

species becomes listed in the future. Application requirements and issuance criteria for enhancement of survival permits through CCAAs are in the Code of Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22(d) and 17.32(d), respectively. See also our joint policy on CCAAs, which we published in the **Federal Register** with the Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (64 FR 32726; June 17, 1999).

The proposed CCAA is programmatic in nature, and, under it, individual property owners who wish to participate would enroll their properties under the IDFG's section 10(a)(1)(A) permit through the issuance of a Certificate of Inclusion. The individual property owner would work with IDFG and us to develop a mutually agreeable site-specific management plan for the enrolled property. The site-specific plan will address known threats to sage-grouse through the implementation of identified conservation measures that are consistent with the participating landowner's land use activities and the CCAA. If a Certificate of Inclusion is signed and issued to a participating property owner, they would then be authorized to incidentally take sage-grouse if the species becomes listed under the ESA in the future, as long as the terms and conditions of the permit and the existing site-specific plan are followed.

The area to be covered under this proposed CCAA (Covered Area) is approximately 930,000 acres (ac) located in the West Central Planning Area (WCPA) in Washington, Adams, Gem, and Payette Counties, Idaho. Within the Covered Area, approximately 590,707 ac is non-Federally owned and would potentially be eligible for enrollment under the proposed CCAA. Sage grouse use habitats throughout the WCPA, including lekking (breeding display) areas, and nesting, brood rearing, and wintering habitats. Accurate estimates of the number of sage-grouse in the WCPA are not available.

The proposed CCAA identifies important sage-grouse use areas using a combination of known lek locations, and yearlong telemetry data identifying nesting, brood-rearing, and wintering habitats. The proposed CCAA also assumes that there are some areas where land uses or historic events have reduced habitat values so that they are no longer used by sage-grouse. However, the inherent physical factors and proximity to currently used habitat may make these areas candidates for restoration efforts.

The proposed CCAA is intended to result in benefits to sage-grouse by reducing or eliminating threats to the species on enrolled properties, and creating or maintaining habitat conditions that are suitable for all life-history stages of the species through the implementation of conservation measures. The proposed CCAA describes all of the threats to sage-grouse that have been identified in the WCPA, and a suite of potential conservation actions that could be implemented to address those threats. The conservation measures that would be implemented on any enrolled property would be identified in a site-specific conservation plan for that property. Activities that are covered under the CCAA and may be included in a site-specific plan as applicable include range and livestock management, farming operations, recreational activities, and general ranch operation and maintenance. These activities are described in more detail in the proposed CCAA.

Consistent with our CCAA Policy (64 FR 32726), the conservation goal of the proposed CCAA is to encourage enhancement and protection of suitable sage-grouse habitat on non-Federal lands by either maintaining or modifying existing land uses so that they are consistent with the conservation needs of sage-grouse. We can meet this conservation goal with the use of a CCAA by giving non-Federal landowners incentives to implement conservation measures, primarily through regulatory certainty concerning land-use restrictions that might otherwise apply should sage-grouse become listed under the ESA.

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments we receive to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and NEPA and its implementing regulations. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will sign the proposed CCAA and issue a permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to the IDFG for take of sage-grouse. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day public comment period, and we will fully consider all comments we receive during the public comment period.

Dated: July 15, 2009.

David J. Wesley,

Deputy Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for the Lucerne Valley Solar Project; San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Barstow Field Office, Barstow, California intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The EIS will analyze the impacts of the Lucerne Valley Solar Plant on public lands in San Bernardino County, California. The project is being proposed by Chevron Energy Solutions (the Applicant). The applicant has requested a right-of-way (ROW) authorization to construct and operate a 45 megawatt solar photovoltaic project and connect it to the existing Southern California Edison 33 kV distribution system. Within the 516-acre solar facility, the project would include a new switchyard, control/maintenance building, and parking area. The EIS will analyze the site-specific impacts to the environment from the proposed grant of the ROW.

DATES: This notice initiates a public participation and scoping period for the EIS of at least 30 days. This scoping period will also be announced through the local news media, newspapers, and BLM's Web page (<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html>). During the public scoping period the BLM will solicit public comment on issues, concerns and opportunities that should be considered in the analysis of the proposed action. The BLM expects to hold two public meetings, one in Lucerne Valley and another in the city

of San Bernardino. The meeting in Lucerne Valley will take place on July 29, 2009 at the Lucerne Valley Community Center located at 33187 Highway 247 East, Lucerne Valley, California from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The meeting in San Bernardino will take place on July 30, 2009 at the Family Life Public Enterprise Center, Conference Room 13, located at 1505 West Highland Ave., San Bernardino, California 92411 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Information about the two meetings has been announced through the local news media, newspapers and BLM Web site (<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html>). Comments on issues, potential impacts, or suggestions for additional alternatives may also be submitted in writing to the address listed below. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Lucerne Valley Solar Project by any of the following methods:

- *Web Site:* <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html>.
- *E-mail:* LucerneSolar@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (760) 252-6098.
- *Mail:* BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the BLM Barstow Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, send requests to: ATTN: Lucerne Valley Solar Project; contact Greg Thomsen, telephone (951) 697-5237; address BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311; e-mail LucerneSolar@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Title V of FLPMA, sites associated with power generation or transmission not identified in the BLM's California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan (1980, as amended) will be considered through the plan amendment process.

Under Federal law, the BLM is responsible for processing requests for rights-of-way to authorize solar projects and other appurtenant facilities on the land it manages. BLM must comply with the requirements of NEPA to ensure that environmental impacts associated with construction, operation, and decommissioning will be identified, analyzed and considered in the application process. This will be

accomplished through preparation of a Draft and Final EIS. The BLM will utilize the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2 (d)(3).

This notice announces a period for public scoping of alternatives, issues, impacts and planning criteria associated with this project. In addition, the BLM is requesting the views of other agencies as to the scope and content of the environmental information that is germane to the statutory responsibilities or areas of expertise for those agencies in connection with the proposed project and the analysis of its impacts. Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals or organizations that may be interested or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

The Applicant has applied for a ROW authorization to construct and operate a solar photovoltaic project on public lands. The public lands are managed by the BLM in accordance with the CDCA Plan and the West Mojave Plan, an amendment to the CDCA Plan. The 516-acre project would be built approximately 8 miles east of Lucerne Valley, San Bernardino County, California, at T. 4 N., R. 2 E., Section 19 (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$), section 20 (W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$), section 29 (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$), section 30 (N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$).

The EIS will describe and analyze the proposed project and will include:

- (1) Measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts on the environment;
- (2) The "No Action" alternative (no project would be built); and
- (3) The "no solar" alternative (lands would be determined unsuitable for one or more types of solar generation).

Through public scoping, BLM will identify various issues, potential impacts, and mitigation measures.

The BLM has identified a potential list of issues that will need to be addressed in this analysis including, but not limited to, social and economic impacts, including impacts to the public from traffic; ground and surface water quantity and quality; plant and animal species including special status species; Tribal and cultural resources; and visual resources. If approved, the solar project on public lands would be authorized in accordance with the FLPMA and Federal regulations at Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations part 2800.

The CDCA Plan (1980, as amended) requires that all power generating facilities be considered through the planning process. Planning criteria for consideration of a CDCA plan amendment to provide for power generation at this site include:

- a. The plan amendment will be completed in compliance with FLPMA, NEPA and all other applicable Federal and State laws, Executive orders, and management policies of the BLM;
- b. The plan amendment will recognize and conform to previous site-specific planning decisions from BLM regional and bioregional plans;
- c. Where existing planning decisions are still valid, those decisions will remain unchanged;
- d. The plan amendment and any rights-of-way issued will recognize valid existing rights; and
- e. Interagency and Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and will be given due consideration. The planning process will include the consideration of impacts on Indian trust assets, other jurisdictions, and agencies.

You may submit written comments on issues and planning criteria at the public scoping meeting, or you may submit them via e-mail (see **ADDRESSES** section above). To be most helpful, you should submit comments within 15 days after the public scoping meeting. The BLM will identify issues and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the plan as to why we placed an issue in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

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.

Tom Pogacnik,

*Deputy State Director for Natural Resources,
California State Office.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG)

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (AMP) was implemented as a result of the Record of Decision on the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement to comply with consultation requirements of the Grand Canyon Protection Act (Pub. L. 102-575) of 1992. The AMP includes a federal advisory committee, the Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG), a technical work group (TWG), a Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center, and independent review panels. The AMWG makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior concerning Glen Canyon Dam operations and other management actions to protect resources downstream of Glen Canyon Dam consistent with the Grand Canyon Protection Act. The TWG is a subcommittee of the AMWG and provides technical advice and recommendations to the AMWG.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The AMWG will conduct the following meeting:

Date: Wednesday–Thursday, August 12–13, 2009. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. the first day and will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at approximately 3 p.m. on the second day. The meeting will be held at the Fiesta Inn, 2100 S. Priest Drive, Tempe, Arizona.

Agenda: The primary purpose of the meeting will be for the AMWG to discuss and recommend the Fiscal Year 2010–11 biennial budget, workplan, and hydrograph. In addition, they will receive updates and discuss the following items: (1) Mid-fiscal Year 2009 expenditures, (2) Status of Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center projects, (3) 2007 and 2008 Biological Opinion conservation measures, (4) Colorado River Basin hydrology, (5) Future Funding Sources for Non-native Fish Control Efforts, (6) the Draft Humpback Chub Comprehensive Plan,

(7) a stakeholder's perspective by the Arizona Game and Fish Department, and other administrative and resource issues pertaining to the AMP. To view a copy of the agenda and documents related to the above meeting, please visit Reclamation's Web site at: <http://www.usbr.gov/uc/rm/amp/amwg/mtgs/09aug12/index.html>. Time will be allowed at the meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments. To allow for full consideration of information by the AMWG members, written notice must be provided to Dennis Kubly, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84138; telephone 801-524-3715; facsimile 801-524-3858; e-mail at dkubly@usbr.gov at least five (5) days prior to the call. Any written comments received will be provided to the AMWG members.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis Kubly, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone (801) 524-3715; facsimile (801) 524-3858; e-mail at dkubly@usbr.gov.

Dated: July 7, 2009.

Tom Ryan,

*Manager, Environmental Resources Division,
Upper Colorado Regional Office, Salt Lake
City, Utah.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting Notice: Southwest Resource Advisory Council; Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Subgroup

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Southwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Monument) Subgroup, will meet as directed below.

DATES: The Southwest RAC Canyons of the Ancients National Monument (Monument) Subgroup will meet on August 14, 2009 at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. One public

comment period is planned and will begin at approximately 10 a.m. The meeting will adjourn at approximately 12 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Musclow, Planner, 970-882-5632; LouAnn Jacobson, Manager, 970-882-5600, or e-mail Heather_Musclow@blm.gov, or visit the monument Web site at <http://www.co.blm.gov/canm/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ten member subgroup has provided recommendations to the Southwest Resource Advisory Council concerning development and implementation of a management plan developed in accordance with FLMPA, for public lands within the Monument. We plan to discuss comments received during public review of the Draft Resource Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement. An overview of the Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement will be presented.

The meeting will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meeting or submit written statements at any meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of Committee and Subgroup meetings are maintained at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days of the meeting. In addition, minutes and other information concerning the Committee and Subgroup can be obtained from the Monument planning Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/rmp/canmwhich>.

Barbara Sharrow,

*Designated Federal Official, Colorado
Southwest Resource Advisory Council.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

Notice of Additional Tribal Consultation Meetings

AGENCY: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal Consultation Meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of additional Tribal Consultation Sessions