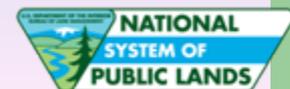


**Geothermal Leasing  
Resource Management Plan  
Amendment  
and  
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# Overview of Presentation

- Why is this project needed?
- What project opportunities exist?
- Where are we in the process?
- *Geothermal 101 – Paul Morgan, CGS*
- How does Federal Geothermal Leasing work?
- Resource Management Plan (RMP)
- Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Where else is environmental analysis required?
- How do I get involved?
- Further information?

# Why is this project needed?

- BLM failed to amend SLRA-RMP in ROD for 2008 Nationwide Programmatic EIS
- Will provide SLV Public Lands Center with updated guidance on processing lease applications

# What project opportunities exist?

- More thorough look at leasing in SLV
- Updated information in the SLRA-RMP
- Encourage community involvement and public participation in renewable energy planning on public lands
- Reconsider issues and concerns based on most recent data
- Native American consultation
- Endangered Species Act consultation

All of this means...

***more precise protection of the valley's resources***

# Where are we in the process?

- Very beginning – “scoping”
- No lease applications or nominations in the valley
- Looking for public input
- Public scoping through August 2010
- Environmental Assessment and Resource Management Plan Amendment expected in March 2011