

The BLM resolved all protests. Responses to protest issues will be compiled and documented in a Protest Resolution Report (see ADDRESSES). No changes to the Cascade-Siskiyou Resource Management Plan Proposed RMP/EIS were necessary as a result of protests.

Additionally, the BLM provided the Proposed RMP/Final EIS to the Governors of Oregon and California for a 30-day Governor's consistency review. The OR and CA Governor's office identified what they considered inconsistencies, and the BLM issued response letters that outlined explanations and justifications for how the BLM's proposed plan remains consistent with the concerns raised. No changes to the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Proposed RMP/EIS were necessary as a result of the Governors' consistency review.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.9, 40 CFR 1506.9, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5)

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Assistant Director for Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Rough Hat Clark Solar Project in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) for the Rough Hat Clark Solar Project located in Clark County, Nevada. The ROD/Approved RMPA constitutes the final decision of the BLM as approved by the Department of the Interior (DOI).

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2019992/510>. Printed copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the Southern Nevada District Office, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, or can be provided upon request by contacting Jessica Headen,

Project Manager, telephone (702) 515-5206, address Bureau of Land Management, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.

The Protest Resolution Report is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Headen, Project Manager, telephone (702) 515-5206, address Bureau of Land Management, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.; email jheaden@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Headen. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant, Candela Renewables, LLC, submitted a right-of-way (ROW) application to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office for the Rough Hat Clark Solar Project (Project), a 400-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic power generating facility and 700 MW of battery energy storage system (BESS) on approximately 2,469 acres of BLM-managed public land located in the Pahrump Valley in Clark County, Nevada, southeast of the town of Pahrump and approximately 38 miles west of Las Vegas. The Project would include a solar field, BESS, and a 230 kV transmission line from the solar facility to the GridLiance Trout Canyon Substation.

The Department of the Interior has approved the BLM's decision to issue a ROW grant for the Project as described in the Proposed RMPA/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as the Resources Integration Alternative. The ROD documents the BLM's decision to authorize the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the 400 MW photovoltaic solar power generating facility with battery energy storage on BLM-managed land in Clark County, Nevada. Approval of this ROW constitutes the final decision of the Department of the Interior and is not subject to appeal under Departmental regulations at 43 CFR part 4.

There were no changes to the Approved RMPA from the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS, which was published on November 1, 2024. The Approved RMPA changes the existing 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan to reclassify the Project area from Visual

Resource Management (VRM) Class III to VRM Class IV.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS for public protest on November 1, 2024, for a 30-day protest period and received seven valid protests. The BLM Director resolved all protests. Responses to protest issues were compiled and documented in a Protest Resolution Report (see ADDRESSES).

The BLM provided the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS to the Governor of Nevada for a 60-day Governor's consistency review on November 1, 2024. The Governor's Office replied on December 17, 2024, confirming that the proposed RMPA is consistent with State and local plans, policies, and programs. The Governor's Office had no objections to the approval of the RMPA.

The DOI's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management signed the ROD/Approved RMP Amendment, which is in effect upon signature.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 (2022); 43 CFR 1610.5-1)

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Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Lakeview Resource Management Plan, Lakeview District, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment for the Lakeview RMP, located in the BLM's Lakeview District.

DATES: The ROD/Approved RMP Amendment was signed and is in effect as of the date of signature.

ADDRESSES: The ROD/Approved RMP Amendment is available online at the BLM National Environmental Policy Act Register at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/114300/510>.

Printed copies of the ROD/Approved RMP Amendment are available for public inspection at the BLM Lakeview District Office, 1301 South G Street,

Lakeview, Oregon 97630, or can be provided upon request by contacting the Lakeview office at (541) 947-2177.

A copy of the Protest Resolution Report is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Forbes, District Manager, Lakeview District Office; telephone: (541) 947-6100; email: tforbes@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Forbes. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Approved RMP Amendment amends the existing 2003 Lakeview RMP. The Lakeview planning area covers approximately 3.2 million acres of public lands in Lake and Harney counties. The Approved RMP Amendment provides management direction for lands with wilderness characteristics; makes planning-area-wide travel and transportation/off-highway vehicle (OHV) allocations of open, limited, and closed; and provides management direction for livestock grazing in areas that fail to meet the BLM's Standards for Rangeland Health and for processing voluntary livestock grazing permit relinquishments.

The Approved RMP Amendment prioritizes the protection of wilderness characteristics in 24 whole units and portions of two units (42,547 acres) as new Section 202 Wilderness Study Areas (WSA). New Section 202 WSAs will be managed as: Visual Resource Management Class I, which allows for very low levels of change to the landscapes' visual character that does not attract attention; Land Tenure Zone 1, where the BLM retains the lands in public ownership for the life of the RMP; exclusion areas for all rights-of-way; and closed for the development and extraction of leasable and saleable minerals, including new mineral material sites.

In addition, the Approved RMP Amendment prioritizes the protection of wilderness characteristics in eight whole units and portions of seven units (373,132 acres) over other multiple uses (Category C). These Category C units will be managed as: Visual Resource Management Class II public lands, which only allows for low levels of

change to the landscapes visual character; Land Tenure Zone 1, where the BLM retains the lands in public ownership for the life of the RMP; exclusion areas for major rights-of-way and commercial renewable energy projects; and avoidance areas for all minor rights-of-ways. In addition, within these Category C units, leasable mineral extraction will be allowed, but subject to a no surface occupancy stipulation. All Category C units will be closed to saleable minerals, including new mineral material sites. Where roads form the boundary of a protected Category C wilderness characteristic unit, a 300-foot management setback from the centerline of paved and gravel roads and a 100-foot setback from the centerline of natural surface boundary roads is established.

Under the Approved RMP Amendment, 12 areas totaling approximately 70,573 acres scattered across the planning area will be managed as open to OHV use; 397,671 acres currently classified as open will be designated as limited to existing routes, resulting in a total of 3,121,499 acres of limited OHV classification in the planning area; and an additional 476 acres of areas open to OHV use will be designated as closed resulting in a total of 11,285 acres closed to OHV.

The Approved RMP Amendment: (1) requires the BLM to consider taking action in areas that are not meeting Standards for Rangeland Health even if existing livestock grazing is not a causal factor for non-attainment of the standard; (2) clarifies that the BLM will not permit increases to animal unit months if analysis finds that doing so could cause negative impacts to other resources in an area where there is either no rangeland health assessment and evaluation or if the evaluation no longer represents the existing resource conditions; and (3) requires the BLM to review the suitability and compatibility of livestock grazing use with other existing resources in the permitted area when a voluntary permit relinquishment is received. If livestock grazing is found to be unsuitable and/or incompatible, the area will become unavailable to grazing and the forage allocation will be made to another resource. If grazing is found to be suitable and/or compatible, then the allocation of forage to livestock grazing use will remain in place. The BLM could authorize grazing use for the area under a grazing permit or designate the area as a reserve common allotment.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a 30-day public protest period starting on

November 7, 2024, and received 15 protests. The BLM Assistant Director for Resources and Planning resolved all valid protests. Responses to protest issues were compiled and documented in a Protest Resolution Report (see **ADDRESSES**). No changes to the Lakeview Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS were necessary as a result of protests.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS to the Governor of Oregon for a 30-day Governor's consistency review. No inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies or programs were identified during the Governor's consistency review of the Proposed RMP/Final EIS. No changes to the Lakeview Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS were necessary as a result of the Governor's consistency review.

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Records of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangeland Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Records of Decision (RODs) for the Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendments for Greater Sage-Grouse Rangeland Planning in Colorado and Oregon. The BLM's Principal Deputy Director signed the RODs, which constitute the decisions of the BLM to approve the RMP Amendments.

ADDRESSES: The RODs/Approved RMP Amendments are available online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2016719/510>. Printed copies of the RODs/Approved RMP Amendments can be provided upon request by contacting BLM_HQ_GRSR_Planning@blm.gov.

A copy of the Protest Resolution Report is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>.