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Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, has completed an environmental assessment (EA) for the *Tungsten Mountain Geothermal Exploration Project* proposed by Ormat Technologies Inc. The EA will be available for review for a 30-day public comment period. The BLM is accepting written comments on the EA until February 28, 2012.

The proposed geothermal exploration project is located in Edwards Creek Valley, Churchill County approximately 36 miles west of Austin, Nevada. This EA analyzes potential impacts from the proposed exploration and testing activities. The primary objective of the project is to further evaluate the characteristics of the geothermal resources in the Tungsten Mountain Project area. The proposed activities include:

- Constructing up to 27 exploration well drill pads;
- Construct a material aggregate pit;
- Drilling and completing an exploration well on each constructed well pad;
- Constructing and upgrading existing access roads (both on and off the lease);
- Flow-testing each exploration well to obtain samples of geothermal fluids and to collect aquifer information from the geothermal reservoir,
- Drilling temporary water wells at one or more proposed drill sites.

A copy of this EA is available at:

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_information/nepa.html

Please send written comments to: Steve Kramer, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Stillwater Field Office, 5565 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. Comments may also be received via email at skramer@blm.gov and should include "Tungsten Mountain Geothermal Exploration Project" in the subject line. A hardcopy can be provided upon request. A copy of the EA is also available in the Carson City District BLM office during the comment period.

Public comments submitted for this proposed project, including names and addresses of those who commented will be available for public review at the Carson City District BLM office during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment-including your personal information- may be publicly available at any time. While you ask us in your comment to withhold personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. After the public review period has ended, comments will be analyzed and considered part of the decision-making process. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Kramer at (775) 885-6005 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

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