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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 *Steamboat Geothermal Well(s) 16-32 Project* EA# DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2014-0019-EA, proposed by Ormat Nevada Inc. The EA will be available for review for a 30-day public comment period. Written comments on the EA will be accepted until August 11, 2014.

Ormat is proposing to construct, operate, and maintain the Steamboat Geothermal Well 16-32 Project in Washoe County, Nevada, on public land managed by the Forest Service within the Steamboat Geothermal Lease area administered by the BLM. This EA analyzes potential impacts from the proposed development of well 16-32 and possible future utilization activities. The proposed activities include:

- Improving and maintaining an existing access road (on lease);
- Construction of one exploration well drill pad;
- Drilling and completing up to three exploration wells to a depth of up to 3,500 feet from the constructed drill pad;
- Flow-testing each exploration well to obtain samples of geothermal fluids and to collect aquifer information from the geothermal reservoir; and
- If needed, installation of an aboveground pipeline to connect to an existing pipeline and power plant.

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, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments may also be submitted via the EA webpage or via fax at (775) 885-6147.

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) 885-6000 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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