



NOTES

SUBJECT: Bi-weekly Crescent Peak Wind Conference Call

MEETING DATE: June 14, 2018

LOCATION: Conference call

PROJECT NAME: Crescent Peak Wind Project EIS

PROJECT #: 146378

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

ATTENDEES:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman Pinales (BLM – Renewable Energy/PM) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirsten Cannon (BLM – Public Affairs) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Benavides (BLM – Realty/Asst PM) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Leiber (BLM – Realty / Transmission) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Marrs-Smith (BLM – Las Vegas Field Manager) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Erdmann (POWER) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Hecht (BLM – Land Law Examiner) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alison Pruett (POWER) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicollee Gaddis (BLM – Renewable Energy) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandra Fairchild (POWER) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shonna Dooman (BLM – Asst Field Manager Division of Resources) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Jacobson (CPR) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerri-Anne Thorpe (BLM – Acting Asst Field Manager Division of Lands) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Duggan (CPR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gregory Brooks (BLM – Wildlife) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Toste (CPR) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark Slaughter (BLM – Natural Resources) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucas Ingvaldstad (CPR) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin DeMaio (BLM – Cultural Resources / Tribes) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henrik Christensen (SWCA) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Leslie (BLM – Recreation & Visual) | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Swink (SWCA) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Ann Vicari (SWCA) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Bullen (Bullen Law) |

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)
2. Public Scoping Period is Over
 - a. Incoming comments
 - i. BLM emailing comments weekly to POWER – expect last set of emails on this ~~Monday, June 18~~ **Friday, June 15.**
 - b. As of June 13, POWER has received 92 individual emails, 26 hard copy comments (forms or letters), and transcripts from all four public meetings.
3. Alternatives Development
 - a. Held meeting on May 30.
 - b. Waiting for finalized alternatives from CPR.
 - i. **Need to explain the differences between them in a comparative table would be best. Can add some opinions, if would like to.**

- ii. Will have the updates to the BLM by Wednesday, June 20.

4. Cooperating Agency Responses

a. Update from BLM

- i. Approximately 12 agencies have requested to be Cooperating Agencies:
 - 1. Environmental Protection Agency
 - 2. National Park Service
 - 3. Army Corps of Engineers
 - 4. Clark County Fire
 - 5. Clark County Aviation
 - 6. City of Las Vegas
 - 7. City of Boulder City
 - 8. Fort Mojave Tribe
 - 9. Las Vegas Paiute
- ii. Department of the Interior (DOI) agencies are automatically Cooperating Agencies.
- iii. Herman will check if MOU is in place with non-DOI agencies before sending out maps or any other sensitive information.
- iv. Targeting a cooperating agency meeting in-person at BLM by second week of July – July 10 preferred.
- v. BLM will send out an invite to Cooperating Agency Meeting with alternatives description attached.
- vi. Cooperating agencies are agencies with specialized expertise and called upon to give input to advise on specific resources.
- vii. NDOW has not responded requesting to be cooperator – Greg Brooks and Mark Slaughter (BLM) have consulted with them on surveys and SWCA coordinated with NDOW for eagle nest surveys to avoid bighorn sheep lambing.

5. Upcoming Milestones

- a. Alternatives development (CPR) – Had meeting on May 30, waiting for finalization of alternatives from CPR.
- b. Scoping Report (POWER; June 29, 2018)
- c. Resource data/reports – See update below.
 - i. Development of inventories and report (CPR/SWCA; March – June 2018)
 - ii. Agency review of resource inventories/studies (BLM); April – July 2018)
- d. Draft EIS (does BLM want to review as chapters/sections are ready?)
 - i. Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need (POWER; May 2018)
 - ii. Chapter 2 – Alternatives (POWER; June 2018)
 - iii. Chapter 3 – Affected Environment (POWER: July/August 2018)
 - iv. Chapter 4 – Environmental Impacts (POWER; July/August 2018)
 - v. Chapter 5 – Consultation and Coordination (POWER; August 2018)
 - vi. Chapter 6 – References; Executive Summary (POWER; September 2018)
 - vii. Review/Revise Draft EIS (BLM/POWER; October – November 2018)

- e. Draft Biological Assessment
 - i. Preparation of Draft BA (SWCA/BLM; April – September 2018)
 - ii. Review Draft BA (USFWS; October – November 2018)
- 6. Status of Upcoming/Ongoing Studies (schedule, protocol approvals, etc.)**
- a. Wildlife
 - i. Birds: Avian survey report is with CPR for their review. Report will be submitted to BLM/POWER no later than June 29.
 - ii. Desert tortoise: Survey report will be to BLM/POWER by July 12.
 - iii. Bats: SWCA still needs to deliver bat survey report to CPR. Report should be submitted to BLM/POWER by July 12 or 13.
 - b. Botany
 - i. Completed surveys this week.
 - ii. Currently compiling data. No timeline for report, yet.
 - c. Cultural
 - i. BLM signed off on field work authorization this morning (June 14). Surveys will start shortly.
 - ii. Fort Mojave accepted idea that, as results of surveys come in, there would be field trips to see areas of potential interest as opposed to tribal monitoring.
 - d. Visual
 - i. CPR need to find a contractor that is qualified to do contrast rating sheets. BLM Washington Office (John McCarty) provided CPR with a list of qualified companies. CPR hopes to get in touch with them in the next week.
 - ii. BLM and CPR have agreed on KOPs.
 - 1. Added one KOP along the gen-tie line near where the south McCullough Wilderness and racetrack meet (near Lucy Gray Range).
 - iii. CPR has taken photos at all KOPs, but will probably need another field trip.
 - 1. CPR will share some initial photos with Stephen Leslie.
 - 2. CPR did a draft simulation from 10-Mile Tank. Couldn't see the turbines, day was hazy, and backlighting was not ideal.
 - e. Survey reports can be shared with public via BLM Project website once reports have gone through BLM review and have been finalized.
- 7. Reaching out to special interest groups/tribes**
- a. Update from CPR
 - i. CPR presented on the Project at the Searchlight Town Advisory Board Meeting on June 13.
 - 1. Ed and Lindsay presented.
 - 2. Meeting was structured such that the Board could ask questions (they didn't), but the public could not.
 - 3. Ed and Lindsay stayed and talked to folks after meeting.
 - 4. Staying in close contact with Town Manager.
 - 5. CPR plans to be at these monthly meetings.
 - ii. CPR presented at the Laughlin Town Advisory Board on June 12.
 - 1. Staying in close contact with Town Manager.
 - 2. CPR plans to be at these monthly meetings.
 - iii. Plan on having "community workshops" in Searchlight and/or Laughlin to provide information to public monthly or every other month starting in mid- to late-August.
 - iv. CPR will be meeting with the Chemehuevi Tribal Council in September.
 - v. CPR has been meeting with Nipton – Delta Gas & American Green.
 - 1. Nipton held a symposium over the weekend that CPR presented at.

2. Nipton sees potential for Project-related people to live in their town and even mentioned having a batch plant there.
 - vi. Ed met with folks who live in the 5-patent area and thinks there is “great potential to come to an agreement with those folks”.
 - vii. Aviation Systems (FAA advisor/contractor) has said to not engage with drone folks since they don’t have rights to the airspace over the area.
 - viii. The Project area is definitely outside the Searchlight Airport 5-mile sphere.
 1. BLM (Kerri-Anne Thorpe) to provide CPR with contact info for Bill Turnbull. He has private land to encompass the airport, but is seeking some BLM land that would allow for a complete airfield.
 - ix. CPR has tried to reach out to Nancy Kidwell of Cal-Nev-Ari, but has not had success.
- 8. Herman**
- a. All need to work on the 365-day or less schedule.
 - b. The BLM is trying to make this Project as successful as possible and does not want to set things up for failure.
 - c. Justin will be gone for 2 weeks (returning on Friday, June 29th) . Use Stephen Leslie or Michael Chodoronek (mchodoronek@blm.gov) – Pahrump Archaeologist for any cultural issues.
- 9. Next Meeting**
- a. June 28, 2018

ACTION ITEMS:

| ITEM | ACTION | RESPONSIBILITY | DUE DATE | COMPLETED |
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| Mining Claims | Check with State Office on status of mining claims. – Herman to confirm status. | Evan Allen (BLM) & Herman Pinales (BLM) | 6/13/2018 | |
| Legal Descriptions | Provide BLM (Eric Benevides and/or Michelle Lieber) legal descriptions of proposed transmission line alternatives and facility and access roads. | Eric Jacobson (CPR) | 6/13/2018 6/22/2018 | |
| Races | Check on status of historical motorcycle/quad race and the Mint 400 Raceway in the western part of the Project area. – The area is still available for motorcycle races; however, BLM has not received an application for a race in 5 years. Would be through the Motorcycle Racing Association of Nevada. Mint 400 continues as an annual event. | Kenny Kendrick (BLM) | 6/13/2018 | Y |
| Speed Event Routes | Provide CPR and POWER shapefile of BO-Approved Routes for speed events in the area. | Kenny Kendrick (BLM) | 6/13/2018 | Y – emailed on June 1 |
| Gates | Hold a meeting to assess where gates could be installed. | BLM & CPR & POWER | 6/30/2018 | |
| Race Permittees | Provide contact info for race permittees (Best in the West and Mad Media) to CPR. | Stephen Leslie (BLM) | 6/13/2018 | Y |

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| Alternatives Development | Provide BLM/POWER finalized alternatives information. | CPR | 6/20/2018 | |
| MOUs | Confirm MOU is in place with non-DOI Cooperating Agencies. | Herman Pinales (BLM) | Before sending any sensitive information. | |
| Scoping Report | Draft Scoping Report submitted to BLM and CPR for review. | POWER | 6/29/2018 | |
| Survey Reports | Draft avian survey report submitted to BLM/POWER. | SWCA | 6/29/2018 | |
| Survey Reports | Draft desert tortoise survey report submitted to BLM/POWER. | SWCA | 7/12/2018 | |
| Survey Reports | Draft bat survey report submitted to BLM/POWER. | SWCA | 7/13/2018 | |
| Tribal Contact | CPR to develop and maintain excel spreadsheet documenting all contacts and attempted contacts with tribes. | CPR (Lindsay Toste) | Ongoing | |