

Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project



NEPA Process

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared under the direction of the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as lead Federal Agency for the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project. The EIS will be developed in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations. NEPA requires that environmental information be made available to the public and public officials before decisions are made.

Public participation is required as part of the NEPA environmental review process. The public participation effort for this project focuses on gathering input from the public and dispersing project information. The NEPA process provides numerous opportunities for the public to participate in the decision-making process as shown to the right.

How you can participate

- Attend public meetings scheduled for your area to learn more about the project. The meetings also will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions, express any concerns, and submit your comments.

August 16 Platte Valley Community Center 210 West Elm Saratoga, WY 9:30 am – 12:30 pm	August 16 Carbon County Higher Education Center 705 Rodeo Street Rawlins, WY 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
August 18 Carbon County Higher Education Center 705 Rodeo Street Rawlins, WY 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	August 19 Little Snake River Valley Educational Center 360 Whipporwill Baggs, WY 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

- Participate and provide comment throughout the NEPA process. You will be notified when the Draft EIS has been completed and available for review.
- Submit your name and contact information to be included on the project mailing list so that you are kept up-to-date on project activities (see contact information to the right).

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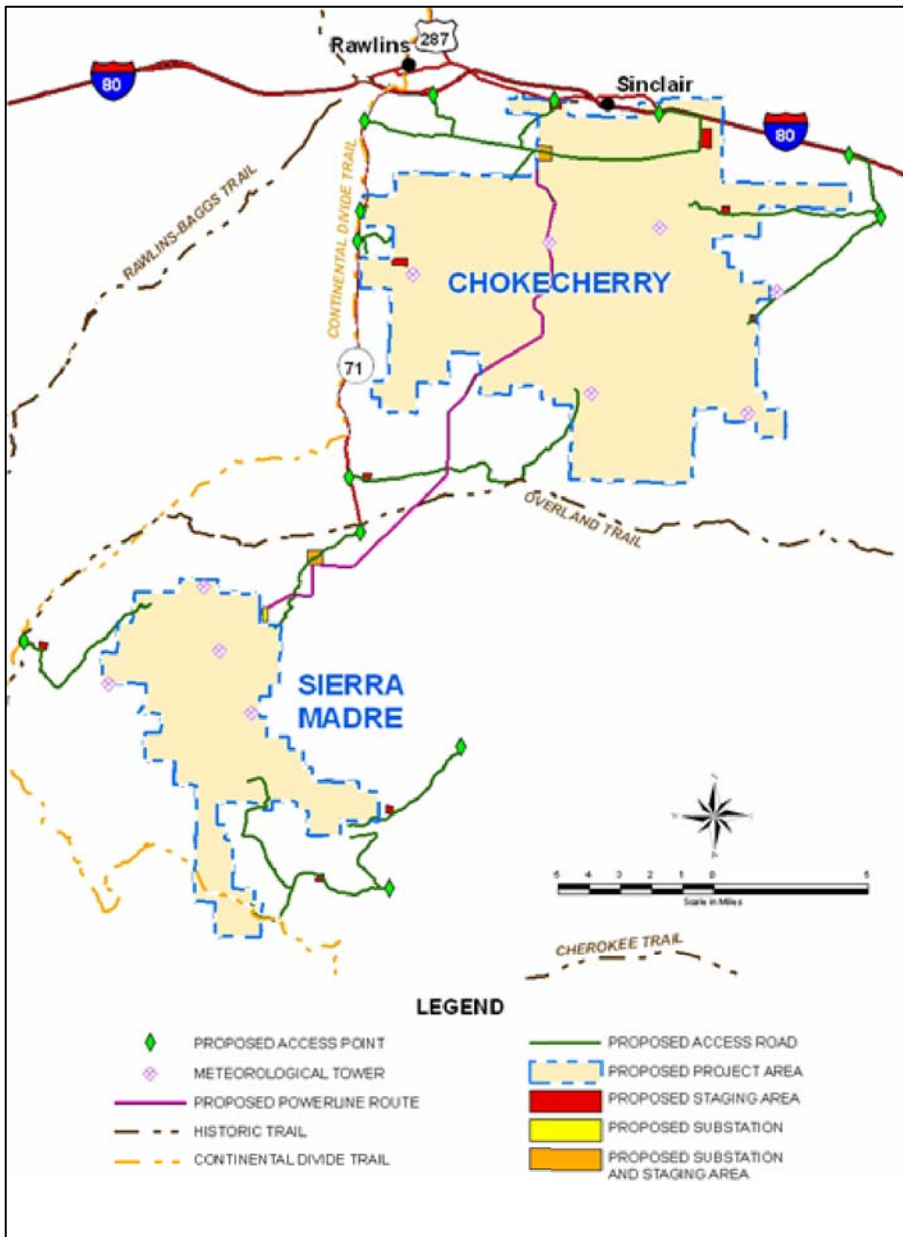
*Potential 60/90-day scoping if a Resource Management Plan amendment is required.

Throughout the NEPA process, if you have questions or concerns, you can contact:

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Project Description

Power Company of Wyoming, LLC proposes to construct and operate a 1,000-turbine, 2,000-megawatt (MW) wind energy project. The proposed project area comprises approximately 98,500 acres located within the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre areas south of the Town of Rawlins, Wyoming, in Carbon County. Approximately 675 2-MW wind turbines would be constructed in the Chokecherry area of the project and approximately 325 2-MW wind turbines would be constructed in the Sierra Madre area. Other associated facilities required by the project would include access roads, underground electric gathering lines, an overhead electric transmission line, and electric substations to interconnect the generated power to the electric grid.

Project Participants

The BLM, Rawlins Field Office is responsible for the scope and content of the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project EIS using ENSR as a third-party contractor. Third-party contractors are routinely selected by Federal agencies to avoid any conflict of interest in preparing the EIS (40 CFR 1506.5[c]). The third-party contractor is directed by the BLM, but paid by the applicant (Forty Questions No. 16).

The following table identifies the various project participants and their role in the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy EIS Project.

Participant	Project Role
Bureau of Land Management	Lead Agency – oversight of the NEPA process and preparation of the EIS.
ENSR Corporation	Third-Party Contractor – under the direction of BLM for preparation of the EIS; paid by the project applicant.
Power Company of Wyoming, LLC	Project Applicant – owner and operator of the proposed project.
PBS&J	Applicant's contractor – engineering and project design.