES: To ensure that all comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft CDCA Plan Amendment and Draft Supplemental EIS 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: The HGLA Draft CDCA Plan Amendment and Draft Supplemental EIS are available on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://go.usa.gov/xEnvy>. Click the "Documents" link on the left side of the screen to find the electronic version of these materials. Hard copies of the Draft CDCA Plan Amendment and Draft Supplemental EIS are also available for public inspection at the BLM, California Desert District Office, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

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

- **Website:** <https://go.usa.gov/xEnvy>
- **Email:** BLM_CA_CD_Haiwee_Geothermal@blm.gov
- **Mail:** Haiwee Geothermal Leasing Project, c/o Greg Miller, 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.
- **Fax:** 951-697-5299.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Miller, Deputy District Manager—Resources via telephone at (951) 697-5216; or via mail at 22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553; or via email at gmliller@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Mr. Miller during normal business hours. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM published the HGLA Draft EIS and Draft

Proposed Amendment to the CDCA in the **Federal Register** on May 10, 2012 (77 FR 27478) and held public meetings in June 2012. The BLM prepared an Administrative Draft Final EIS in December 2013 that included public comments and responses to comments, updates to the alternatives descriptions, and internal review comments. As a result of the review of the comments, the BLM conducted a more detailed study to address projected water use by geothermal facilities should they be allowed in the HGLA. Argonne National Laboratories conducted the study and provided BLM a report in January 2016. Additionally, new land use designations approved with the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan Amendment to the CDCA Plan in September of 2016 required analysis of a new alternative that considered the new land use designations. Based on these two developments, the BLM has prepared a CDCA Plan Amendment and Draft Supplemental EIS for the project. This new alternative would make Federal lands available for geothermal exploration, development, and utilization, within the entire HGLA.

The BLM received three geothermal lease applications for 4,460 acres of public land within the HGLA. In addition, the BLM identified approximately 18,345 acres of public lands, also within the Haiwee Proposed Project Area and adjacent to the three geothermal lease applications, which will be considered for competitive geothermal leasing under 43 CFR 3203.10(e). The proposed action is to amend the CDCA Plan to allow project-area lands to be leased under the authority of the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970, as amended (30 U.S.C. 1001 *et seq.*) The leasing of public lands for geothermal resources will require an amendment to the CDCA Plan, which is authorized by the FLPMA, Section 202 (43 U.S.C. 1712) and 43 CFR 1610.5-5. Total acreage being considered for geothermal leasing is approximately 22,805 acres.

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

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly

available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2.

Danielle K. Chi,

BLM California Deputy State Director, Natural Resources, Planning and Fire.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Termination of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Crescent Point Energy Utah Federal-Tribal Well Development Project, Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of termination.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, on April 8, 2016, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vernal Field Office published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Crescent Point Energy Utah Federal-Tribal Well Development Project in Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah. The Notice announced the beginning of the scoping process for solicitation of input on the identification of issues and evaluation of the effects of the proposed development by Crescent Point Energy. The proposed EIS would have evaluated the effects of the proposed development in the Uinta Basin. On December 12, 2018, Crescent Point Energy withdrew its proposed action. The BLM is therefore terminating the EIS process.

DATES: Termination of the EIS for the proposed Crescent Point Energy Utah Federal-Tribal Well Development Project in Duchesne and Uintah Counties, Utah, takes effect immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Howard, Project Manager, 170 S 500 E, Vernal, UT 84078; telephone: (435) 781-4469; email: showard@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Howard during normal business hours. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a

message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant, Crescent Point Energy, had filed a plan of development for their Federal, State, private, and tribal trust leases. Crescent Point proposed to drill up to 3,925 new oil and gas wells and build 863 miles of roads; 693 miles of pipelines co-located with the proposed roads; 170 miles of cross-country pipelines; 400 miles of trunk pipelines; 5 salt water disposal wells; 5 produced water treatment facilities; 20 central tank batteries; 4 gas processing plants; 8 oil storage areas; and 4 equipment storage areas. Since the BLM published a NOI in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 20668), the applicant has acquired significant additional assets, changed its drilling techniques, and revised its corporate strategy such that the original proposed action no longer reflects its plans for the project area. In accordance with the applicant's December 12, 2018, request, the BLM is terminating the EIS in accordance with BLM Manual Handbook H-1790-1 Section 9.8.

Edwin L. Roberson,

State Director.

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Plains Pipeline, L.P. Replacement Project in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Kern Counties, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bakersfield Field Office, Bakersfield, California, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), analyzing the impacts of a proposal by Plains Pipeline, L.P. to replace its roughly 127-mile pipeline, which includes approximately 14 miles of Federal public lands, in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern counties. This notice announces 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 June 3, 2019. In order to be included in the analysis, all scoping comments must be submitted in writing and received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation as appropriate.

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

- **Website:** <https://go.usa.gov/xE5f2>.
- **Mail:** Bakersfield Field Office,

Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Plains Pipeline Replacement Project Analysis, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined during regular business hours at the Bakersfield Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeremy Caldwell, Assistant Field Manager, telephone 661-391-6000; address Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308; email BLM_CA_Web_BK@blm.gov. Contact Mr. Caldwell to have your name added to our mailing list. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Plains Pipeline, L.P. filed a right-of-way application on January 9, 2018, for the replacement and abandonment of approximately 127 miles of existing oil pipelines. The project spans multiple local, State and Federal jurisdictions.

On August 7, 2018, the U.S. Department of the Interior determined the project would be addressed under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41).

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, if necessary, and guide the planning process. The BLM, other Federal, State, and local agencies and other stakeholders have identified the following preliminary issues: Air and atmospheric values, water quality and quantity, cultural resources, paleontological resources, and special status species. The BLM will address reasonably foreseeable impacts to