

## **Appendix A 2008 and 2010 Notices of Intent**

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

*Date:* Thursday, October 2, 2008 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m., times may be adjusted).

*Location:* National Press Club Ballroom, 529 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045.

Please note that this is the anticipated agenda and is subject to change.

*Keynote:* Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, will speak on key issues before USAID and the foreign assistance community including the High Level Forum in Accra on Aid Effectiveness and the United Nations General Assembly. She will also address the draft recommendations of the ACVFA Subcommittee on Public Outreach.

*American Awareness of U.S. Foreign Assistance:* The ACVFA's Subcommittee on Public Outreach will provide its draft recommendations to the full Committee and the general public. A respondent will provide feedback to the draft.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at [http://www.usaid.gov/about\\_usaid/acvfa](http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa) or with Jocelyn Rowe at [jrowe@usaid.gov](mailto:jrowe@usaid.gov) or 202-712-4002.

Dated: September 8, 2008.

**Jocelyn M. Rowe,**

*Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA), U.S. Agency for International Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-030-08-5101-ER-H048; OROR-065375; IDI-036029; HAG-08-0199]

### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Boardman-Hemingway 500 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project) in Idaho and Oregon and Possible Land Use Plan Amendments

**AGENCIES:** Bureau of Land Management, DOI; and Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, possible land use plan amendments, and notice of public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and in response to right-of-way (ROW) applications filed by Idaho Power Company, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vale District Office, and U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Wallowa-Whitman National Forest announce their intent to prepare an EIS and conduct public scoping meetings. Idaho Power Company proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a single circuit 500 kV overhead electric transmission line and appurtenant facilities beginning near Boardman, Oregon, and terminating near Melba, Idaho. The proposed route roughly parallels Interstate 84 and is approximately 278 miles long. Authorization of this Project may require the amendment of USFS or BLM land use plans.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process as required by NEPA. The BLM and USFS request that public comments be submitted by November 14, 2008. To provide the public an opportunity to review project information, public meetings are planned in Idaho and Oregon in communities near the proposed route. The following communities are being considered for meeting locations: Ontario, Baker City, La Grande, Pendleton, Pilot Rock, Hermiston, and Boardman, Oregon; Marsing and Homedale, Idaho. The scoping meetings will be conducted in an "open house" format. Staff from the BLM, USFS,

Oregon Department of Energy, Idaho Power Company, and environmental contractors will be available to answer questions and explain their respective roles and responsibilities. The BLM and USFS will announce the exact meeting dates, times, and locations at least 15 days prior to the event. Announcements will be made by news release, individual postcard mailings, and posting on the Project Web site (<http://www.boardmanto hemingway.com>).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.boardmanto hemingway.com>.
- *E-mail:* [B2HComments@blm.gov](mailto:B2HComments@blm.gov).
- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon, 97918, Attention: Lucas Lucero.

Documents pertinent to the ROW application are on file and may be examined at:

- Bureau of Land Management, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon, 97918.
- U.S. Forest Service, Wallowa-Whitman Supervisor's Office, 1550 Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Oregon, 97814.
- U.S. Forest Service, La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande Oregon, 97850.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Idaho Power Company has submitted ROW applications to construct, operate, and maintain a 500kV single circuit overhead electric transmission line on Federal lands. The purpose and need of the Project is to relieve existing congestion, capacity, and reliability constraints and allow for the delivery of up to 1500 megawatts (MW) of additional energy to target service areas principally in Idaho and Utah. The proposed project begins near Boardman, Oregon, just north of the Boardman Power Plant, at the newly proposed Boardman Substation. The Project route continues southeast to interconnect with the Hemingway Substation in southeastern Oregon. The Hemingway Substation is being planned and built separately from this Project and will be built regardless of the outcome of this Project so the Hemingway Substation will not be analyzed in this EIS. The Project route then proceeds southeast and terminates near Melba, Idaho, at the newly proposed Sand Hollow

Substation. The proposed route is approximately 278 miles long. The requested ROW width is 250 feet. Idaho Power Company proposes to utilize steel lattice type structures approximately 150 feet in height with average spans between towers of 1200 feet. Access roads would be approximately 14 to 20 feet wide. Additional temporary work space would also be required during construction. Approximately 195 miles or 70 percent of the route is privately owned; 45 miles or 16 percent is administered by the BLM; 27 miles or 10 percent is administered by the USFS; and 11 miles or 4 percent is administered by the State of Oregon or other jurisdictions.

The route generally parallels Interstate 84 and other existing overhead and underground utilities and roadways. The proposed route also makes use of existing or proposed utility corridors on Federal lands. The BLM is the designated lead Federal agency for preparation of the EIS. Cooperating agencies identified at this time include: USFS, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, and the State of Oregon Department of Energy. Other agencies will be invited to participate as cooperating agencies. The EIS will analyze the proposed action and a reasonable range of route alternatives. The BLM and USFS encourage you to send your comments concerning the Project as currently proposed, feasible alternative locations, possible mitigation measures, and any other information relevant to the Project. Authorization of the Project may require amendments to one or more of the following BLM land use plans: Baker Resource Management Plan, Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan, Owyhee Resource Management Plan, Cascade Resource Management Plan, and one or more of the following USFS Forest Plans: Wallowa-Whitman Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. This notice serves to notify the public of these potential land use plan amendments as required by 43 CFR 1610.2 (c) and 36 CFR 219.7(c). If a land use plan amendment is determined to be required, the BLM and/or USFS will integrate the land use planning process into the NEPA analysis for this Project. Public input is important to ensure project-specific issues are evaluated prior to the agencies making a decision. Comments submitted timely will be considered in the NEPA process. Comments received after November 14, 2008 will be considered to the extent feasible. Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and

e-mail addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Periodic project updates during preparation of the EIS will be provided to the public through additional informational meetings, newsletters, postcard notices, or through the project Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information or to have your name added or removed from the project mailing list, contact Lucas Lucero, BLM Project Manager, (702) 515-5059 or [Lucas\\_Lucero@blm.gov](mailto:Lucas_Lucero@blm.gov).

Dated: September 8, 2008.

**David R. Henderson,**

*District Manager.*

Dated: September 8, 2008.

**Steven Ellis,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Huron-Manistee National Forests, Michigan, White Pines Wind Farm Project

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Forest Service has accepted an application for a special use authorization from White Pines Wind Farm LLC for the installation and operation of 20 to 28 wind turbines and associated infrastructure to provide between 50 and 70 megawatts (MW) of wind energy on National Forest System (NFS) lands managed by the Huron-Manistee National Forests. The White Pines Wind Farm Project (the Project) would occupy approximately 75 acres of NFS land within a Project Area of about 10,000 acres on the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District over its proposed 30-year life.

**DATES:** Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by October 12, 2008. The draft environmental impact statement is expected May 2009 and the final environmental impact statement is expected December 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Patricia O'Connell, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 412 Red Apple Road, Manistee, MI 49660; fax: 231-723-8642. Send electronic comments to: [comments-eastern-huron-manistee-manistee@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-eastern-huron-manistee-manistee@fs.fed.us).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia O'Connell, Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District, Huron-Manistee National Forests; telephone: 231-723-2211, ext. 3119; fax: 231-723-8642. See address above under **ADDRESSES**. Copies of documents may be requested at the same address. Another means of obtaining information is to visit the Forest Web page at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/hmnf> then click on "Project and Planning," then "Cadillac and Manistee Projects," and then "White Pines Wind Farm Project."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose of this project is to respond to an application for a special use authorization submitted by White Pines Wind Farm LLC to develop a wind farm on National Forest System lands within the Huron-Manistee National Forests. White Pines Wind Farm LLC proposes to generate 50 to 70 MW of wind energy by constructing and operating between 20 and 28 wind turbines, in proximity to existing distribution facilities (utility grid), in an area with an adequate wind resource on National Forest System lands with consolidated ownership. The proposed project is needed to help meet Michigan's and the region's growing demand for reliable sources of clean, cost-effective, renewable energy. The project is consistent with the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan and with Forest Service objectives for management of special uses on National Forest System lands.

##### Proposed Action

White Pines is proposing to install and operate the Project on land located mostly within the boundaries of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. The Project proposes construction of the wind turbines and associated infrastructure in April 2010, with an anticipated in-service date of December

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.  
Annual Burden Hours: 895,640 hours.  
Annual Non-hour Burden Cost:  
\$32,500,000 in processing fees for Form

3160-3, Application for Permit to Drill or Re-enter.  
The following table details the individual components and respective

hour burden estimates of this information collection request:

Type of response A	Number of responses B	Hours per response C	Total hours D
Application for Permit To Drill or Re-enter (43 CFR 3162.3-1) Form 3160-3 .....	5,000	80	400,000
Well Completion or Recompletion Report and Log (43 CFR 3162.4-1) Form 3160-4 .....	5,000	4	20,000
Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells (43 CFR 3162.3-2) Form 3160-5 .....	34,000	8	272,000
Plan for Well Abandonment (43 CFR 3162.3-4) .....	1,500	8	12,000
Schematic/Facility Diagrams (43 CFR 3162.4-1(a) and 3162.7-5(d)(1)) .....	1,000	8	8,000
Drilling Tests, Logs, and Surveys (43 CFR 3162.4-2(a)) .....	100	8	800
Disposal of Produced Water (43 CFR 3164.1 and 3162.5-1(b)) Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 7 .....	1,500	8	12,000
Report of Spills, Discharges, or Other Undesirable Events (43 CFR 3162.5-1(c)) .....	200	8	1,600
Contingency Plan (43 CFR 3162.5-1(d)) .....	50	32	1,600
Direction Drilling (43 CFR 3162.5-2(b)) .....	165	8	1,320
Well Markers (43 CFR 3162.6) .....	1,000	8	8,000
Gas Flaring (43 CFR 3164.2 and 43 CFR 3162.7-1(d)) Notice to Lessees-4A: Royalty or Compensation for Oil and Gas Lost .....	100	16	1,600
Records for Seals (43 CFR 3162.7-5(b)) .....	90,000	0.75	67,500
Site Security (43 CFR 3162.7-5(c)) .....	2,415	8	19,320
Prepare Run Tickets (43 CFR 3164.1) Onshore Oil and Gas Order No. 4 .....	90,000	0.75	67,500
Application for Suspension or Other Relief (43 CFR 3165.1(a)) .....	100	16	1,600
State Director Review (43 CFR 3165.3(b)) .....	50	16	800
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>232,180</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>895,640</b>

**60-Day Notice:** As required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published the 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2010 (75 FR 5624) soliciting comments from the public and other interested parties. The comment period closed on April 5, 2010. The BLM did not receive any comments from the public in response to this notice, and did not receive any unsolicited comments.

The BLM requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments to the addresses listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004-0137 in your correspondence. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your

personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Jean Sonneman,**  
*Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

**Forest Service**

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HAG 10-0278]

**Revised Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Boardman to Hemingway 500 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project in Idaho and Oregon and Possible Land Use Plan Amendments**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior; and U.S. Forest Service, Agriculture.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a revision of a September 12, 2008, Notice of Intent

[73 FR 52944]. In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vale District Office, Vale, Oregon, and the U.S. Forest Service (FS), Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, Baker City, Oregon, intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Boardman to Hemingway (B2H) Project, and by this notice are announcing the re-initiation of the NEPA scoping process to solicit public comments. This notice is in response to substantive changes in the proposed B2H Project route as submitted by Idaho Power Company (IPC) in its amended right-of-way (ROW) application to the BLM and special use application to the FS. The proposed B2H route is about 300 miles long and would cross Federal, State, and private lands in 6 counties in Oregon and Idaho. Approximately 93 miles (31 percent) of the lands the transmission line would cross are administered by Federal agencies, including the BLM, the FS, the Bureau of Reclamation, and the Department of Defense.

**DATES:** This notice re-initiates the comment period for scoping on the B2H Project EIS. The comment period will be open until September 27, 2010. Scoping meetings are being considered in the following locations: Baker City, John Day, Burns, Ontario, Boardman, La Grande, and Pendleton, Oregon; and Marsing, Idaho. The dates and locations of the scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance

through *local* media, newspapers, and the B2H Project Web site at: <http://www.boardmantoemingway.com>. Comments must be received prior to the close of the comment period or 15 days after the last scoping meeting, whichever is later, to be considered in the B2H Project EIS analysis. Relevant comments submitted during the previous B2H Project comment period will also be considered. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the Draft EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*  
[comment@boardmantoemingway.com](mailto:comment@boardmantoemingway.com);
- *Web site:* <http://www.boardmantoemingway.com/comment/>;

- *Mail:* BLM, B2H Project, P.O. Box 655, Vale, Oregon 97918; or

- In person at a scoping meeting.

The amended B2H ROW and special-use application is available for inspection at the Web site listed above or may be examined at:

- BLM, Vale District Office, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918;
- FS, Whitman Ranger District, 3285 11th Street, Baker City, Oregon 97814; and
- FS, La Grande Ranger District, 3502 Highway 30, La Grande, Oregon 97850.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or to have your name added to or removed from the B2H Project mailing list, visit the Web site or e-mail a request to the address identified in the **ADDRESSES** section above, or mail your request to the BLM, B2H Project, P.O. Box 655, Vale, Oregon 97918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The B2H Project is a new single-circuit 500-kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line proposed for construction by IPC between the existing Hemingway substation, located near Melba in Owyhee County, Idaho, and the planned Grassland substation adjacent to the Boardman Generating Plant, located near Boardman in Morrow County, Oregon. The B2H Project will deliver up to 1,500 megawatts of additional energy capacity to meet load requirements in Oregon and Idaho, provide service to wholesale customers, maintain reliable electric service, and relieve existing congestion and capacity constraints.

On December 19, 2007, IPC submitted an application for a ROW grant to construct, operate, and maintain a single-circuit 500-kV transmission line across BLM-administered lands. On March 25, 2008, IPC also submitted an application for a special use

authorization to the FS to cross FS-administered lands. In April 2010, IPC resubmitted these applications to the BLM and FS because of proposed route changes.

The proposed B2H route is approximately 300 miles long and will cross Federal, State, and private lands in 6 counties in Oregon and Idaho. The route generally parallels existing interstate and other existing overhead and underground utilities and roadways, and makes use of existing utility corridors on Federal lands. Approximately 31 percent (93 miles) of the route is located on public lands. The project is designed to utilize steel lattice-type structures, about 150 feet high, with average spans between towers of 1,200 feet. Access roads would be 14 to 20 feet wide. Additional temporary work space would also be required during construction. The requested ROW width is 250 feet. A map is available for review at the Web site identified above.

The purpose of the NEPA scoping process is to identify issues and alternatives that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis and guide the process for developing the project EIS. At this time, the proposed B2H route has been identified for analysis in the EIS. The BLM and FS have identified the following preliminary issues: Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, Oregon National Historic Trail, visual resources, Threatened and Endangered Species, wildlife, impacts to critical wildlife habitat, use of existing utility corridors, exclusive farm use, and lands with wilderness characteristics. The Hemingway substation will not be analyzed in this EIS, since it is currently under construction and will operate regardless of the outcome of the B2H project. The proposed Grassland substation is part of the proposed B2H project and will be analyzed in this EIS.

Authorization of the B2H project by the BLM and FS may require an amendment to the BLM's Baker Resource Management Plan, the Southeastern Oregon Resource Management Plan, the Owyhee Resource Management Plan, and the Cascade Resource Management Plan, and the FS's Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. Plan amendments currently under consideration include an amendment to the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (USDA-Forest Service 1990, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource

Management Plan, Baker City, Oregon) that currently prevents the harvest and removal of all live trees greater than or equal to 21-inch diameter within the proposed ROW. Amendment of this standard would allow for the removal of these trees to provide for the safe, long-term operation of the B2H transmission line.

By this notice, the BLM and FS are complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) and 36 CFR 219.35(b)(2000) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans, subject to the analysis in the B2H EIS. The BLM and FS will integrate the land use planning process with the B2H Project EIS for any necessary land use plan amendments.

The BLM, as the lead Federal agency for the B2H Project EIS, will utilize and coordinate the NEPA comment process to satisfy the public involvement process of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with agency policies, and Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets, will be given due consideration. The following is a list of current cooperating agencies that will assist with preparation of the EIS: United States Department of Agriculture, FS, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest; the State of Idaho; the State of Oregon Department of Energy; State of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Malheur, Baker, Umatilla, Morrow, and Union counties, Oregon; Payette, Washington, and Canyon counties, Idaho; the City of Parma, Idaho; the Ten Davis Recreation District, Idaho; the Black Canyon Irrigation District, Idaho; the Owyhee Irrigation District, Oregon; and the Joint Committee of the Owyhee Project, Oregon. Other Federal, State, and local agencies, along with stakeholders that may be interested in or affected by the Federal agencies' decision on this project, are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

Pursuant to Section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Pub. L. 94-579), the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to grant ROWs through National Forest System lands (except those designated as wilderness) and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to grant ROWs through the National System of Public Lands for generation, transmission, and distribution of electric energy. In addition, Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58)

directs the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to expedite applications to construct or modify electricity transmission and distribution facilities within utility corridors.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2, 36 CFR 219.35(b).

**Donald N. Gonzalez,**  
*Vale District Manager, BLM.*

**Steven A. Ellis,**  
*Forest Supervisor, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, FS.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**[FWS-R7-FHC-2010-N108; 71490-1351-0000-L5]**

**Letters of Authorization To Take Marine Mammals**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA), we, the Fish and Wildlife Service, have issued letters of authorization for the nonlethal take of polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and the adjacent northern coast of Alaska and incidental to oil and gas industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and the adjacent western coast of Alaska.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Craig Perham at the Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management

Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503; (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 2, 2006, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (71 FR 43926) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska. The rule established subpart J in part 18 of title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and is effective until August 2, 2011. The rule prescribed a process under which we issue letters of authorization (LOAs) to applicants conducting activities as described under the provisions of the regulations. In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and our regulations at 50 CFR part 18, subpart J, we issued an LOA to each of the following companies in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska:

**Beaufort Sea, Letters of Authorization**

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
BP Exploration Alaska, Inc ...	Development .....	Liberty Development Project .....	04 January 2010.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp.	Exploration .....	North Shore and Sak River Exploration Programs .....	05 January 2010.
Brooks Range Petroleum Corp.	Exploration .....	North Tarn Exploration Program .....	09 February 2010.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc ...	Exploration .....	Seismic Exploration Program—Alpine 3D .....	20 January 2010.
ConocoPhillips Alaska, Inc ...	Development .....	West Mikkelsen State #1 .....	20 January 2010.
Eni US Operating Co. Inc .....	Development .....	Nikaitchuq Development Program .....	25 February 2010.
ExxonMobil Production Company.	Development .....	Point Thomson .....	20 January 2010.
Marsh Creek, LLC .....	Development .....	Drew Point Test Well #1 .....	03 February 2010.
Savant Alaska, LLC .....	Development .....	Badami Unit Redevelopment Project .....	29 January 2010.
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Development .....	On-Ice Argos Data Buoy Deployment Program .....	04 January 2010.
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Beaufort Open Water Marine Survey Program .....	19 May 2010.

On June 11, 2008, we published in the **Federal Register** a final rule (73 FR 33212) establishing regulations that allow us to authorize the nonlethal, incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bears and Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas

industry exploration activities in the Chukchi Sea and adjacent western coast of Alaska. The rule established subpart I of 50 CFR part 18 and is effective until June 11, 2013. The rule prescribed a process under which we issue LOAs to applicants conducting activities as

described under the provisions of the regulations. In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA and our regulations at 50 CFR part 18, subpart I, we issued an LOA to the following company in the Chukchi Sea:

**Chukchi Sea, Letters of Authorization**

Company	Activity	Project	Date issued
Shell Offshore, Inc .....	Exploration .....	Chukchi Open Water Marine Survey Program .....	19 May 2010.