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Lava Ridge Wind Project Moves Into Environmental Impact Statement Phase

December 10, 2021 – TWIN FALLS, ID – Following two widely attended virtual scoping meetings by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as well as a community open house hosted by Magic Valley Energy, the Lava Ridge Wind Project’s public scoping period ended in late October, paving the way for BLM’s preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The comments received during the public scoping period will be used to inform BLM’s analysis. The EIS may include analysis of potential impacts to resources such as avian, wildlife, vegetation, visual, noise, grazing operations, cultural resources, and recreation.

A draft of the EIS is scheduled for release in the summer of 2022 by the BLM followed by a public comment period.

Analyzing potential impacts and working closely with stakeholders to mitigate challenges is important for creating renewable energy facilities that align with community planning goals. MVE is continuing to work with federal, state, and local agencies, environmental and engineering consultants, and with local stakeholders to ensure the project is thoughtfully implemented.

“Renewable energy goals in the West continue to expand, creating an amazing opportunity for Idaho to benefit from its wind resources,” said Luke Papez, MVE Project Director. “The sustainable economic impact this will bring to Jerome, Lincoln, and Minidoka counties is sizable for the school, recreation, and other local taxing districts.”

The final EIS is scheduled for release in late 2022, and construction could begin in 2023.

More information on the project scope, economic impact, and project timeline can be found at www.magicvalleyenergy.com. Public feedback on the proposal is welcome and appreciated and may be submitted to info@magicvalleyenergy.com.

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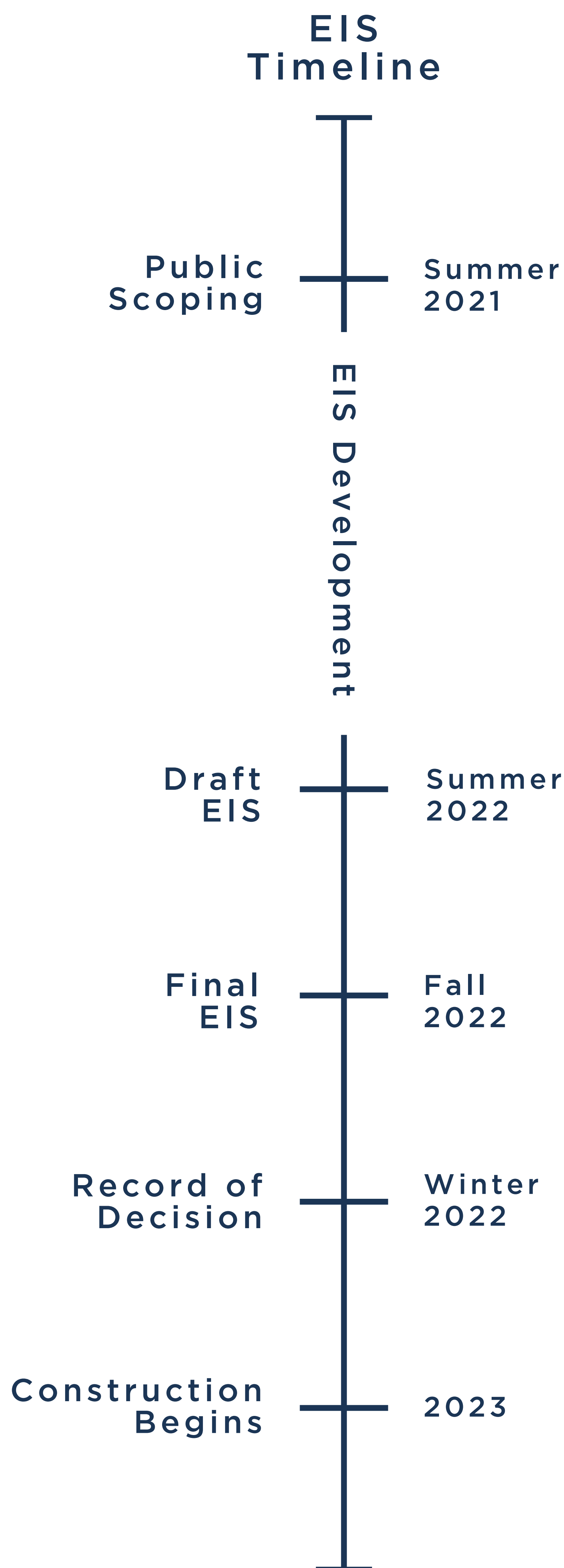
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Analyzing the Lava Ridge Wind Project



IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND MITIGATION OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS

The Bureau of Land Management will be assessing the potential impacts of the Project thru the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This public process began in August 2021.



1. Identification of Potential Impacts

Examples of Issues that could be Analyzed

- Impacts to birds, bats, and other wildlife
- Vegetation
- Visual impacts (daytime and nighttime)
- Noise impacts
- Grazing operations
- Cultural Resources
- Recreation

2. Evaluation of Impacts

- Describe existing conditions
- Determine anticipated change due to Project
- Confer with subject matter experts on significance

3. Options to Address Concerns

- Design Features
- Avoidance
- Minimization
- Mitigation
- Best Management Practices