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Dear Reader,

Mt. Wheeler Power Inc. has requested authorization of an amended right-of-way grant N-17924. The amendment is to authorize an additional two miles of 69kV overhead transmission line, a new substation, a one half mile of 345kV overhead transmission line, and a maintenance road adjacent to Highway 6, in White Pine County, Nevada. The substation and new power lines will provide for additional electrical loads and provide reliability to existing customers, both residential and commercial, in Lund, Preston, Railroad Valley and Duckwater areas. The proposed lines and substation would encompass an additional 8.48 acres of public land.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate and consider potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures regarding the proposed right-of-way grant. Attached is your copy of the preliminary EA for review. Based on the findings of the EA, the proposed mitigation as identified in the EA, and public comment, BLM will decide whether or not the proposed action will result in significant environmental impacts.

There will be a 45 day comment period with **comments due by June 01, 2012**. The EA has been added to the National NEPA register. At the end of the comment period, BLM will determine if a Decision Record, Finding of No Significant Impact (DR FONSI) will be approved with the Final EA.

Persons wishing to provide BLM with comments may do so in writing to:

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If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Stephanie Trujillo at (775) 289-1831 or strujill@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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