

Proposed Plan

The activities proposed to be covered by the permit include the construction and operation of a new 21-MW, eight-turbine wind energy generation facility on the lower slopes of Haleakala Volcano in the southern half of the Auwahi ahupuaa (*i.e.*, watershed), in the southeastern portion of the Island of Maui. The proposed facility will consist of eight wind turbine generators (WTGs), a maintenance building, an electrical substation, a battery energy storage system, an underground electrical collection system carrying electrical power from individual WTGs to the electrical substation, an overhead transmission line to connect the substation to the Maui Electric Company Ltd. transmission line, a permanent guyed meteorological monitoring tower, and service roads to connect the new WTGs and other facilities to existing highways. Improvements to portions of Kula Highway (referred to as Upcountry Piilani Highway) and Papaka Road would also be made in order to accommodate transportation of oversized project loads. The applicant has also applied for a State of Hawaii incidental take license under Hawaii State law. The draft HCP describes the impacts of take associated with those activities on the Covered Species, and proposes a program to minimize and mitigate take of each of the Covered Species.

The applicant is proposing mitigation measures on Maui that include: (1) Protection of a colony of breeding Hawaiian petrels on the slopes of Haleakala from cat, mongoose, and rat predators; (2) predator control or other management to conserve the Hawaiian goose at Haleakala National Park; (3) development of a permanent conservation easement and restoration of 350 acres of native forest habitat at Ulupalakua Ranch to conserve the Hawaiian hoary bat; (4) surveys to document the distribution and abundance of the Hawaiian hoary bat; and (5) restoration of Blackburn's sphinx moth habitat at Ulupalakua Ranch. This HCP incorporates adaptive management provisions to allow for modifications to the mitigation and monitoring measures as knowledge is gained during implementation.

Request for Comments

We specifically request information from the public on whether the permit application meets the statutory and regulatory requirements for issuing a permit, and identification of any aspects of the human environment that should

be analyzed in the draft EA. We are also soliciting information regarding the adequacy of the HCP to minimize, mitigate, and monitor the proposed incidental take of the Covered Species and to provide for adaptive management, as evaluated against our permit issuance criteria found in section 10(a) of the ESA, 16 U.S.C. 1539(a), and 50 CFR 13.21, 17.22, and 17.32. In compliance with section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)), we are making the permit application package available for public review and comment for 30 days (see **DATES** above).

We invite comments and suggestions from all interested parties and request that comments be as specific as possible. In particular, we request information and comments regarding the following issues:

(1) The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that implementation of any reasonable HCP alternatives could have on endangered and threatened species;

(2) Other reasonable alternatives consistent with the purpose of the proposed HCP as described above, and their associated effects;

(3) Measures that would minimize and mitigate potentially adverse effects of the proposed action;

(4) Adaptive management or monitoring provisions that may be incorporated into the alternatives, and their benefits to listed species;

(5) Other plans or projects that might be relevant to this action;

(6) The proposed term of the Incidental Take Permit and whether the proposed conservation program would minimize and mitigate to the maximum extent practicable the incidental take that would be expected to occur over twenty years;

(7) Whether the HCP meets ESA section 10(a)(2)(B) (16 U.S.C. 1539 (a)(2)(B)) issuance criteria; and

(8) Any other information pertinent to evaluating the effects of the proposed action on the human environment.

The draft EA considers the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the proposed action of permit issuance, including the measures that will be implemented to minimize and mitigate such impacts. The EA contains an analysis of a no action alternative (no permit issuance and no measures by the applicant to reduce or eliminate the take of Covered Species), and an alternative with a reduced permit term.

Authority

This notice is provided under section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1539(c)) of the ESA and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The public process for the proposed Federal

action will be completed after the public comment period, at which time we will evaluate the permit application, the HCP and associated documents (including the EA), and comments submitted thereon to determine whether or not the proposed action meets the requirements of section 10(a) (16 U.S.C. 1539(a)) of the ESA and has been adequately evaluated under NEPA.

Dated: September 8, 2011.

Hugh Morrison,
Acting Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AA-10233, AA-11482; LLAK-965000-L14100000-HY0000-P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to Calista Corporation. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*) The lands are located north of Tuluksak, Alaska, and contains 5.23 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits.

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until November 4, 2011, to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@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 BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

Dina L. Torres,
*Land of Transfer Resolution Specialist,
Branch of Land Transfer Adjudication II.*
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F-22300; LLAK-965000-L14100000-HY0000-P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. *et seq.*). The lands are located southwest of Noatak, Alaska, and contain 4.14 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until November 4, 2011 to file an appeal.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7782; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6880; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order extends the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 6880, as corrected by Public Land Order No. 6918, for an additional 20-year period. The extension is necessary to continue protection of the scientific and ecological research values, and the investment of Federal funds at the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest and Research Natural Areas which would otherwise expire on September 29, 2011.

DATES: Effective Date: September 30, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Barnes, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6155, or Dianne

Torpin, United States Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, 503-808-2422. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to reach the BLM contact 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 individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension in order to continue the protection of the scientific and ecological research values, along with the investment of Federal funds at the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest and Research Natural Areas. The withdrawal extended by this order will expire on September 29, 2031, unless as a result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

Public Land Order No. 6880 (56 FR 49416 (1991)), as corrected by Public Land Order No. 6918 (56 FR 66602 (1991)), which withdrew approximately 11,675.51 acres of National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. ch 2), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Pringle Falls Experimental Forest and Research Natural Areas, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period until September 29, 2031.

Authority: 43 CFR 2310.4.

Dated: September 9, 2011.

Rhea S. Suh,

Assistant Secretary—Policy, Management and Budget.

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