



Legal Notice

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REQUEST FOR COMMENTS USDA Forest Service Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Snohomish County, Washington Skykomish Geothermal Consent to Lease The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Skykomish Geothermal Consent to Lease project is available for review. The project would authorize the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to conduct geothermal lease sales for those lands nominated and analyzed in the EA. Stipulations developed in this EA would be incorporated into any lease that the BLM may offer to the public. The project involves leasing the nominated lands only, and would not authorize or allow any surface disturbing activities. Any post-leasing exploration or development would be subject to further environmental analysis. The project area is in Snohomish County, Skykomish Ranger District, 6 air miles northeast of the town of Skykomish and 9 air miles northeast of the town of Index, in the North Fork Skykomish, Beckler, and Rapid River watersheds. A total of 12,300 acres were analyzed for leasing in the project area. The proposed action and other information are available on the Forest's website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/mbs/landmanagement/projects>, under the heading Skykomish Geothermal Consent to Lease; at the Skykomish Ranger District Office; and from the project team leader. Comments should include: 1) a valid e-mail or mailing address, and 2) document format preference (online, CD, or paper copy). The Forest's website is the primary source of information about the project. Electronic comments should go to: comments-pacificnorthwest-mtbaker-snoqualmie@fs.fed.us. Written comments should be mailed or dropped off in person to: Todd Griffin, Team Leader, Skykomish Geothermal Consent to Lease, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, 2930 Wetmore Ave., Suite 3A, Everett, WA 98201. Office hours for submitting hand-delivered comments are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Oral comments can be provided at the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, Supervisor's office (address above) during normal business hours, or via telephone at (360) 677-2258. Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.7, the decision on this project will be subject to pre-decisional objection under 36 CFR 218, subparts A and B. Only those who have submitted timely, specific, written comments may file an objection (36 CFR 218.5). Comments received in response to this notice, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be part of the Project Record and available for public review. For paper copies of project documents, or for more information, contact Todd Griffin at the above number or e-mail address. Published: July 1, 2013.

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