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**Mary J.M. Hartel,**

*Chief, Cadastral Surveyor of Oregon/  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Rice Solar Energy, LLC, Rice Solar Energy Project (RSEP) and California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment, California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD)/Approved Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, the applicable Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the project site and the surrounding areas, located in the California Desert District. The Secretary of the Interior approved the ROD on December 8, 2011, which constitutes the final decision of the Department.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD/ Approved Amendment to the CDCA Plan are available upon request from the Field Manager, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California, 92262, or via the Internet at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Shaffer, BLM Project Manager; telephone (760) 833–7100; through mail at the address above; or email [Allison\\_Shaffer@blm.gov](mailto:Allison_Shaffer@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Rice Solar Energy, LLC, a subsidiary of SolarReserve, LLC plans to construct a 150 megawatt (MW) solar concentrating thermal project on 1,410 acres of a 2,560 acre parcel of private land. The site is located 40 miles northwest of Blythe,

California, in Riverside County, California. The major generation equipment that makes up the concentrating solar thermal electrical generation plant includes: A central receiver tower, sun tracking heliostat field, and an integrated thermal storage system using molten salt as the heat transfer and storage medium.

With these components, a large field of mirrors or heliostats concentrates and focuses the sun's energy onto a central receiver. The project uses thermal energy storage that allows solar energy to be captured throughout the day and retained in a molten salt heat transfer fluid. When electricity is generated, hot liquid salt is routed to heat exchangers to heat water and produce steam. The steam is used to generate electricity in a conventional steam turbine cycle.

Rice Solar Energy submitted a right-of-way (ROW) application to the BLM in association with the private land solar energy project. This ROW application was filed to lease approximately 150 acres of BLM-administered land needed to construct and operate a 161/230 kV electrical transmission line (also called a generator tie-line, or "gen-tie") and an associated access road. A ROW application was also filed by the Western Area Power Administration (Western) to lease approximately 4 acres of BLM-administered land needed for a new substation that would be owned and operated by Western in support of the RSEP.

Under these ROW grants RSEP would be allowed the right to use, occupy and develop a 161/230kV gen-tie line and associated access road, which would exit the Rice Solar Energy Project, and travel southeast in an undeveloped area of the Sonoran Desert in eastern Riverside County, California where it would then interconnect to Western's Parker-Blythe #2 161–kV transmission line at the substation proposed by Western. The gen-tie line and access road as proposed would traverse 8.27 mile in a 150 foot width right-of-way corridor occupying 150 acres of land administered by the BLM.

The substation as proposed by Western would be 300 feet wide by 400 feet long, causing approximately 4 acres of permanent disturbance on BLM lands. Associated infrastructure in the ROW grant would occupy approximately 154 acres of public land administered by the BLM. This project site is in the California Desert District within the planning boundary of the California Desert Conservation (CDCA) Plan, which is the applicable Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the project site and surrounding areas. The CDCA Plan, while recognizing the potential

compatibility of solar generation and transmission on public lands requires that all sites associated with power generation or transmission not already identified in the Plan be considered through the BLM's land use plan amendment process. As a result, prior to approval of the ROW grant to the RSEP, the BLM must amend the CDCA Plan to allow the substation as proposed by Western and a transmission corridor leading from the site onto BLM land. The approved Amendment to the CDCA Plan specifically revises the CDCA Plan to allow for the development of the RSEP gen-tie line and ancillary facilities on land managed by the BLM.

The BLM preferred alternative would result in the construction of a gen-tie line, access road and substation to support the Rice Solar Energy Project, capable of producing 150MW of electricity. This alternative was evaluated in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Notice of Availability of the Final EIS for the RSEP and the proposed CDCA Plan amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on June 10, 2011 (76 FR 34073). Subsequently, a 30-day protest period for the proposed amendment to the CDCA Plan was initiated (76 FR 47608, Aug. 5, 2011). At the close of the 30-day period on September 6, 2011, one written protest was received and dismissed, and did not result in changing the decision. This protest dismissal is summarized in the Director's Protest Resolution Report attached to the ROD. Along with the protest period, the Governor of California conducted a 60-day consistency review of the proposed CDCA Plan amendment to identify any inconsistencies with State or local plan, policies or programs; no inconsistencies were identified.

Because this decision is approved by the Secretary of the Interior, it is not subject to administrative appeal (43 CFR 4.410(a)(3)).

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6.

**Neil Kornze,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

**[9919–726–252Z]**

#### **Description of Boundary Addition, Noatak National Preserve**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of boundary addition description.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets out the legal description of the Noatak National Preserve and Wilderness Addition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** National Park Service, Chief, Land Resources Program Center, Alaska Region, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 644-3426.

**ADDRESSES:** The map of the Noatak National Preserve and Noatak Wilderness is available for viewing at the National Park Service offices in Anchorage at 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, and in Kotzebue at 171 Third Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Noatak National Preserve and Wilderness were established on December 2, 1980 by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The boundaries of the Park, Preserve and Wilderness were published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1992. This notice sets out the description of a 17,168 acre addition to Noatak National Preserve and Wilderness: The Addition was established by Section 302 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-333, 110 Stat. 4093). The following legal description is to be included and made part of the descriptions of the boundaries for Noatak National Preserve and Noatak Wilderness as published in the **Federal Register**/Vol. 57, No. 190/ Wednesday, September 30, 1992/pages 45221 to 45224. The land is depicted on a map titled "Noatak National Preserve and Noatak Wilderness Addition", map number 189/80,041, dated September 1994, which is available at the National Park Service offices in Anchorage and Kotzebue, Alaska.

#### Noatak National Preserve and Wilderness Addition

##### Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 31 N., R. 13 E. (unsurveyed),

Secs. 4 and 5;

Sec. 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Secs. 8 to 11, inclusive;

Secs. 13 to 16, inclusive;

Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Secs. 23, 24 and 25.

T. 32 N., R. 13 E. (unsurveyed),

Sec. 31, excluding lands within National Petroleum Reserve of Alaska;

Sec. 32, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T. 30 N., R. 14 E. (unsurveyed),

Sec. 3, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Secs. 4 and 5;

Sec. 6, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Secs. 9 and 10;

Sec. 11, W $\frac{1}{2}$ , excluding lands within Gates of the Arctic National Park;

Sec. 14, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , excluding lands within Gates of the Arctic National Park;

Sec. 15, N $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 16, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 31 N., R. 14 E. (unsurveyed),

Secs. 19 and 20;

Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.

**DATES:** The effective date of this boundary revision is November 12, 1996.

Dated: November 15, 2011.

**Sue E. Masica,**

*Regional Director, Alaska Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

[9919-726-252Z]

#### Revised Descriptions of Park, Preserve and Wilderness Boundaries, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Revised Boundary Descriptions.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets out the revised legal descriptions of the boundaries of an expanded Gates of the Arctic National Park and a revised Gates of the Arctic Wilderness. For the sake of completeness this notice also sets out the unrevised description of the boundary of an unchanged Gates of the Arctic National Preserve.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

National Park Service, Chief, Land Resources Program Center, Alaska Region, 240 W. 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, (907) 644-3426.

**ADDRESSES:** The map of the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Wilderness is available for viewing at the National Park Service offices in Anchorage at 240 West 5th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, and in Fairbanks at 4175 Geist Road, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve and Wilderness were established on December 2, 1980 by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. The boundaries of the Park, Preserve and Wilderness were published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1992.

This notice publishes two sets of boundary changes:

(1) The external boundaries of Gates of the Arctic National Park, Unit Number 1, and Gates of the Arctic Wilderness, Unit Number 1, as

published in the **Federal Register** at 57 FR 45186-88 and 45190-94 September 30, 1992, are herein updated by the addition of the lands and waters described in "Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, Alaska; Addition of Kurupa Lake and Adjoining Lands to the Park", published in 45 FR 35041, August 12, 1982, and as corrected under "National Park Service, Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, Alaska; Addition of Kurupa Lake and Adjoining Lands to the Park", 47 FR 42181, September 24, 1982, with the additional lands being a part of the Gates of the Arctic National Park. The boundary change that resulted from the "Addition of Kurupa Lake and Adjoining Lands to the Park" was not included in the legal description published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1992, because that legal description was required by Section 103(b) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 96-487, 94 Stat. 2371), to describe solely the changes in land management status effected by that Act. The "Addition of Kurupa Lake and Adjoining Lands to the Park" occurred after passage of that Act.

(2) The external boundaries of Gates of the Arctic Wilderness, Unit Numbers 1 and 3, were amended by Section 302 of the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-333, 110 Stat. 4093). The amended wilderness boundaries are depicted on a map titled "Wilderness Actions", map number 185/80,040, dated April 1994, available at the National Park Service offices in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska.

The remainder of this notice is organized into the following sections:

I. Units within Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve.

II. Units of the National Wilderness Preservation System within Gates of the Arctic National Park.

In the following legal descriptions the symbol  $\wedge$  identifies the paragraphs affected by the revised park boundary descriptions.

#### I. Units Within Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve

##### *Gates of the Arctic National Park*

The complete revised description of the external boundary for Gates of the Arctic National Park, incorporating the addition of Kurupa Lake and adjoining lands, described in its entirety, is as follows:

##### *(1) Unit Number 1*

Beginning at the corner of sections 19, 24, 25 and 30, T. 20 N., Rs. 18 and 19 E., Kateel River Meridian;