

NEW COMSTOCK WIND ENERGY PROJECT (NEW COMSTOCK EIS)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The BLM-Carson City District Office intends to prepare an EIS to analyze the impacts (direct, indirect, and cumulative) resulting from construction of Great Basin Wind's New Comstock Wind Energy Project that would be located within Carson City, Storey, Washoe and Lyon Counties.

Great Basin Wind, LLC, has submitted a right-of-way application to construct and operate a commercial wind turbine facility that would include approximately 69 wind turbines with the potential of producing 192 megawatts of electricity. The turbine towers would be 210 ft. to 330 ft. tall supporting a nacelle and three blades 115 ft. to 170 ft. in length.

Turbine units would be connected to a proposed electric substation by approximately 20 miles of underground electrical distribution system. A proposed 120 kV overhead transmission line approximately 5 miles in length would connect the new substation to an existing substation operated by Sierra Pacific Power Co. located near U.S. Highway 50 east of Carson City.

A series of 15 ft. to 40 ft. wide access roads would be improved or constructed to facilitate site development.

Other facilities would include several small outbuildings for storage of materials and temporary work areas and storage yards.

The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the best possible alternatives and management decisions that will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

POTENTIAL COOPERATING AGENCIES

- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Federal Aviation Administration
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California
- State of Nevada (State Clearinghouse)
- Nevada Public Utilities Commission
- Storey County
- Lyon County
- Washoe County
- Carson City

DRAFT SCHEDULE

- Start Public Scoping.....Dec. 2008
- Draft EIS (DEIS).....Oct. 2009
- Final EIS (FEIS).....March 2010
- Record of Decision (ROD).....Sept. 2010

ADDRESSES

Comments must be received by **Friday, January 30, 2009**, and may be sent by mail, e-mail, or fax to:

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