

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability to Announce the 60-Day Public Review and Comment Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Ivanpah Energy Center**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability (NOA) to announce the 60-day public review period for the Ivanpah Energy Center (Ivanpah) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, a DEIS has been prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Las Vegas Field Office for the Ivanpah Energy Center. The DEIS was prepared to 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, water pipeline, access road, and telephone line). Western Area Power Administration is a cooperating agency.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the DEIS must be postmarked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m., 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes the NOA and filing of the DEIS in the **Federal Register**. Written comments on the document should be addressed to Jerry Crockford, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301. Oral and/or written comments may also be presented at public meetings. Public reading copies of the DEIS will be available for reading at public libraries located at the following addresses:

- 650 West Quartz Avenue, Sandy Valley, NV
- 365 West San Pedro, Goodsprings, NV
- 4280 South Jones Blvd., Las Vegas, NV

A limited number of copies of the document will be available at the following BLM offices:

- X BLM, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV
- X BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV

**DATES:** Three scheduled public meetings commencing at 7 p.m. and continuing until all those present have an opportunity to speak but closing no later

than 9 p.m. will be held at the following dates and locations:

Tuesday, December 10, 2002—BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada

Wednesday, December 11, 2002—Community Center, West Quartz Avenue, Sandy Valley, Nevada

Thursday, December 12, 2002—Community Center, 375 West San Pedro Avenue, Goodsprings, Nevada

Individuals making written comments at public meetings may request confidentiality. If they wish to withhold their name or street address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, this must be definitively stated at the beginning of 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.

Copies of the DEIS will be mailed to individuals, agencies, or companies who previously requested copies.

**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 DEIS addresses the proposed action and two alternatives. The proposed action can be summarized as follows: constructing, operating, and maintaining a 500 megawatt gas-turbine combined-cycle power plant in the Ivanpah Valley, approximately 20 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada. Except for a related electric transmission line, the proposed generating facility and most ancillary facilities are located on 30-acres of 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. The facility would use a refrigerated air system to reduce cooling water requirements normally associated with combined-cycle power plants. Power generated from Ivanpah would enter the southern Nevada power grid through Western Area Power Administration's Mead Substation, in Eldorado Valley. The proposed plant site is located 2.5-miles southeast of the town of Goodsprings, Nevada. The proposed action includes the following ancillary facilities: a 12-inch diameter gas pipeline

interconnection to the adjacent Kern River Gas Transmission gas pipeline; a four-inch diameter water pipeline originating from the Southern Nevada Correctional Center (SNCC) in Jean, Nevada, to supply water processed through a planned water treatment facility for air emissions control; a telecommunications line; a 230 kilovolt (kV) substation; the following 230 kV transmission lines: (1) Two 230 kV lines from the proposed Ivanpah Substation to the Pahrump-Mead 230 kV line corridor; (2) a 43-mile 230 kV line from the Ivanpah Substation to the Western Area Power Administration Mead Substation, in Eldorado Valley, Nevada; and (3) two 230 kV lines from the Ivanpah Substation to the Table Mountain Substation and Valley Electric Association's Pahrump-Mead Transmission Line; 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 Ivanpah would be via an existing, unimproved road connected to State Highway 161.

An alternative plant site, located in Primm, Nevada, would be co-located with the Reliant Bighorn Power Plant, on a 30-acre parcel on private property. Ancillary facilities to the alternative plant site include a 10 to 11-mile long water supply pipeline from SNCC to the power plant; a 40-mile long transmission line to interconnect the plant to the Mead Substation; approximately 30-miles of transmission lines to interconnect the facility to the proposed Table Mountain Substation and the Valley Electric Association's Pahrump-Mead transmission line; a 3.2-mile natural gas pipeline connecting to Kern River Gas Transmission Company natural gas pipeline; use of existing access roads; and telecommunications facilities.

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 Ivanpah and ancillary facilities. The project including the power plant, transmission lines, water pipeline, gas pipeline, access road, telecommunication facilities, and temporary use areas would not be constructed. The areas proposed for Ivanpah would remain undeveloped. An

energy need would not be met by the proposed plant's generated power. Public participation is encouraged throughout processing of this project. Comments presented throughout the process will be considered.

Dated: August 15, 2002.

**Angie C. Lara,**

*Acting Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-086-1430-ES]

#### Notice of Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification and Opening Order; Idaho

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification and opening order; Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates a portion of a Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification on 40.55 acres, as this classification is no longer needed.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 25, 2002.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Forssell, BLM Coeur d'Alene Field Office, 1808 N. Third St., Coeur d'Alene, ID, 83814 or call (208) 769-5044.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 7, 1978, 57.15 acres were classified as suitable for entry under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869). The legal description of this parcel is: Lots 3-5, section 10, T.48N., R.3E., Boise Meridian, Idaho. The classification and segregation for lot 5, section 10, T.48N., R.3E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, remains unaffected by this notice.

Both the classification and the segregation for the following described 40.55 acres is hereby terminated: lots 3 and 4, section 10, T.48N., R.3E., Boise Meridian, Idaho.

A local non-profit organization holds a Recreation and Public Purposes Act lease on public land. They have relinquished a portion of that lease. Federal regulations require that the classification on the lands formerly leased be terminated and that the lands be once again opened to the public land laws.

These lands will be opened to operation of the public land laws generally, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the

provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record and the requirements of applicable law upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 8, 2002.

**Jenifer Arnold,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ES; N-35639]

#### Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Conveyance of Public Lands near Beatty, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Classification of public land for conveyance pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

**SUMMARY:** The following described public land in Nye County, Nevada has been examined and classified as suitable for conveyance, in accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and Executive Order No. 6910. Patent will be issued to Nye County under provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) for the purposes of operating a municipal solid waste transfer station.

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 12 S., R. 46 E.,  
sec 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing 40.00 acres more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. Patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945);

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

Patent will contain the following provisions:

1. Nye County a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, assumes all

liability for and shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to in this clause as the United States), from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of actions, expense, and liability (hereinafter referred to in this clause as claims), resulting from, brought for, or on account of, any personal injury, threat of personal injury, or property damage received or sustained by any person or persons (including the patentees employees) or property growing out of, occurring, or attributable directly or indirectly, to the disposal of solid waste on, or the release of hazardous substances from Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, T. 12 S., R. 46 E., sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , regardless of whether such claims shall be attributable to: (1) The concurrent, contributory, or partial fault, failure or negligence of the United States;

2. The above described land was used as a solid waste disposal site, and will continue to be used as solid waste transfer station. Upon closure, the site may contain small quantities of commercial and household wastes as determined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6901), and defined in 40 CFR 261.4 and 261.5. Although there is no indication these materials pose any significant risk to human health or the environment, future land uses should be limited to those which do not penetrate the liner of final cover of the site unless excavation is conducted subject to applicable State and Federal requirements;

3. No portion of the land shall under any circumstances revert to the United States if any portion has been used for solid waste disposal or for any other purpose which may result in the disposal, placement, storage, or release of any hazardous substance; and will be subject to valid existing rights.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Station, 1553 South Main Street, Tonopah, Nevada. The subject lands were previously classified and segregated for the purposes of a lease authorizing a sanitary landfill pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. Further segregation will not be required.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of