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**SUBJECT:** Bi-weekly Crescent Peak Wind Conference Call

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**MEETING DATE:** August 23, 2018**LOCATION:** Conference call

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**PROJECT NAME:** Crescent Peak Wind Project EIS**PROJECT #:** 146378

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**ATTENDEES:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Herman Pinales (BLM – PM/Renewable Energy)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Evan Allen (BLM – Geology & Minerals)                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Benavides (BLM – Realty/Asst PM)                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen Leslie (BLM – Recreation & Visual)            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gayle Marrs-Smith (BLM – Las Vegas Field Manager)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirsten Cannon (BLM – Public Affairs)                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tim Smith (BLM – So. Nevada District Manager)                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Leiber (BLM – Realty/Transmission Corridors) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Hecht (BLM – Land Law Examiner)                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lara Kobelt (BLM – Botany)                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kimberly Sullivan (BLM – Planning/Renewables)                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Linda Erdmann (POWER)                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Schumacher (BLM – Planning/Environmental Coordinator)                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alison Pruett (POWER)                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shonna Dooman (BLM – Asst Field Manager Division of Resources) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandra Fairchild (POWER)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robert Wandell (BLM – Acting Asst Manager)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Jacobson (CPR)                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerri-Anne Thorpe (BLM – Realty Specialist)                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Duggan (CPR)                                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gregory Brooks (BLM – Wildlife)                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lindsay Toste (CPR)                                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Slaughter (BLM – Natural Resources)                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Hans-Christian Schulze (CPR)                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Justin DeMaio (BLM – Cultural Resources / Tribes)                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucas Ingvaldstad (CPR)                               |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris White (CPR)                                     |
|  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Henrik Christensen (SWCA)                             |
|  | <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. Alternatives Development Status**

- a. POWER submitted Chapter 1 to BLM.
- b. CPR working with POWER to provide details for Chapter 2 and update POD to be a reference for Chapter 2.

### 3. Geotechnical Studies

- a. Part of this EIS or a separate effort?
  - i. CPR has begun discussions with a Kleinfelder (geotech firm) about focusing on desktop efforts before any field efforts are undertaken.
  - ii. Keep the geotech described in the POD as part of the proposed action.
  - iii. Any geotech activities that would be required before execution of the ROD would be done under programmatic BO through lands application and would use existing roads.

### 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.
- b. Additional update from BLM.
  - i. Last Thursday, got final direction that the no build/wind exclusion alternative could not be retained in this EIS and should be listed as considered, but not carried forward.

### 5. Upcoming Milestones

- a. Cooperating Agency coordination (August 2018) – email to be sent
- b. Resource data/reports
  - i. Development of inventories and report (CPR/SWCA; June – August 2018; no timeline for cultural report)
    - 1. Wildlife Status
      - a. Avian
        - i. BLM and POWER to meet to address how to present data in EIS.
      - b. Bat – Report with BLM for review.
        - i. Mark Slaughter to finalize BLM's notes and provide those to SWCA.
      - c. Tortoise – Report with BLM for review. - DONE
    - 2. Botany Status – Report was due on 8/3/2018.
      - a. SWCA finalizing report and will submit to BLM and POWER tomorrow.
    - 3. Cultural Status
      - a. Field surveys are ongoing and expected to be completed soon.
      - b. Have added 2 additional field techs.
      - c. Access issues due to recent heavy rains.
    - 4. Visual Status
      - a. BLM sent images from KOP 30 to EPG today (this was the one KOP that they were unable to access previously).
  - ii. Agency review of resource inventories/studies (BLM); July - September 2018)
- c. Draft EIS –
  - i. Chapter 1 – Purpose and Need (POWER; August 2018)

- ii. Chapter 2 – Alternatives (POWER; August 2018)
  - iii. Chapter 3 – Affected Environment & Environmental Consequences (POWER; September/October 2018)
  - ~~iv. Chapter 4 – Environmental Impacts (POWER; September/October 2018)~~
  - v. Chapter 4~~5~~ – Consultation and Coordination (POWER; October 2018)
  - ~~vi. Chapter 6 – References; Executive Summary (POWER; November 2018)~~
  - vii. Review/Revise Draft EIS (BLM/POWER; October 2018)
  - d. Draft Biological Assessment
    - i. Preparation of Draft BA (SWCA/BLM; August – October 2018)
    - ii. Review Draft BA (USFWS; November 2018 – March 2019)
- 6. Reaching out to special interest groups/tribes**
- a. Update from CPR
    - i. August 14 Workshop
      - 1. Casual open house format with alternative maps and preliminary visual simulations.
      - 2. Took 15 minutes of questions.
      - 3. Public was able to engage with CPR throughout the event.
      - 4. Next workshop is scheduled for last week of September or before DEIS publication.
      - 5. One person was borderline threatening and may need to be watched during DEIS public meetings.
      - 6. Some supporters of the project attended and some of those live in Searchlight.
    - ii. Planning on reaching out to tribes in the next couple of weeks.
    - iii. Meeting with some landowners in Searchlight and Cal-Nev-Ari in the next couple of weeks.
    - iv. Met with a landowner in Nipton who has water, rail line, and fenced storage who is interested in working with the Project. Nothing in writing, yet, but will continue pursuing this option.
  - b. Update from BLM
    - i. Met with Timbisha Shoshone this week.
    - ii. All California tribes have been met with except for CRIT. Have continued to call, email, and send letters.
    - iii. Meeting with Las Vegas Paiute on September 4.
    - iv. Meeting with Moapa Paiute on September 11.
- 7. Next Meeting**
- a. September 5, 2018

**ACTION ITEMS:**

ITEM	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DUE DATE	COMPLETED
Mining Claims	<p>Check with State Office on status of mining claims. – Herman to confirm status.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Still waiting for a Solicitor to respond – a solicitor who has experience with these situations has been assigned to it.</p> <p>As long as turbines are not on mining sites will be fine. OH lines and access roads will be a point of negotiation with mine. Will not give a definitive yes or no, so, there is a risk, still. Still looking into case law and researching a final answer.</p> <p>If proceed, at own risk if place a structure in mining claim.</p>	Evan Allen (BLM) & Herman Pinales (BLM)	8/23/2018	Subject to more info
Cooperating Agencies	<p>Everything compiled and emailed to cooperating agencies. Herman waiting on information from Nicollee.</p> <p>Getting new letterhead</p>	BLM/POWER	<del>8/13/2018</del> 8/24/2018	
Survey Reports	BLM to review tortoise survey report.	Mark Slaughter (BLM)	8/10/2018	Y
Survey Reports	<p>BLM to review bat survey report.</p> <p>Comments received from NDOW, Greg, and need to compile send to SWCA.</p>	Mark Slaughter (BLM)	<del>8/17/2018</del> 8/24/2018	
Survey Reports	<p>Draft botany survey report submitted to BLM/POWER.</p> <p>SWCA working on figures.tables.</p> <p>Back to BLM and POWER tomorrow.</p>	SWCA	<del>8/10/2018</del> 8/24/2018	
Survey Reports	Cultural surveys to be complete the end of July. Draft cultural survey report submitted to BLM/POWER.	SWCA	Last week of August	
Tribal Contact	BLM bundling all renewable projects and meeting with multiple tribes in July and August.	BLM	July/August/ September (ongoing)	
Tribal Contact	Provide notes from meetings with tribes.	Justin DeMaio (BLM)	<del>8/23/2018</del> 8/29/2018	
Tribal Contact	CPR to develop and maintain excel spreadsheet documenting all contacts and attempted contacts with tribes.	CPR (Lindsay Toste)	Ongoing	

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Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy	Draft BBCS submitted to BLM. – Needs to wait until an alternative is selected. Need before end of the year to get NDOW and USFWS review prior to ROD.	SWCA	Dependent on timing of selected alternative.	
NOA Template	Develop NOA package. – Herman to provide details. Herman will send template today.	POWER/BLM	8/9/2018 8/23/2018	
Visual	Report submitted to BLM/POWER. Set up meeting w/ EPG/POWER/Eric /Stephen to go over current sims.	EPG	8/31/2018 9/7/2018	
Eagles	POWER, BLM, and NDOW to meet to discuss how to address eagles in EIS. Mark to set up meeting w/ POWER tomorrow. Mark to pull responses to Searchlight lawsuit.	POWER/BLM/NDOW	<del>8/23/2018</del> 8/24/2018	Y
Draft EIS	POWER and BLM NEPA specialists to meet to determine format of EIS.	POWER/BLM	8/14/2018	Y
Draft EIS	POWER to draft Chapter 1 and submit to BLM.	POWER	8/22/2018	Y
Draft EIS	POWER to draft Chapter 2 and submit to BLM after getting guidance on format.	POWER	<del>8/22/2018</del> 9/5/2018	
GridLiance	CPR to discuss upgrade of line to Bob Substation with GridLiance and their coordination with BLM.	Ed (CPR)	9/6/2018	