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Dear Interested Public:

DEC 17 2019

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Stillwater Field Office in Carson City, Nevada, will be preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to analyze the direct, indirect and cumulative effects for the proposed Comstock Geothermal Exploration Project (project) on geothermal leases NVN-94093, NVN-95879, and NVN-97285, submitted by Ormat Nevada Inc. The BLM is also requesting public input under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the project. The EA will be prepared to meet the BLM's obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act. The BLM is looking for pre-EA development comments during this public scoping period.

The proposed project would include drilling and testing of up to 10 geothermal wells, an aggregate pit, and access road construction. The project is located in Churchill County, Nevada, approximately 47 miles northeast of Fallon, Nevada. The project would include approximately 49.2 acres of new disturbance on BLM-administered lands.

The scoping comments will be accepted 30 days starting December 17, 2019 and are due by January 18, 2020. Should you have any questions, or to submit your comments, contact: Dave Schroeder, Environmental Protection Specialist, 5665 Morgan Mill Rd, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Comments can also be emailed to blm_nv_ccdowebmail@blm.gov or faxed to: 775-885-6147 attn: Dave Schroeder. For more information call: 775-885-6000.

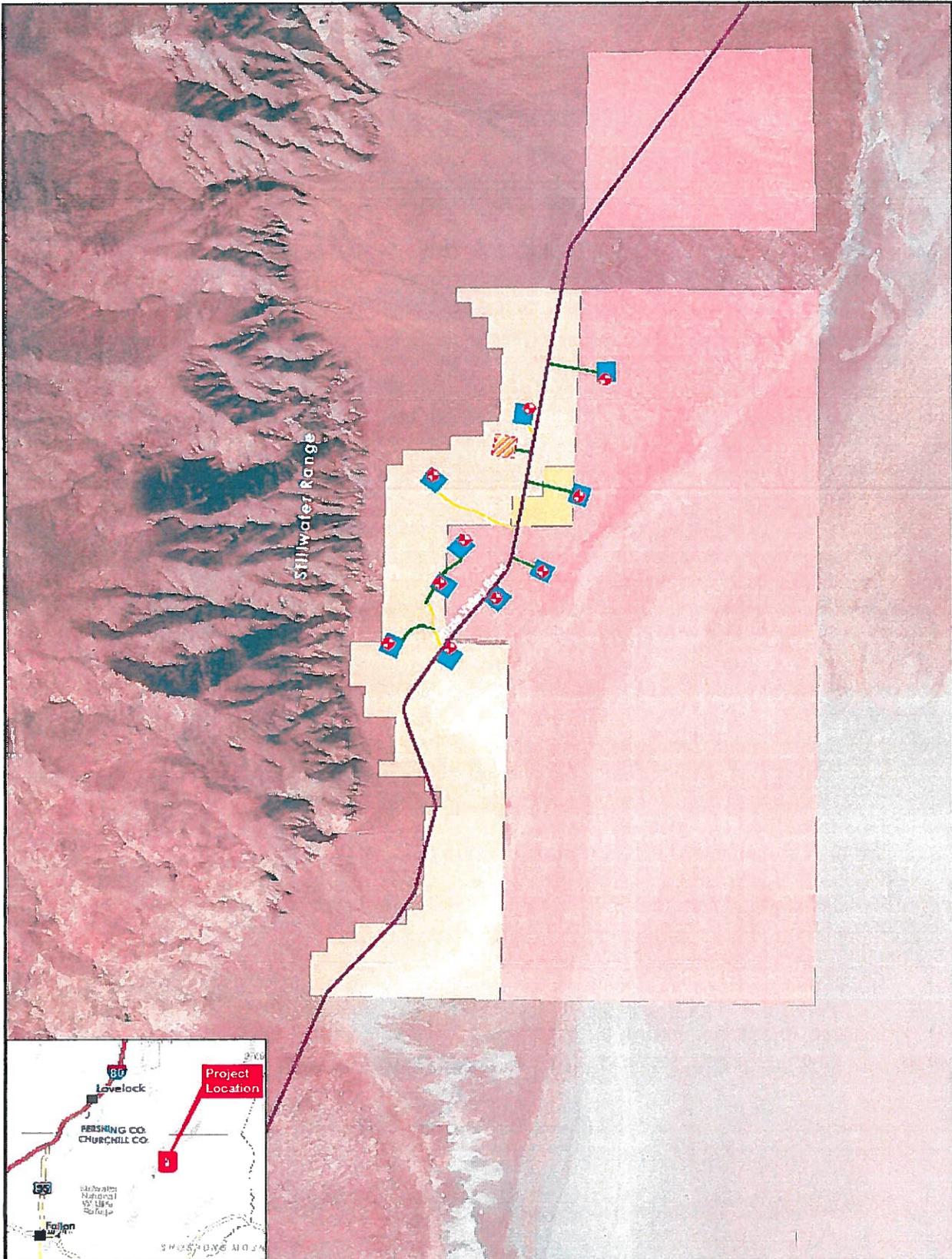
A project map is available on-line at: <https://go.usa.gov/xpfYH>.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Collum
 Field Manager
 Stillwater Field Office

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	Exploration Well		Lease - NVN-95879
	New Road		
	Improved Road		
	Aggregate Pit		
	Well Pad		
	Lease - NVN-94093		
	Lease - NVN-97285		



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COMSTOCK GEOTHERMAL EXPLORATION PROJECT

**FIGURE 1
PROJECT LOCATION AND FEATURES**

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News Release

Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: December 17, 2019

Contact: Lisa Ross, (775) 885-6107 lross@blm.gov

BLM seeks public input for the Comstock Geothermal Exploration Plan

CARSON CITY, Nev. - The Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District, Stillwater Field Office, is seeking public input as it initiates an Environmental Assessment for the Comstock Geothermal Exploration operation plan on geothermal leases submitted by Ormat Nevada Inc. The BLM is also requesting public input under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the project. This includes seeking information and identifying historic properties in or near the project area. The BLM will be analyzing the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects for the proposed exploration operation plan. Public comments will be accepted through January 18, 2020.

The project is located in Churchill County, Nevada, approximately 47 miles northeast of Fallon, Nevada. The proposed Comstock Geothermal Exploration Project would include drilling and testing of up to 10 geothermal wells and access road construction. The project would include approximately 49.2 acres of new disturbance on BLM-administered lands.

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The BLM invites public comment on the scope of the analysis and issues to consider for the EA. You may submit comments on issues in writing to the BLM using one of the methods outlined above. The map and any related documents are available on-line at: <https://go.usa.gov/xpfYH>. This project will be available for public review at the Carson City District office during regular business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

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The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$96 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2017. These activities supported more than 468,000 jobs.