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NEPA & CEQA Compliance

Lead agencies and client proponents alike have acknowledged JBR Environmental Consultants, Inc.'s (JBR)'s leadership in the preparation of Environmental Assessments (EAs), Environmental Impact Statements (EISs), Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs), and related documentation required for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). JBR has completed hundreds of NEPA/CEQA documents on behalf of numerous agencies throughout the West.

JBR's multi-disciplinary, in-house professional staff includes botanists, wildlife biologists, range specialists, geologists, soil scientists, hydrologists, hydrogeologists, planners, archaeologists, environmental engineers, wetland scientists, geochemists, and air quality experts.

Project Experience

Dixie National Forest Oil & Gas Leasing EIS, UT

JBR is currently preparing the Final EIS for the Dixie National Forest based on comments received from the public on the Draft EIS. This EIS is a forest-wide planning EIS with the purpose of deciding which lands with federal oil and gas rights to make administratively available for oil and gas leasing and under what conditions. The impact analysis is based upon a Reasonably Foreseeable Development Scenario prepared by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the US Forest Service (USFS), and the US Geological Service. To date, JBR has prepared scoping material; planned and attended open houses; prepared specialist reports; conducted all GIS analysis; conducted cumulative impact analysis; prepared maps; conducted complex air quality modeling; assisted in alternative development (7 alternatives); maintained the project record (digital and hard copies and an index); prepared and distributed a Draft EIS; and performed content analysis on over 10,000 pieces of correspondence (279 original) received during public scoping.



NEPA/CEQA Related Services

- Organization of all forms of public scoping and public involvement
- Handling of all required legal notices and publications
- Preparation of project newsletters
- Drafting of memoranda of agreement between cooperating agencies
- Preparation of checklists and other documentation for Categorical Exclusions/Initial Studies
- Coordination of Native American consultations
- EIS/EIR preparation plans
- Alternatives development
- Impact analyses and development of reasonable mitigation measures
- Cumulative impact assessment including global climate change
- Preparation and distribution of Draft and Final EISs/EIRs
- Facilitation of State Clearinghouse review
- Response to comments

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Project Experience

Simplot Smoky Canyon Mine Panels F & G EIS, ID

JBR prepared an EIS for JR Simplot Company's proposed expansion of its Smoky Canyon phosphate mine located in the Caribou-Targhee National Forest (CTNF) in southeastern Idaho. This controversial project generated issues related to development and road building in Inventoried Roadless Areas; selenium; groundwater and surface water; Yellowstone cutthroat trout; 303(d) listed streams; Native American treaty rights; and CERCLA sites. The release of the Draft EIS drew more than 30,000 public comments. The Final EIS was released in October 2007. For this project, JBR worked with multiple federal agencies, including the Pocatello Field Office of the Idaho BLM and the USFS, CTNF. In addition, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality participated as a cooperating agency. The Record of Decision (ROD) for the project was signed and released by the BLM and USFS in June of 2008. The ROD was appealed, but was affirmed by the CTNF as having complied with applicable laws, regulation, and policy.

NV Energy ON Line DSEIS (Formerly Ely Energy Center Project), NV

JBR prepared a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the One Nevada 500 kV Transmission Line (ON Line Project), distributed in November 2009. The project would include construction of a new 500/345 kV substation, a 236-mile long 500 kV transmission line and fiber optic communication facilities, a loop-in of the existing Falcon-Gonder 345 kV transmission line, expansion of two existing substations, and associated access roads. These electrical and communication facilities were previously proposed as components of the postponed Ely Energy Center (EEC) Project. JBR originally evaluated resources on approximately 45,000 acres of land potentially impacted by the proposed project, performing all related baseline studies for the SEIS, including wildlife, threatened and endangered species, wetlands, vegetation, visual, noise, and water resources for the proponent. JBR is currently preparing the Final Supplemental EIS which should be distributed in late 2010.

Garkane Energy 138 kV Line EIS, UT

JBR is working with the Dixie National Forest as a third-party contractor to prepare an EIS for a proposed 138 kV transmission line that would provide needed additional power capacity to Hatch, Utah. The project also involves several cooperating agencies, including the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Bryce Canyon National Park, and the BLM Kanab Field Office. One of JBR's key tasks is to coordinate the project across all the agencies. JBR's other tasks include scoping, alternative development, development of Specialist Reports, and writing the EIS. Critical issues for this project concerned sensitive, scenic, and recreational resources in the area.

JBR Experience

- **Mineral exploration & mining**
(gold, silver, copper, silica, gypsum, beryllium, limestone, barite, phosphate, and coal)
- **Oil & gas exploration & production**
- **Power generation**
(coal, gas, geothermal, hydroelectric, and wind)
- **Linear facilities**
(electrical transmission lines, pipelines, and fiber optic cables)
- **Communication facilities**
- **Transportation projects**
(state & federal highways and railroads)
- **Landfills**
- **Real-estate development**
(residential and commercial)
- **Recreational developments**
(ski resorts, recreational trails, and golf courses)
- **Community development projects**
(parks and downtown redevelopment)

