

within 45 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 news releases, or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the Amargosa Farm Road Solar Power Project Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/prog/energy/fast-track_renewable.html.

- *E-mail:* solar_millennium@blm.gov.

- *Fax:* 702-515-5155.

- *Mail:* Gregory Helseth, Renewable Energy Project Manager, BLM Pahrump Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301.

Copies of the Draft EIS for the Amargosa Farm Road Solar Power Project are available in the Southern Nevada District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Helseth, (702) 515-5173, BLM Pahrump Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301; Gregory_Helseth@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Solar Millennium applied to the BLM for a 4,350-acre right-of-way (ROW) on public lands to construct a concentrating solar power plant facility approximately 80 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada, in Nye County. The project site is located in Amargosa Valley south of Highway 95. The facility is expected to operate for approximately 30 years. The proposed project would utilize solar thermal parabolic-trough technology, consisting of two 242-megawatt, dry-cooled power plants, and fields of solar collectors, and thermal storage tanks allowing the production of additional electricity for up to 3.5 hours after sundown.

The solar field is highly modular and consists of loops, each consisting of four curved glass mirror collectors. A loop is 22 meters wide and 850 meters long. A solar field consists of 200 to 400 loops. The orientation of the collectors is north-south and the collectors track the sun from east to west during the day. The collector focuses the sun's direct beam radiation on a receiver tube. The row of collectors has a hydraulic drive unit with sensors to track the sun's path throughout the day. The solar energy heats a transfer fluid which cycles through a series of exchangers, ultimately generating electricity.

The project's proposed facility design includes solar fields, power blocks, buildings, a parking area, a laydown

area, a stormwater retention pond, and evaporating ponds. A single overhead 230-kilovolt transmission line will connect the plant to the nearby Valley Electric substation. Additional elements of the project include access roads, a water pipeline, and a bioremediation area.

The Draft EIS describes and analyzes the project's site-specific impacts on air quality; biological, including threatened and endangered species, cultural, water, geological, soil, visual, and paleontological resources; land use and special management areas; noise; public health; socioeconomic; and traffic and transportation. The Draft EIS also addresses hazards and hazardous materials holding; waste management; worker safety; fire protection; facility design engineering; efficiency; reliability; transmission system engineering; transmission line safety; and nuisance.

Three alternatives were analyzed: two for different technologies, dry cooling and wet cooling, and one for no action. Alternative A, wet cooling, uses circulating water to condense low-pressure steam turbine generator exhaust steam in a shell and tube heat exchanger (condenser). Alternative A would require the consumptive use of about 4,500 acre-feet of water per year. Alternative B, dry cooling, uses an air-cooled condenser that cools and condenses the low-pressure steam turbine generator exhaust steam using a large array of fans that force air over finned-tube heat exchangers arranged in an A frame bundle configuration. Alternative B would require the consumptive use of about 400 acre-feet of water per year. Alternative B is the BLM's Preferred Alternative. Alternative C is the No Action Alternative.

Scoping of the project occurred from July 13 to August 24, 2009, and was extended to October 19, 2009. A total of 151 scoping comments were submitted. The comments addressed a broad range of categories, including alternatives, project boundaries, management, and physical/natural resources.

The Draft EIS addresses the following issues identified during scoping: the NEPA process (consultation/coordination, proposal description, alternatives, connected actions, and cumulative impacts); social resources (cultural resources, visual resources, noise, land use, recreation, transportation, and socioeconomic resources); and physical/natural resources (botanical resources, water resources, paleontological resources, biological resources and earth resources).

Please note that public comments and information submitted, including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of persons who submit comments, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), 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.

Patrick Putnam,

Pahrump Field Office Manager.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Eastern States: Filing of Plat of Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey; North Carolina and Wisconsin.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM-Eastern States office in Springfield, Virginia, 30 calendar days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management—Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. *Attn:* Cadastral Survey.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands surveyed are:

Swain County, North Carolina

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Qualla Tract boundary in the location of Cooper Creek, Swain County, in the State of North Carolina, and was accepted June 23, 2009.

Fourth Principal Meridian, Wisconsin

T. 34 N., R 16 E.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the survey of the subdivision of Section 18, of Township 34 North, Range 16 East, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, in the State of Wisconsin, and was accepted March 8, 2010.

We will place copies of the plats we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against a survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file a plat until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: March 15, 2010.

Dominica Van Koten,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action, Lease of Public Land in Sublette County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to convert a temporary land use permit to a long-term lease under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 for use as a work-force facility.

DATES: Comments regarding the lease must be received by the BLM at the address below not later than May 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Send all written comments concerning this proposal to the Field Manager, BLM Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941. Comments received in electronic form, such as e-mail or facsimile, will not be considered.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Wadsworth, Realty Specialist, BLM Pinedale Field Office at 307-367-5341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described land is proposed for lease at no less than fair market value:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 28 N., R. 108 W.,

Sec. 8, SE¼SE¼.

The area described contains 10 acres, more or less, in Sublette County. This area is currently being used as a site for Encana Oil and Gas (USA), Incorporated's work-force facility, under a three-year land use permit. The BLM proposes to convert this permit to a renewable 15-year lease for the same purpose at no less than fair market value. This will reduce the amount of time that the BLM staff will spend renewing the lease. The area is currently fenced for security and has dormitory-style housing, a dining area, a laundry, recreational amenities, and related appurtenances to operate the facility. The lands are available for lease for the above-described purpose. Any lease will be issued on a non-competitive basis, because, in the judgment of the authorized officer, no competitive interest exists and/or competitive bidding would represent unfair competitive and economic disadvantage to the existing permittee.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the BLM Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

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 publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Authority: 43 CFR 2920.4.

John Huston,

Assistant Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Lands in Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, proposes to sell a parcel of public land consisting of approximately 119.37 acres in Riverside

County, California to the City of Palm Springs for the appraised fair market value of \$2,102,000.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed sale must be received by the BLM on or before May 3, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the proposed sale should be sent to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allison Shaffer, Realty Specialist, BLM, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262 or phone (760) 833-7100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land is being proposed for direct sale to the City of Palm Springs in accordance with Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1714), at not less than the appraised fair market value:

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 3 S., R. 4 E.,

Sec. 34, those remaining public lands in the N½ lying south of the Chino Wash Flood Control Levee.

The area described contains approximately 119.37 acres in Riverside County.

The appraised fair market value is \$2,102,000. The public land is identified as suitable for disposal in the BLM's 1980 California Desert Conservation Area Plan, as amended, and is not needed for any other Federal purpose.

The BLM is proposing a direct sale because the City of Palm Springs wishes to secure the land for development of the western campus of the College of the Desert. Development of the western campus of the College of the Desert is an important public project and speculative bidding would jeopardize the timely completion and economic viability of the project. A competitive sale is therefore not appropriate and the public interest would be best served by a direct sale. The lands identified for sale are considered to have no known mineral value. The BLM proposes that conveyance of the Federal mineral interests would occur simultaneously with the sale of the land.

On March 19, 2010, the above described land will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of FLPMA. Until completion of the sale or termination of the segregation, the BLM will no longer