

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
Sand Hills Wind Farm
Shell Wind Energy
Albany County, Wyoming

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rawlins Field Office has received a proposal to build 25 wind turbines near Rock River, Wyoming in Albany County. The project, entitled "Sand Hills Wind Farm" is proposed by Shell Wind Energy of Houston, Texas. An environmental assessment (EA) for the Sand Hills Wind Farm has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. Copies are available on the internet: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/documents/rfo/sandhills_wind.html, and in the public rooms at BLM's Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming; and BLM's High Desert District Office, 280 Highway 191 N., Rock Springs, Wyoming.

DATES: Written comments on the Sand Hills Wind Farm EA will be accepted for a minimum of 14 days following the date this notice is posted on the internet. Comments are most helpful if received by June 14, and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** SandHills_WindFarm_RFO_WY@blm.gov
- **Fax:** 307-328-4224
- **Mail or Hand-Delivery:** Sand Hills Wind Farm, Bureau of Land Management Rawlins Field Office, PO Box 2407, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Project Manager Pamela Murdock, Rawlins Field Office, (307) 328-4200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sand Hills Wind Farm proposal would build 25 wind turbines, each with a tower height of 260 feet. Twenty-three of the turbines would be constructed on private land, and two wind turbines would be located on public land north of Interstate 80 near Rock River, Wyoming, approximately 30 miles northwest of Laramie in Albany County. The wind farm would generate 50 megawatts of nameplate capacity electricity which would be carried by the Western Area Power Administration's Miracle Mile to the Snowy Range Line. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2013. The applicant is currently drafting an Avian Protection Plan in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the project.

Sincerely,



Dennis Carpenter
Field Manager

5/31/11
Date