participation and input, public meetings will most likely be held in Albion, Burley and Boise, Idaho. Specific dates and locations for public participation will be published in local newspapers and broadcast on local community calendars. Meetings and open houses will provide opportunity for the public to work collaboratively with the BLM to identify issues to be addressed in the planning process.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the proposed development of a wind-driven power generation facility should be sent to: Project Manager, Cotterel Mountain Wind Project, Bureau of Land Management, Burley Field Office, 15 East 200 South, Burley, Idaho 83318.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Windland, Inc., a Boise based company, is proposing to install approximately 130 wind turbines, each having a generating capacity between 1.3 and 1.8 megawatts, on a site covering approximately 7 square miles on the Cotterel Mountains southeast of Burley, Idaho. The proposed project area is within the Burley Field Office, Upper Snake River District of the BLM. The 130 turbines situated on towers approximately 250 feet in height would produce a maximum of 200 megawatts of power, enough to provide electricity for 40,000 homes. Power from the project would be collected by an underground cable system and then fed into one of two proposed substations to be located on the project site. The fenced substation sites would occupy approximately two to four acres each. From the substation sites, power from the project would then be transported to one of two existing 138-kilovolt (kV) power transmission lines on the vicinity of the proposed project area, via new overhead transmission facilities. Other facilities required as part of the proposed project are small pad mounted transformers located at the base of each wind turbine tower, access roads and one operation and maintenance building. The area permanently occupied by the project after final reclamation of disturbed areas would total approximately 68 acres. The project is scheduled to begin construction as early as June 2004, followed by commercial operation as early as November 2005 and would operate year-round for at least 30 years.

The purpose and need for the proposed project are to (1) provide wind-generated electricity from a site in Idaho to meet existing and future demands for electricity; and (2) to develop energy generation facilities that are consistent with the President’s National Energy Policy which encourages the development of renewable energy resources, including wind energy, as part of an overall strategy to develop a diverse portfolio of domestic energy supplies for the nation’s future.

Public Participation: Potential issues that have been identified to date include, but are not limited to the following general categories: Wildlife (including birds); vegetation (including weeds and invasive plant species); threatened, endangered and sensitive species; public access; visual concerns; cultural resources; Tribal concerns; rangeland resources; geology and soils; hydrology; recreation resources; hazardous materials; air quality; noise; and socio-economics. The BLM has established a 60-day scoping period during which, affected tribes, landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. Scoping will help the BLM identify the full range of issues that should be addressed in the EIS. The Draft EIS/ Draft plan amendment, which is scheduled for completion in the fall of 2003, will be circulated for public review and comment. The BLM will consider and respond in the Final EIS/proposed plan amendment to comments received on the draft. The Final EIS and proposed plan amendment are expected to be published early in 2004.

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In recent years, the census has provided data which are used to administer international trade agreements, such as the North American Free Trade Agreement. Data from the census are also used by the Office of the Inspector General, General Accounting Office, and the Congressional Research Service to independently evaluate our program and to estimate the impacts of proposed legislation. These data are supplied to other Federal and State agencies to evaluate the program and provide data for research.

**Description of Respondents:** Irrigators and water user entities in the 17 Western States who receive irrigation water service from Bureau of Reclamation facilities. Also included are entities who receive other water services, such as municipal and industrial water through Bureau of Reclamation facilities.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually.

**Estimated completion time:** Form 7–332, 15 minutes; Form 7–2045, 480 minutes.

**Annual responses:** Form 7–332, 25,000 responses; Form 7–2045, 225 responses.

**Annual burden hours per form:** Form 7–332, 6,250; Form 7–2045, 1,800.

**Total Annual burden hours:** 8,050.

**Comments are invited on:** (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau of Reclamation, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our burden estimate for the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including increased use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Department of the Interior practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review.** Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent’s identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Dated:** November 12, 2002.

**Wayne Deason,**

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