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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the *Wild Rose Geothermal Project* proposed by Ormat Technologies Inc. EA # DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2012-0050-EA. The EA will be available for review for a 30-day public comment period. The BLM is accepting written comments on the EA until August 11, 2012.

The proposed geothermal exploration project is located in Gabbs Valley, Mineral County, approximately 20 miles northeast of Hawthorne, Nevada. This EA analyzes potential impacts from the proposed exploration and utilization activities. The primary objective of the project is to further evaluate the characteristics of the geothermal resources in the Wild Rose Project area and develop a geothermal power plant. The proposed activities include:

- Constructing and upgrading existing access roads (both on and off the lease);
- Construction and operation of geothermal pipelines;
- Drilling and testing of up to four exploration wells;
- Construction and operation of a 15- to 35-megawatt (MW) net rated (up to 40 MW gross) geothermal power plant facility and electrical substation; and
- Construction and operation of a 120-kV gen-tie and switching station.

A copy of this EA is available in the Carson City District BLM office and on the webpage at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html during the 30-day comment period. Please send written comments to: Angelica Rose, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Stillwater Field Office, 5565 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments may also be received via email at adrose@blm.gov and should include "Wild Rose Geothermal Project" in the subject line. A hardcopy can be provided upon request.

Public comments submitted for this proposed project, including names and addresses of those who commented will be available for public review at the Carson City District BLM office during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment-including your personal information- may be publicly available at any time. While you ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. After the public review period has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered part of the decision-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Angelica Rose at (775) 885-6008 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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