



Lava Ridge Wind Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

How to Participate in Public Meetings

The BLM will hold an orientation meeting and open house meetings to provide information on the proposed Lava Ridge Wind Project and the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) development process. Prior to the meetings, you can download a copy of the draft EIS and supporting materials by going to the BLM's project website: <https://bit.ly/3EirzxD>.

Orientation Meeting

The BLM will hold a virtual public orientation meeting to provide information about the National Environmental Policy Act process and public comment period for the Lava Ridge Wind Project draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). There will be a presentation that explains the structure of the draft EIS, available supplementary materials, and how to submit a comment, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm Mountain

Location: Zoom Webinar

Pre-register here: <https://bit.ly/LavaRidgeDEISIntro>

Open House Meetings

The BLM will also hold both in-person and virtual open houses as agency Covid-related policy allows, providing opportunities to learn more about the analysis, speak with resource specialists and agency managers and provide comments.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm Mountain

Location: Lincoln County Community Center, 201 South Beverly Street Shoshone, ID 83352

Thursday, February 23, 2023, 5:00-7:00 pm Mountain

Location: Canyon Crest Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive Twin Falls, ID 83301

Friday, February 24, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm Mountain

Location: Zoom Webinar

Pre-register here: <https://bit.ly/LavaRidgePublicMtg>

Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 3:00-7:00 pm Pacific

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton – Portland*, 1000 NE Multnomah Street Portland, OR 97232

*Complimentary garage parking

Thursday, March 2, 2023, 3:00-7:00 pm Pacific

Location: Mercer Island Community and Event Center, 8236 South East 24th Street Mercer Island, WA 98040

The virtual public meetings will be hosted using the Zoom webinar application. The Zoom app is free to download and use. The app can be accessed on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. You

can also access the Zoom meeting using your web browser. There will be a call-in number for those who want to listen to the meeting by phone. Please see additional information below for “Attending Virtual Meetings.”

If you need special accommodations, please contact Jo Render at jo.render@galileoaz.com or (612) 213-7543. If you would like to provide a verbal comment during an in-person meeting, a court reporter will be available to transcribe your comment for the record.

How to Comment Effectively

The most effective comments provide detailed information with clear rationale for why changes to the EIS or changes to the Programmatic Agreement are desired. To make the best use of your input, the BLM asks that you consider the following when preparing your verbal comments before the meetings:

- Keep your comments focused on the proposed project and what is being analyzed.
- Describe the significance of the potential impacts and how they affect you, others, places, and activities.
- Provide any new information that is relevant to the project (e.g., potential affected resources).
- Discuss modifications to existing alternatives or suggest other reasonable alternatives with justification.
- Remember to provide detailed information and references to back up your comment.
- List the reasons why you are either in favor of or opposed to the project or specific features of the project.
- Be aware of the time available. During the virtual open house meeting, commenters will have only an initial 2 minutes, depending on the number of commenters that would like to speak (see “Attending Virtual Meetings” below for more information). During in-person meetings, you may be one of many wanting to use the service of the court reporter.
- Comments are not counted as votes or as a part of a referendum on the BLM’s decision.

Those who provide comments are advised that before including their address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information, they should be aware that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While those commenting can ask in their comments to have their personal identifying information withheld from public review, the BLM cannot guarantee that they will be able to do so.

Attending Virtual Meetings

Registration

1. Click on the registration* link for the meeting you would like to attend:

Orientation Meeting

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Pre-register here: <https://bit.ly/LavaRidgeDEISIntro>

Open House Meeting

Friday, February 24, 2023, 2:00-4:00 pm Mountain

Pre-register here: <https://bit.ly/LavaRidgePublicMtg>

2. Make sure to answer the pre-registration questions.
3. Once registered, you will receive a **confirmation** email with information on how to access the meeting. **Please keep this information so that you can access the meeting.**

Joining the Meeting

On your chosen meeting date and time, it is recommended that you access the meeting at least 5-10 minutes prior to the meeting start time to ensure you have time to access the meeting, familiarize yourself with Zoom, and not miss important introductory information.

All attendees will be muted during the meeting until called on.

Question & Answer

At any point during the meetings, attendees may use the Q&A function to submit a written question to the hosts and panelists. Please do not submit comments during the meetings through the Q&A function.

For call-in only users, press *9 to raise your hand; *6 to mute/unmute your phone.

Submitting a Comment

During the **virtual Open House Meeting on February 24**, there will be a dedicated time with the opportunity to provide verbal comment. In order to give enough time for participants to provide comments, individual comments will be limited to 2 minutes. Those who indicated in their meeting registration that they would like to make a verbal comment will be asked to go first; all others who raise their hand during the meeting to make a comment will be put into the queue and provided an opportunity to make a comment as time allows. Comments will be transcribed during the meeting by a court reporter, to be included in the project record. Please see the How to Comment Effectively section for tips on preparing your comment.

Participants using inappropriate or threatening language will be muted, given instructions to refrain from doing so, and provided another opportunity to participate in the meeting. Upon a second violation, the meeting facilitator will remove the participant from the meeting.

*Completion of the registration form is completely voluntary and any identifying information provided will become part of the public record, and as such, must be released to any individual upon request. Requests to withhold comments and associated personal identifying information from public review cannot be guaranteed.

Submitting Comments in Writing

If you would like to submit a written comment, please do so using one of the following methods:

- Visit the BLM’s project website: <https://bit.ly/3EirzxD>. Click on the “Participate Now” button to the right of the document link. Enter your comment and information, then click “Submit.”
- E-mail to: BLM_ID_LavaRidge@blm.gov
- Delivered by hand or by mail and labeled “Lava Ridge Wind Project EIS” to Kasey Prestwich, Project Manager, BLM Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352

Comments should be postmarked by the end of the comment period, **March 21, 2023**.