

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[MT-090-1990EX-02]****Notice of Availability****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Reclamation of the Zortman and Landusky Mines in Phillips County, Montana. This is a supplement to the 1996 Final EIS on Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions at the Zortman and Landusky Mines. The Final Supplemental EIS addresses 12 reclamation alternatives, six for the Zortman Mine and six for the Landusky Mine. The BLM and Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) are co-lead agencies for the preparation of the Supplemental EIS. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council are participating agencies.

DATES: A record of decision will be prepared no earlier than 30 days after the Notice of Receipt for the Final Supplemental EIS is published in the *Federal Register*.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final Supplemental EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Malta Field Office, HC 65 Box 5000, Malta, Montana, 59538.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Haight, 406-538-1930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This EIS is a final supplement to the March 1996 Final EIS Zortman and Landusky Mines Reclamation Plan Modifications and Mine Life Extensions. With the bankruptcy of the mines' operator, Zortman Mining, Inc., the BLM and DEQ are overseeing reclamation at the mines. The Final Supplemental EIS has been prepared to analyze additional reclamation alternatives developed by the agencies that may constitute a substantial change from those presented in the 1996 Final EIS. The Final Supplemental EIS presents 12 reclamation plans, six for reclamation of the Zortman Mine and six for reclamation of the Landusky Mine. The reclamation plans were developed based upon public comments and through consultation with the Fort Belknap government and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Final Supplemental EIS discloses the environmental consequences of each

alternative. Alternative Z6 is identified in the Final Supplemental EIS as the DEQ and BLM preferred reclamation alternative for the Zortman Mine, and Alternative L4 is identified as the preferred reclamation alternative for the Landusky Mine. Implementation of the preferred reclamation alternatives would cost approximately \$22.5 million more than is available under the reclamation bonds and would require additional funding. Alternatives Z3 and L3 have also been identified as "preferred," in the event funding to implement Alternatives Z6 and L4 is not forthcoming. Also, an additional \$11 million is needed to fund long-term water treatment regardless of which reclamation alternative is selected.

(Authority: Sec. 102, Pub. L. 91-190, 83 Stat. 853 (42 U.S.C. 4332))

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Bruce W. Reed,

Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[NV-050-02-5101-ER-F331; N-75493, N-75471, N-75472, N-75474, N-75475, N-75476, N-75477]****Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent: Ivanpah Energy Center, NV****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to (1) announce a proposed Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ivanpah Energy Center Project; and (2) announce the locations, dates, and times of the scheduled public meetings for obtaining public comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, an EIS will be prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office for the Ivanpah Energy Center. The EIS will analyze the impacts of issuing rights-of-way for a gas-fired electric power plant and ancillary facilities (consisting of electric transmission lines, electric substations, a water pipeline, and an access road).

DATES: Three scheduled public meetings to be held at the following dates and locations:

- Tuesday, March 5, 2002 commencing at 7 p.m. and continuing until all those present have an opportunity to speak but closing no later than 9 p.m. Community Center, 375

West San Pedro Avenue, Goodsprings, Nevada.

- Wednesday, March 6, 2002 commencing at 7 p.m. and continuing until all those present have an opportunity to speak but closing no later than 9 p.m. Clark County Government Center, Room ODC #3, 500 Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada.

- Thursday, March 7, 2002 commencing at 7 p.m. and continuing until all those present have an opportunity to speak but closing no later than 9 p.m. Community Center, West Quartz Avenue, Sandy Valley, Nevada.

Individuals making written comments at the public meetings may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review of disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this definitively at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and for individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Crockford, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301 or Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, 1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A, Farmington, NM 87401; telephone (505) 599-6333, cellular telephone (505) 486-4255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EIS will address the proposed action and (at this time) one alternative.

The proposed action can be summarized as: Construction, operation and maintenance of a nominal 500 Megawatt (MW) gas-fired electrical power generating facility and ancillary facilities.

Except for a related electric transmission line, the proposed generating facility and most ancillary facilities are located on public land administered by the BLM, in the MDBM, T. 25 S., R. 58 E., sec. 1, and T. 25 S., R. 59 E., sec. 6 and in southern Clark County, Nevada. The proposed site is about 25 miles southwest of Las Vegas, and two and one-half miles southeast of the town of Goodsprings, Nevada. The plant consists of two gas turbine-generators. The turbine exhaust heat captured and used to create steam will drive a steam turbine-generator in a combined-cycle configuration. To minimize consumption of water, the

plant will use refrigerated air-cooling technology.

The proposed action also includes the following ancillary facilities: A 12-inch diameter gas pipeline; a four-inch diameter water-supply pipeline; a 230 kilovolt (kV) substation; the following 230 kV transmission lines: (1) Two 230 kV lines from the proposed Ivanpah Substation to the existing Pahrump-Mead 230 kV line corridor; (2) a 230 kV line from the Ivanpah Substation to the existing Western Area Power Administration Mead Substation; and (3) two 230 kV lines from the Table Mountain Substation to the Ivanpah Substation; and the following fiber optic lines: (1) An optical-fiber ground wire (OPGW) shield wire as an integral part of the Ivanpah-Mead #2 transmission line; and (2) an OPGW as an integral part of the Table Mountain-Ivanpah #1 transmission line. Access to the generation facility site would be via an existing, unimproved road connected to State Highway 161.

The plant will require approximately 22 months for construction. The plant will be built to operate continuously, except for semi-annual maintenance shutdowns, with a projected 40-year life. Power will be sold into the commercial power markets of Nevada, California, and Arizona.

Under the No Action Alternative, BLM would not issue right-of-way grants for the Ivanpah Energy Center and ancillary facilities. The project including the power plant, transmission lines, water pipeline, gas pipeline, access road, and temporary use areas would not be constructed. The areas proposed for the Ivanpah Energy Center would remain undeveloped. An energy need would not be met by the proposed plant's generated power.

Public participation is encouraged throughout the processing of this project. Comments presented throughout the process will be considered.

Dated: January 23, 2002.

Angie C. Lara,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; NVN-61415]

Cancellation of Proposed Withdrawal; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey, Water Resources Division has cancelled its withdrawal application N-61415 for an administrative site at Carson City, Nevada. The original Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published as FR Doc. 97-10276, 62 FR 19601, April 22, 1997.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Geological Survey, Water Resources Division has cancelled withdrawal application N-61415 (FR Doc. 97-10276, 62 FR 19601, April 22, 1997) for an administrative site. The land remains closed to surface entry and mining due to an overlapping withdrawal (Public Land Order No. 7348).

Dated: January 9, 2002.

Jim Stobaugh,

Lands Team Lead.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-020-1430-ET; NMNM 103819]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw 4,484.16 acres of public land in Santa Fe and Rio Arriba Counties, New Mexico, in aid of legislation for the pueblos of Santa Clara and San Ildefonso land claim settlement. This notice closes the public land for up to 2 years from location under the United States mining laws. The public land will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments must be received by May 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Taos Field Office Manager, BLM, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571-5983.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lora Yonemoto, BLM Taos Field Office, 505-751-4709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 30, 2001 a petition was

approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from location under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 20 N., R. 7 E.,

Sec. 22, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, SWNE, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW, SW, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE;

Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 25, lots 2 to 4, inclusive, 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 26, lots 1 and 2, N $\frac{1}{2}$, SW, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE;

Sec. 27, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$

Sec. 34, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 35, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and W $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 20 N., R. 8 E.,

Sec. 19, lots 8 to 11, inclusive;

Sec. 30, lots 2 to 5, inclusive, and lots 8 to 11, inclusive.

The area described contains approximately 4,484.16 acres in Rio Arriba and Santa Fe Counties.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the lands while legislation is being drafted to transfer these lands to the pueblos of Santa Clara and San Ildefonso as part of the pueblos' land claim settlement.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of the notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Taos Field Office Manager of the BLM at the above address.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Taos Field Office Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the public land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the legislation enacted or a withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are