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## West Fry Wind Energy Project Environmental Impact Statement and Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and plan amendment for the development and operation of a wind energy project on BLM land in the West Fry Mountains, approximately 20 miles southeast of Barstow, California in the Johnson Valley Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

The Project will be comprised of a main access road from the northwest (off of Camp Rock Road), other internal access roads, up to 34 wind turbine generators, pad-mounted transformers, an underground electrical collection system, a new 230 kV electrical substation, approximately 500-ft 230 kV of overhead transmission line from the substation to a new switchyard where the Project would interconnect to the existing Southern California Edison's Pisgah No.2 230kV transmission line, an operations and maintenance building, underground communication lines, and two permanent meteorological towers. The Project will be located on approximately 3,100 acres of public lands administered by the Barstow Field Office and will take approximately 7 months to construct.

**Cooperating Agencies:** BLM is in the process of inviting tribal, state and local governments, as well as other federal agencies to serve as cooperating agencies on the project. Cooperating agencies will be involved throughout the process and play a key role in development of the EIS and Plan Amendment.

**Public Involvement:** The public is welcome to submit comments throughout the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. However, there are three formal comment periods and public input is key to the development of the EIS. These formal comment periods include scoping (May 23, 2008 through July 11, 2008), which includes two public scoping meetings. After the release of the Draft EIS there will be a 90-day public comment period on the document. Finally, after the release of the Final EIS, a 30-day protest period will occur. Comments can be submitted via email at [cabaeis@ca.blm.gov](mailto:cabaeis@ca.blm.gov) or to Ms. Edythe Seehafer at 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, Ca. 92311 (760-252-6021).

#### Updates:

- May 2008 – News Release – NOI
- June 2008 – Public Meetings Scheduled

#### Related Links:

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