

Statewide BLM Colorado RAC Meeting
February 24, 2009
Renewable Energy and Rights-of-Way

CO Rights-of-Way (ROW) Program –

- ✦ 7,399 ROWs authorized with a 5-year average of authorizing 279 ROWs/year
- ✦ Processed 402 assignments in 2008
- ✦ State Leadership Team meeting in December with NREL and Governor's Energy Office

Solar Energy Program– http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/solar_energy.html

- ✦ Field Office review of sections of the Programmatic EIS will start in February. Draft for internal review is 3/15/09
- ✦ Draft release late spring 2009; sign Record of Decision (ROD) September 2010
- ✦ PEIS website - <http://solareis.anl.gov/>
- ✦ 200 right-of-way applications; 94% in CA, NV, and AZ
- ✦ BLM has collected in \$5,748,431 in cost recovery funds from solar companies
- ✦ CO has one application filed and possibly 2 more on the way; all in the San Luis Valley

Wind Energy Program – http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/energy/wind_energy.html

- ✦ Programmatic EIS completed in 2005; amended 52 land use plans in 9 western states; identified more than 3200 MW of wind energy on public lands
- ✦ New policy issued December 2008
- ✦ CO has a handful of site testing ROWs and applications, no commercial development

West-Wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS – <http://corridoreis.anl.gov/>

- ✦ ROD signed January 2009 amending 92 land use plans in support of designating over 6,000 miles of energy corridors in 11 western states
- ✦ In CO, 9 BLM and 5 Forest Service land use plans were amended; total of 19 corridors covering 426 miles
- ✦ ROD included in Appendix B – Interagency Operating Procedures

Western Governors' Association Western Renewable Energy Zone Study –

- ✦ Joint initiative by the WGA and the Dept. of Energy
- ✦ WREZ draft - accepting public comments from Feb. 2 through March 2, 2009
- ✦ Expedite development and delivery of renewable energy and identify transmission constraints
- ✦ Website - <http://www.westgov.org/>

Governor's Energy Office (GEO), Renewable Energy Development Infrastructure Project (REDI)

- ✦ GEO received a \$397,700 grant from the Dept. of Energy
- ✦ July 1, 2009 Report will identify the expansion for at least 1,000 MW of renewable energy
- ✦ Addresses such issues as transmission constraints, siting and permitting
- ✦ Website - <http://www.colorado.gov/energy/utilities/renewable-energy-development-infrastructure.asp>