

adverse effects. Each project proposed in reliance on the new CX would be evaluated to determine if extraordinary circumstances apply. If the BLM's review determines that extraordinary circumstances exist for an action that might otherwise be categorically excluded, or where the level of effects cannot be ascertained, the BLM would either require modification of the proposed action or would prepare an EA or EIS to support its decision making. Departmental and BLM regulations, manuals, handbooks, policies, and applicable land use plans provide direction and requirements regarding project design.

As described in the substantiation report, the BLM has experience analyzing and authorizing geothermal exploration projects in an environmentally sustainable manner and considers the activities described in this proposal to be routine and their effects to be non-significant. Expediting permit approvals for geothermal exploration projects is essential to respond to the need to combat climate change using renewable resources managed on BLM-administered lands. Establishment of this proposed new CX would also facilitate implementation of BLM priorities for identifying steps to establish and implement a program to improve Federal permit coordination with respect to eligible projects, with the goal of accelerating responsible development of renewable energy (*i.e.*, geothermal) on public lands. See 43 U.S.C. 3002.

*Authorities:* NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); Executive Order (E.O.) 11514, March 5, 1970, as amended by E.O. 11991, May 24, 1977; and CEQ regulations (40 CFR 1507.3).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon/Washington and California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**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) for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) located in Oregon/Washington (OR/WA) and California (CA). The Director signed the ROD on January 7, 2025, which constitutes the decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

**DATES:** The Director signed the ROD on January 7, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** The ROD/Approved RMP is available online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023675/510>. Printed copies of the ROD/

Approved RMP are available for public inspection at the BLM Medford District Office, 3040 Biddle Rd, Medford, OR 97504; the BLM Klamath Falls Field Office, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Bldg. #25, Klamath Falls, OR 97603; the Redding Field Office, 6640 Lockheed Drive, Redding, CA 96002-9003; or can be provided upon request by contacting Lauren Brown, Field Manager, Ashland Field Office, [lpbrown@blm.gov](mailto:lpbrown@blm.gov) or (541) 618-2200, or by contacting Joel Brumm, Assistant Monument Manager, [jbrumm@blm.gov](mailto:jbrumm@blm.gov) or (541) 618-2200.

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:** Ms. Lauren Brown, Ashland Field Office, Field Manager, telephone (541) 618-2200; address 3040 Biddle Rd, Medford, OR 97504; email [blm\\_csnm\\_rmp@blm.gov](mailto:blm_csnm_rmp@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. Brown. 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 CSNM boundary, as identified by Presidential Proclamation Nos. 7318 and 9564, constitutes the planning area for the Approved RMP. The planning area is 170,407 acres and includes lands within Jackson and Klamath Counties in Oregon, and Siskiyou County in California. The CSNM's decision area is the approximately 113,500 acres of BLM-administered lands within the planning area. While most of the BLM-administered lands are within the BLM Ashland and Klamath Falls Field Offices in Oregon, approximately 5,000 acres are located within the BLM Redding Field Office in California.

The Approved RMP will ensure that all legal mandates related to management of the congressionally designated National Conservation Lands (*i.e.*, Soda Mountain Wilderness; the Jenny Creek and Spring Creek Wild and Scenic Rivers; the Applegate Trail, which is part of the California National Historic Trail; and the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail), as well as lands included in President Obama's enlargement of the monument boundary, are fully addressed. In addition, the Approved RMP will update existing management plans to align with current BLM policies, thereby ensuring comprehensive management of the decision area.

The RMP's underlying purpose (40 CFR 1502.13) is to provide a management framework, including objectives and management direction, that guides the BLM's management of the decision area to protect and restore the resources, objects, and values for which the area was designated.

The Approved RMP emphasizes flexibility in planning-level direction but promotes a moderate level of active management for protection, maintenance, and restoration of CSNM resources, and sets some limitations on management actions and tools available. The Approved RMP does not carry forward any Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) or Research Natural Areas. The BLM determined that special management attention would be provided by management direction in the plan from other designations and management areas that apply monument-wide and would adequately protect the resource or value. The BLM determined that the entire monument holds historic, cultural, fish and wildlife, and scenic values that meet the relevance and importance criteria for an ACEC. The Approved RMP is designed to protect the monument's objects of scientific and historic interest outlined in Presidential Proclamations Nos. 7318 and 9564, which would safeguard these resources or values.

In developing the Approved RMP, the analysis in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS demonstrated that it best meets the purpose and need for the action compared to the alternatives. The planning process included results from close collaboration with several agency partners, including regulatory agencies and Tribal Nations, and their support will be integral to effectively implementing the Approved RMP.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP/Final EIS for public protest on October 11, 2024, for a 30-day protest period and received 11 protest letters.

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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## 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](mailto: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)

**Jon K. Raby,**

*Nevada State Director.*

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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 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,