



NOTES

SUBJECT: Bi-weekly Crescent Peak Wind Conference Call

MEETING DATE: July 26, 2018

LOCATION: Conference call

PROJECT NAME: Crescent Peak Wind Project EIS

PROJECT #: 146378

Call-in Number: [REDACTED], Conference ID: [REDACTED]

ATTENDEES:

- Herman Pinales (BLM – PM/Renewable Energy)
- Eric Benavides (BLM – Realty/Asst PM)
- Gayle Marrs-Smith (BLM – Las Vegas Field Manager)
- Tim Smith (BLM – So. Nevada District Manager)
- Shannon Hecht (BLM – Land Law Examiner)
- Nicollee Gaddis (BLM – PM/NEPA)
- John Schumacher (BLM – Planning/Environmental Coordinator)
- Shonna Dooman (BLM – Asst Field Manager Division of Resources)
- Robert Wandell (BLM – Acting Asst Manager)
- Kerri-Anne Thorpe (BLM – Realty Specialist)
- Gregory Brooks (BLM – Wildlife)
- Mark Slaughter (BLM – Natural Resources)
- Justin DeMaio (BLM – Cultural Resources / Tribes)

- Evan Allen (BLM – Geology & Minerals)
- Stephen Leslie (BLM – Recreation & Visual)
- Kirsten Cannon (BLM – Public Affairs)
- Michelle Leiber (BLM – Realty/Transmission Corridors)
- Linda Erdmann (POWER)
- Alison Pruett (POWER)
- Sandra Fairchild (POWER)
- Eric Jacobson (CPR)
- Ed Duggan (CPR)
- Lindsay Toste (CPR)
- Hans-Christian Schulze (CPR)
- Lucas Ingvaldstad (CPR)
- Henrik Christensen (SWCA)
- Michael Swink (SWCA)
- Mary Ann Vicari (SWCA)
- Linda Bullen (Bullen Law)

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)
2. Scoping Report Update
 - a. Adding 508 formatting to the report. Expected completion by 7/30/2018.
3. Alternatives Development Status
 - a. CPR to submit final updated alternatives document.
 - i. CPR submitted updates on 7/26/2018.
 - ii. BLM is reviewing and will send back with minor tweaks by 7/30/2018.
 - b. POWER waiting on BLM to approve alternatives to begin draft of Chapter 2 of EIS.

- c. 3 new BLM alternatives that will be added to EIS and doc for cooperating agencies:
 - i. No action.
 - ii. No action with wind exclusion area (considered an action alternative because of designation of wind exclusion area) – the area would be available to other uses in the future, but would not be considered for a wind energy generation facility again.
 - iii. No action with Crescent Peak ACEC – considered, but not carried forward due to not meeting “relative importance” for the entire area.

4. Cooperating Agencies

- a. BLM to send out informational email with alternatives document to cooperating agencies and give them 14 days to review and respond with comments. This is dependent upon getting final alternatives document from CPR.
- b. Additional update from BLM.
- c. By Monday, will have the alternatives doc finalized.
- d. By Monday, Gayle will draft letter to the cooperating agencies.
- e. By Tuesday, BLM will send everything to cooperating agencies.

5. Upcoming Milestones

POWER provided a detailed schedule to team on 7/24/2018.

- a. Cooperating Agency coordination (July 2018) – email to be sent followed by a conference call
- b. Resource data/reports
 - i. Development of inventories and report (CPR/SWCA; June – July 2018; no timeline for cultural report)
 - 1. Wildlife Status
 - a. Avian
 - i. Report submitted and accepted.
 - b. Bat – Report will be submitted by 8/3/2018.
 - c. Tortoise – Report was due on 7/20/2018.
 - 2. Botany Status – Report will be submitted by 8/3/2018.
 - 3. Cultural Status
 - a. Surveys should be finished by the end of July.
 - b. Will have report submitted to BLM by 1st week of September.
 - 4. Visual Status
 - ii. Agency review of resource inventories/studies (BLM); July - September 2018)
- c. Draft EIS
 - i. Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need (POWER; July 2018)
 - ii. Chapter 2 – Alternatives (POWER; August 2018)
 - iii. Chapter 3 – Affected Environment (POWER: September/October 2018)
 - iv. Chapter 4 – Environmental Impacts (POWER; September/October 2018)
 - v. Chapter 5 – Consultation and Coordination (POWER; October 2018)
 - vi. Chapter 6 – References; Executive Summary (POWER; November 2018)

ACTION ITEMS:

ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE	COMPLETED
Mining Claims	Check with State Office on status of mining claims. – Herman to confirm status. Seek definitive answer regarding transmission lines over paid mining claims and who would have to move it if a Plan of Operations is submitted at a future date. Still waiting for a Solicitor to respond – a solicitor who has experience with these situations has been assigned to it.	Evan Allen (BLM) & Herman Pinales (BLM)	7/26/2018	
Alternatives Development	CPR to provide revised alternatives document to BLM/POWER based on BLM's comments provided on 7/12/2018.	CPR	7/18/2018	Y – BLM is reviewing, but plan to send back with minor tweaks by Monday with additional
Alternatives Development	BLM to provide additional comments.	BLM	7/30/2018	
Alternatives Development	CPR to revise and submit final to BLM/POWER.	CPR	8/1/2018	
Scoping Report	Final Scoping Report to be submitted to BLM and CPR.	POWER	7/18/2018	Y
Scoping Report	Add 508 formatting.	POWER	7/30/2018	
Cooperating Agencies	BLM to provide POWER list of 10 cooperating agencies.	Herman Pinales (BLM)	7/5/2018	Y
Cooperating Agencies	Cooperating agency alternatives write-up finalized.	POWER	7/30/2018	
Cooperating Agencies	Develop letter to the cooperating agencies.	Gayle Marrs-Smith (BLM)	7/30/2018	
Cooperating Agencies	Everything compiled and emailed to cooperating agencies.	BLM/POWER	7/31/2018	
Survey Reports	Draft desert tortoise survey report submitted to BLM/POWER.	SWCA	7/20/2018	Y (today)
Survey Reports	Draft bat survey report submitted to BLM/POWER.	SWCA	8/3/2018	
Survey Reports	Draft botany survey report submitted to BLM/POWER.	SWCA	8/3/2018	
Survey Reports	Mark Slaughter and Greg Brooks to review avian report.	BLM	7/19/2018	Y
Survey Reports	Cultural surveys to be complete the end of July. Draft cultural survey report submitted to BLM/POWER.	SWCA	1 st week of September	

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Tribal Contact	BLM bundling all renewable projects and meeting with multiple tribes in July and August.	BLM	July/August	ongoing
Tribal Contact	CPR to develop and maintain excel spreadsheet documenting all contacts and attempted contacts with tribes.	CPR (Lindsay Toste)	Ongoing	
Schedule	POWER to develop detailed schedule.	POWER	7/19/2018	Y
Schedule	POWER to update detailed schedule as advised.	POWER	7/30/2018	
Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy	Draft BBCS submitted to BLM. – Needs to be before end of the year to get NDOW and USFWS review prior to ROD.	SWCA	no specific date – Henrik to confer with colleagues and provide a date	
NOA Package	Develop NOA package.	POWER	8/9/2018	
Plan of Development	Update POD to reflect current design and Project information and submit to BLM/POWER.	CPR	8/1/2018	
Visual	BLM and EPG will meet on Monday (7/30/2018) to ensure EPG has everything.	BLM/EPG	7/30/2018	
Visual	Field effort on the week of August 6.	EPG	8/10/2018	
Visual	Report submitted to BLM/POWER.	EPG	8/31/2018	
Eagles	POWER, BLM, and NDOW to meet to discuss how to address eagles in EIS.	POWER/BLM/NDOW	8/10/2018	