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SEPA LEAD AGENCY & DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

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Desert Claim Wind Power Project

Proposed Lease Area

Township 19 N, Range 18 East W.M.

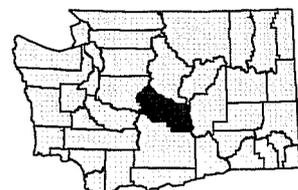


WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Doug Sutherland - Commissioner of Public Lands

July, 2006



Proposed Lease Area



Location: Kittitas County, WA

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MEMORANDUM

July 21, 2006

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TO: Kittitas County, Planning Director
W. Meyer/K. Bevis/B. Renfrow, DFW
Colville Confederated Tribes
WEC

Environmental Coordinator, DOE
Gwen Clear, DOE
Yakama Indian Tribe

FROM: Rochelle Knust, SEPA Center

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**WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST
(from WAC 197-11-960)**

A. Background

1. Name of the proposed project, if applicable:

Desert Claim Wind Power Project. This checklist addresses a proposed Windpower Leasing action covering three parcels in Kittitas County. The area addressed and evaluated for leasing under this checklist is comprised of three parcels totaling about 1,600 acres. This SEPA action is only addressing the act of leasing by DNR. Subsequent permitting for the project will be through an environmental process by the proponent (lessee) through the appropriate county and/or state (Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council) permitting processes.

2. Name of applicant:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person:

*Washington State Department of Natural Resources
713 Bowers Rd
Ellensburg, WA 98926
Contact: Brent Billingsley
Phone: (509) 754-3834*

4. Date checklist prepared:

July 7, 2006

5. Agency requesting checklist:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable):

If the Department leases out the property for potential wind power development, the project projection plan would be in three phases: (1) completion of environmental and cultural resource studies associated with the EFSEC application and permitting process, (2) construction of a wind power project, and (3) operation of the project. If the project receives EFSEC certification permitting the construction and operation of the wind power project, final development of a wind power project would be pursued. Assuming financing and power purchase agreements are arranged, construction could commence in spring 2008 with projected operational status in late 2008. The estimated operational life of the wind power project is 40 years or more.

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

As discussed in response to item A.6, development plans are dependent upon the results of the permitting studies.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Environmental information regarding the three DNR parcels, including archeological sites and protected plant or animal species needing special consideration, is available through DNR's TRAX information. Environmental information concerning the general areas is also contained in the Draft and Final EISs (Kittitas County 2003, 2004) prepared for a prior proposal for the Desert Claim Wind Power Project.

The project proponent has not yet developed a detailed design for wind power development on the three DNR parcels. The proponent will perform extensive environmental analysis in developing that design, and will submit environmental information to EFSEC in support of its Application for Site Certification. EFSEC will then evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed development in its siting process, in an additional and more site-specific SEPA review prior to permitting, to address sensitive design elements.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by the proposal? If yes, explain.

We know of no other pending proposed projects that would affect the subject property.

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

Site Certificate Agreement - EFSEC

Construction Stormwater NPDES Permit - EFSEC

Industrial Stormwater NPDES Permit - EFSEC

Wind power development lease - DNR

Federal Aviation Administration Notice of Construction or Alteration

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify the form to include additional specific information on project description.)

This checklist addresses the proposed leasing of three DNR managed (Common School Trust) parcels for wind power development. The DNR parcels are 1,600 acres out of the proposed total 4,950 acres in the Desert Claim Wind Power project, involving multiple

landowners. The wind power project proposed by Evergreen Wind Power Partners, LLC owned by EnXco Development Company, may include up to 100 wind turbines, if all needed approvals are secured. The number of wind turbines on the DNR parcels has not yet been determined.

There will be additional SEPA review prior to permitting of the entire project. Road construction, wind turbine installation, substation construction, and specific locations and impacts will be considered during the permit phase of SEPA review.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The potential leases would be on Washington Department of Natural Resources land in Kittitas County, Washington. The legal descriptions for the property considered for lease is:

All Section 16, Township 19 North, Range 18 E. W.M.

All Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 18 E. W.M.

West ½ Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 18 E. W.M.

The general locations of the parcels are shown on Figure 1.

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. Earth

- a. General description of the site (circle one): flat, rolling, steep slopes, other

The proposed lease sites vary from gently rolling to steep. The placement of wind towers would be mostly contained to the 0-5% slope areas.

- b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?

Estimated to be 50%

- c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

The predominant soils on the site are silt loams with some areas of cobbly silt loam and rock out crops.

- d. Are there any indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No evidence.

- e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

Filling and grading will be required to improve existing dirt access roads, construction of new service roads, turbine foundations and crane pads for erecting the wind turbine towers.

Gravel, crushed rock and other fill material will come from local sources, including existing quarries from landowners in the project area.

- f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

Activities such as clearing the turbine corridor, excavation and stockpiling of the rock material, construction of the roads, trenching for buried cables, and excavation for tower foundations create potential for soil erosion if there is substantial wind or rain. We are in an area of low rainfall so the likelihood of a significant rain event is small. During the spring and early summer we have the down slope winds. All roads and construction sites will be watered to mitigate wind erosion.

- g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

< .5%

- h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

The disturbance of vegetation and soil would be limited to the minimum necessary for project construction. Construction vehicle traffic would be limited to finished road surfaces as much as possible. Excavations would be backfilled and compacted as soon as practicable to minimize exposure. Disturbed areas not used for operation will be graded and seeded with appropriate native and non-native grasses and vegetation as recommended by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

2. Air

- a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

Air emissions during construction would be minor and would consist of vehicle emissions and fugitive dust from construction. There should be no emissions during project operation except those attributable to infrequent vehicular maintenance traffic.

- b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal?

No.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

The primary method that will be employed to control fugitive dust will be the application of water to areas vulnerable to wind erosion during the construction phase.

3. Water

- a. Surface:

- 1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

There are no surface water bodies in the specific project construction area; however improvement of existing access roads or construction of new access or service roads may involve crossing small seasonal drainages. There is a type 4 stream on the West side of Section 18, which is outside of the outlined project area. The stream is an offshoot of dry creek. There are no plans for any construction that will impact this stream.

- 2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

No.

- 3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

N/A. There will be no fill or dredge material removed from these areas or used as fill.

- 4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No.

- 5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No.

- 6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No.

b. Ground:

- 1) Will groundwater be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to groundwater?

Groundwater from existing water rights and wells could be used during construction for dust control and mixing of concrete for turbine foundations but we won't know that until a lease is awarded and a plan of development is approved.

There will be no discharge to groundwater.

- 2) Describe waste materials that will be discharged into the ground from septic waste tanks or other sources, if any (for example domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals ... ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

Sanitary wastes during construction will be managed by using portable toilets serviced by an offsite vendor. There will be no septic systems installed on State land.

c. Water Runoff (including storm water):

- 1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and methods of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

Rainfall and snow melt are the only sources of runoff from the project site. Water flows into the existing landscape drainages and will be managed using best management practices recommended by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

- 2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

The nature of the project makes it highly unlikely that any waste materials would enter either ground or surface water.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

A storm water management plan and a storm water pollution prevention plan will be prepared for the project area prior to construction of the project. The plan will be in compliance with the Department of Ecology construction storm water general permit and the storm water manual for eastern Washington.

Hazardous materials, (e.g., paints, lubricants) will be controlled by utilization of closed containers; residuals will be disposed of offsite.

4. Plants

- a. Check the types of vegetation found on the site:

- deciduous tree: alder, maple, other
 evergreen tree: fir, cedar, hemlock, other
 shrubs
 grass
 pasture
 crop or grain
 wet soil plants
 water plants
 other types of vegetation

- b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

The project area contains grazed and ungrazed shrub steppe habitat. Locations where towers or roads are to be placed will remove a minor portion of the shrub steppe, but at this point the Department doesn't know where they would be sited.

- c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

The DNR TRAX records were reviewed. No listed threatened or endangered plant species are known to be on or near the site. A second on site study will be done prior to construction.

- d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

The cleared areas will be reseeded and then maintained in shrubs, forbs, and grasses.

5. Animals

- a. Identify any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be near the site:

birds: *crows, hawks, owls, others*
mammals: *coyotes, bat, raccoons, squirrels, deer, rabbits, and elk*
fish: *none*

- b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

No listed threatened or endangered animal species are known to be on the site. Comprehensive field surveys will be conducted in advance of turbine construction to identify the occurrence of listed (federal and state) species and habitats.

Information in the Desert Claim Final EIS (Kittitas County, 2004) indicates that bald eagle have occasionally been seen in the general area. In addition, steelhead are possible in some off-site drainages.

- c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

Not at this time. The elk migration route is 5 to 6 miles to the north of the project area. Comprehensive field surveys will be conducted in advance of turbine construction to identify any migration routes or turbine impacts.

- d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

Impacts to wildlife will be minimized by using existing roads when possible and reseeded disturbed areas to native grasses.

6. Energy and Natural Resources

- a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

This project will be a net generator of electrical energy, however during construction equipment will be using gasoline and diesel fuel.

- b. Would the project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so generally describe.

No.

- c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

N/A.

7. Environmental Health

- a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

- 1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

None anticipated.

- 2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

Project operating procedures will include spill response plans and materials management. Plans will be retained onsite to respond to any accidental spills of petroleum product.

- b. Noise

- 1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

This project site is a rural area. The Department knows of no ambient noises that will affect the project.

- 2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

Construction activities would result in short-term noise impacts due to construction equipment (e.g., trucks, dozers, graders, cranes, portable generators). The hours of construction generally are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the duration of the construction activity is expected to be less than eight (8) months.

The operation of wind turbines produces some noise as turbine blades rotate through the air. Advances in turbine technology, including more efficient blade airfoils, have resulted in more of the wind energy being converted into rotational torque and less into acoustical noise as compared to earlier turbine designs. Turbine noise would be most noticeable at relatively low wind speeds because the noise associated with higher winds will mask the noise of the turbines. Noise modeling will be performed during the permit process to predict noise levels at various locations that are expected to result from project operation. The project will be designed and operated to comply with state noise regulations found at WAC chapter 173-60.

- 3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

The project will be designed and operated to comply with state noise regulations found at WAC chapter 173-60. Turbines will be set back from property

boundaries or incorporate features to minimize noise if necessary to ensure compliance with state noise regulations. In the event of excessive noise attributable to a turbine's mechanical failure (e.g. faulty gears, worn blade brakes, out-of-balance rotor), the turbine will be removed from service and repaired. In the event of excessive noise attributable to a turbine's mechanical failure (e.g. faulty gears, worn blade brakes, out-of-balance rotor), the turbine will be removed from service and repaired.

8. Land and Shoreline Use

- a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

The primary uses on the site and adjacent properties are grazing and hunting.

- b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

Grazing.

- c. Describe any structures on the site.

None known

- d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No.

- e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

The potential lease property is located within an area of Kittitas County that is zoned for Forest and Range.

- f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Forest and Range.

- g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

N/A.

- h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, explain.

Any areas of archeological significance that may be found during the environmental analysis done by the proponent during the EFSEC process will be closely watched so that they are left undisturbed. These are mainly alongside the creek on the West side of Section 22, and outside of the project area. Comprehensive field studies will be done prior to construction to mitigate any chance of disturbance.

- i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

No one will reside on the State property. People will work on site to do maintenance work.

- j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None.

- k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

N/A.

- l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

The wind energy project is compatible with current and projected land uses. The issue of land use compatibility with land uses in the general area is discussed in detail in the Desert Claim EIS (Kittitas County, 2003 and 2004)

9. Housing

- a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

- b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

N/A.

10. Aesthetics

- a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Structure heights will be determined by the wind turbine design, which is to be selected through a competitive procurement process. The wind towers could be up to 265 feet tall plus the blade length for a total of up to 415 feet from ground level to the tip of the blade.

- b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

No designated scenic areas or significant vistas would be within the line-of-sight of the project. The wind turbines will not block views from any vantage point; however they will alter the view of the ridge. The turbines will be near the large transmission towers that now transverse the sections.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

All of the turbine towers will be of uniform design with smooth tubular steel structures that are painted a neutral color to blend with the surroundings. Above ground lighting will be limited to that required by the FAA.

11. Light and Glare

- a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

No daylight glare is expected from the tower and turbine rotor structures. It is anticipated that nighttime aircraft avoidance lighting will be required by the FAA. This will likely consist of one or more red flashing lights at night on approximately 1/2 of the towers in compliance with FAA regulations. Potential impacts associated with shadow flicker would be evaluated in detail in a project proposal.

- b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

There will be no glare. The only lights will be those required by the FAA to minimize aircraft safety hazards.

- c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None.

- d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

N/A.

12. Recreation

- a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

Bird watching and hunting may occur in the area.

- b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

Not likely

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

N/A.

13. Historic and Cultural Preservation

- a. Are there places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

There are some archeological sites listed on the sections. These mainly are around the stream to the west of the creek on section 22, which is outside of the project construction area. Comprehensive field studies will be done prior to construction to mitigate any chance of disturbance.

- b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site:

There is evidence of cultural resources next to the stream that are classified as Native American. Comprehensive field surveys will be conducted in advance of turbine construction to identify the occurrence of any cultural or historic resources.

- c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Impacts will be addressed on a case by case basis.

14. Transportation

- a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Access to the sites are by Reecer Creek Road, Lower Green Canyon Road, and Pleasant Lane (see attached map).

- b. Is the site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

The site is not served by transit.

- c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

There would be no prescribed parking spaces. Construction workers would park in roadways and turnaround areas.

- d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways?

Road design will be proposed by applicant and must be approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

- e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

These transportation modes are not planned for delivery of construction materials.

- f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

Transportation impacts will be greatest during the construction phase of the project. Construction equipment and materials will need to be transported to the site over a six to eight month period. The types of heavy equipment using the site roads during construction includes gravel trucks, concrete trucks, water trucks, and tractor-trailers hauling earthmoving equipment, cranes, electrical equipment, and turbine/tower components. See the Draft and Final EISs (Kittitas County 2003, 2004) prepared for a prior proposal for the Desert Claim Wind Power Project.

Traffic to support operation and maintenance of the project will average 15 daily round trips by light duty vehicles on Reecer Creed Road.

- g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None

15. Public Services

- a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

The project should not result in incremental demands for public services.

- b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any:

N/A.

16. Utilities

- a. List utilities currently available at the site (electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, etc.):

No utilities are currently used on the site. Power to adjacent residences is provided by Puget Sound Energy. Bonneville Power and Puget Sound Energy transmission lines currently cross the site.

- b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Unknown

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to be best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Completed by: *Brent Billingsley* *by me* Date: 7/19
 Columbia Basin District Manager

Reviewed by: Tammy Yeakey Date: 7/19
 Land Manager II

Approved by: *Milton D. Johnston* Date: 7/19
 Assistant Region Manager

Date submitted: 7/21/06

Attachments

- 1. Map of Proposed Lease Area.



DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

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Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

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All Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 18 E., W. M.
West 1/2 Section 22, Township 19 North, Range 18 E., W. M.

Lead agency:

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21c.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS

This DNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from June 21, 2006. Comments must be submitted by August 4, 2006

Responsible official: William O. Boyum

Position/Title: Southeast Region Manager **Phone:** (509) 925-8510

Address: 713 Bowers Rd, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Date: July 13, 06 **Signature:** William O. Boyum

There is no agency SEPA appeal.