

BLM BATTLE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ITCN INC. TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGERS MEETING UPDATE: 07/15/2022

1. Gibellini Vanadium Mine
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Project Information

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-B010-2020-0024-EIS

Project Name: Gibellini Vanadium Mine

Project Type: Environmental Impact Statement

Project Status: In Progress - Analysis & Document Preparation

Lead Office: Mount Lewis FO, Battle Mountain District

Last Updated: 08/17/2020 18:03:56 MDT

Project Description

To develop, operate, and close an open-pit heap-leach mine for the extraction and recovery of vanadium and minor amounts of uranium.

What's New

The BLM will be conducting two online public scoping meetings that will provide an overview of the proposed project, the organization of the Gibellini Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement document, and information on how members of the public can submit formal comments to the BLM.

The Gibellini Project is a proposal by the Nevada Vanadium Company (NVC) to construct, operate, reclaim, and close an open pit, heap leach, vanadium mining operation known as the Gibellini Project. The proposed project is in the southern extent of the Fish Creek Range on 6,456 acres of federal lands administered by the BLM in Eureka County, Nevada. The proposed project area is approximately 27 miles southeast of Eureka, Nevada.

Approximately 10 million tons of vanadium would be mined annually. Mining and crushing would occur up to 24 hours per day, seven days per week. NVC would employ up to 120 employees for the construction of the proposed Gibellini Project. During mine operations, there would be up to 120 employees with approximately 30 employees on-site at any one time, including contractors.

Two virtual, online public scoping meetings will be held. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 2, 2020 at 2:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) and the second meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm PDT.

*Members of the public who would like to attend one or both of the virtual public scoping meetings must register to attend using the following hyperlinks:

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--- Meeting on 9/2/2020 @ 2:00 pm PDT:

https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_uk_JJZeySwaO9q05NNe1xw

--- Meeting on 9/3/2020 @ 5:00 pm PDT:

https://blm.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_AxeUQCoaSOaMEIR0f4E-LQ

Following registration, a unique hyperlink will be emailed to the registrant that the recipient will use to access the meeting. Please note that the hyperlink is unique and can be used only by the registrant.

The formal public scoping period for this project during which the public may submit comments extends from August 17, 2020 through September 15, 2020. Comments may be submitted through this ePlanning web page by clicking the "Participate Now" button in the Dashboard; via email to Scott Distel, Project Manager, at sdistel@blm.gov; or in writing by mailing your comment letter to Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Scott Distel, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820. A document titled "Project Overview for Public Scoping" is available for public review on this ePlanning web page under "Participate Now."

Formal comments made during this public scoping period must be received by the BLM through one of the above

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2. E-PLANNING PAGE REVIEW/DEMONSTRATION: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home>

1.) 2022 Geothermal Lease Sale, 2.) Greenlink North Transmission Project, 3.) Greenlink West Transmission Project, and 4) June 2022 Oil & Gas Lease Sale (State Office for items 2-4).

Greenlink North Transmission Project

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-0000-2022-0002-EIS

Project Name: Greenlink North Transmission Project

Project Type: Environmental Impact Statement

Project Status: Planned - Preparation and Planning

Lead Office: State Office - NV

Last Updated: 07/08/2022 11:29:09 MDT

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Project Description

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Office is evaluating two SF-299 applications [one application for a 30-year right-of-way (ROW), one application for a short-term ROW] submitted by NV Energy for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands. The proposed Greenlink North Project would span approximately 235 miles from Ely, Nevada to Yerington, Nevada through White Pine, Eureka, Lander, Churchill, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe Counties and would involve construction of the following components: • Robinson Summit 525/345-kV Substation Expansion • New Lander 525/230-kV Collector Station • New Fort Churchill-Robinson Summit 525-kV Transmission Line • Fort Churchill 525/345-kV Substation Expansion While the project is being evaluated in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the project is in the preliminary NEPA phase of the project. The BLM is collecting data and soliciting public input and expects to publish a Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS in May 2023 (officially kicking off the NEPA process).

What's New - July 7, 2022

The BLM Nevada State Office has announced a Public Virtual Workshop to be held on Wednesday July 27, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm (PDT). The workshop will provide an update on the status of the development of the Greenlink North project.

Call-in and a Zoom link can be found on the Public Workshop Flyer here:

<https://empsi.zoom.us/j/85601361665?pwd=ZnpTZjZoZTBoaFhBVj80L1laHBYdz09>

Documents related to the proposed project can be found here:

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This is the second session for public input, the first of which occurred in January 2022. These public input sessions are being held in advance of the formal public participation opportunities that will occur once the NEPA process has been started, which occurs when the BLM publishes a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. This is not anticipated to occur until May 2023.

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Greenlink West Transmission Project

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Project Name: Greenlink West Transmission Project
Project Type: Environmental Impact Statement
Project Status: In Progress - Analysis & Document Preparation
Lead Office: State Office - NV
Last Updated: 06/28/2022 12:28:06 MDT

Project Description

The BLM will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the right-of-way application submitted by NV Energy for the Greenlink West Project. The Greenlink West Project would be a system of new 525-kilovolt (kV), 345-kV, 230-kV, and 120-kV electric transmission facilities on private, state, and federal lands between northern and southern Nevada. The project will run from Las Vegas to Reno through Clark, Nye, Esmeralda, Mineral, Lyon, Storey and Washoe Counties. The map below shows the general route. More detailed maps are available in the Meeting Materials section.

What's New - June 2, 2022

On May 2, 2022 the BLM published a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register announcing the start of a 30-day public scoping period. Between May 16-19, 2022 the BLM hosted several workshops on the project throughout Nevada. The public scoping period ended on June 1, 2022. The BLM is reviewing the public comments received to develop a range of alternatives and what issues will be analyzed in the EIS. The BLM will also prepare and publish a Scoping Report summarizing the public scoping period, issues that will be analyzed in the EIS, and summary of public comments. The BLM anticipates that the Draft EIS for the project will be published in early 2023.

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3. 2022 Geothermal Lease Sale-Battle Mountain District

Project Information

NEPA Number: DOI-BLM-NV-B000-2022-0001-EA
Project Name: 2022 Geothermal Lease Sale-Battle Mountain District
Project Type: Environmental Assessment
Project Status: In Progress - Analysis & Document Preparation
Lead Office: Battle Mountain DO
Last Updated: 06/15/2022 16:17:35 MDT

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Project Description

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District (BMD) Office is considering offering thirty six parcels, comprising about 110,964.95 acres of land within the BMD in a statewide competitive Geothermal Lease Sale to be held on August 30, **2022**.

What's New

The BLM has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for public lands nominated for geothermal lease to be offered at the 2022 Geothermal Competitive Lease Sale scheduled for August 30, 2022. The EA and FONSI can be found at the "**Documents**" link at left.

The public comment period will be 30 days, beginning on **May 25, 2022** and ending on **June 24, 2022**. Public comments should be submitted via this BLM ePlanning website using the "**Participation Now**" link at left. Comments must be received by June 24, 2022.

Public comments should be relevant to the lease parcels and environmental documents. BLM encourages the public to submit comments during the official public comment period, which is now open for this EA. The BLM does not analyze comments that are not specific to parcels identified in the EA because they are outside the scope of the proposed action.

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4. Proposed NASA Land Withdrawal: Railroad Valley
5. BMDO Fuels Management Decision on Commercial Pine Nut Gathering