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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District has issued a Decision Record (DR) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the “New York Canyon Geothermal Utilization and Interconnect Project Environmental Assessment”. This project is located at the base of the northwest slope of the Stillwater Range, approximately twenty five miles east-southeast of Lovelock, in Pershing County, Nevada. The utilization project area is located on lands administered by the BLM and within the boundaries of twelve federal geothermal leases in Pershing County and Churchill County, Nevada.

The DR selects Alternative 1 and all recommended mitigation and monitoring for implementation. Alternative 1 is to construct and utilize a geothermal power plant and a 230-kilovolt electrical line, electrical substation and support facilities. Total acreage proposed for long term disturbance within the Project Area is estimated to be 268 acres. The Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the impacts associated with the construction activities planned under the Alternative 1 which include:

- Construction and operation of an up to 70-Megawatt, geothermal power plant, requiring up to 60 acres. The proposed power plant would be sited on one of four possible locations. Selection of the power plant site, as well as the power plant technology, would be based on characterization of the geothermal resource that would result from ongoing exploration activities;
- Construction and drilling of up to 30 (in addition to 15 previously authorized exploration wells) total geothermal production, injection and/or observation wells, on previously approved acreage (42 acres);
- Construction of geothermal steam/fluid pipelines requiring up to 20 acres;
- Construction of an airstrip and an airplane hangar requiring up to 15 acres;
- Construction of a 24 mile long 230-kilovolt electrical line, an electrical substation, and support facilities;
- Drilling of up to three water wells; and
- Construction of new access roads and improvements to existing roads for project area access beginning off of Pershing County’s Dago Pass road.

The EA, DR, and FONSI are available on our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) webpage at www.b.m.gov/nv/st/en/fo/wfo/blm_information/nepa0.html. A hardcopy of these documents are available for review at the Winnemucca District Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays, or will be provided upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Philip D'Amo at (775) 623-1567, or at the above address.

Sincerely,



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