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Comment Period Reopened on Eagle Impacts Environmental Analysis from Proposed Wind Energy Project

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LAKESWOOD, Colo. – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reopened the public comment period on the environmental analysis of Eagle Take Permits (ETP) for Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Phase I Wind Energy Project (CCSM) after a technical error was discovered that may have prevented the Service from receiving some public comments. The new comment period is now open and comments will be received until July 29, 2016.

On June 9, 2016, it was discovered that the underscore in the ccsm_eis@fws.gov email address had been inadvertently replaced by a hyphen in some outreach materials. Once it discovered the error, the Service promptly changed its electronic inbox so that it can now receive comments sent to either the hyphen or underscore address (either ccsm-eis@fws.gov or ccsm_eis@fws.gov). However anyone who submitted comments prior to June 9 using the hyphen address, ccsm-eis@fws.gov, is asked to please resubmit comments.

“In the spirit of government transparency, we want to allow people extra time to submit, or resubmit their comments, if necessary. It was an honest mistake, which has been corrected, but we still want to give the public every opportunity to let their voices be heard,” says Service Assistant Regional Director Clint Riley.

CCSM is proposing to build 500 turbines south of Rawlins, Wyoming. If fully developed, the wind facility may be the largest land-based wind project in North America. The Service’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) evaluating the ETP, along with The Power Company of Wyoming’s Eagle Conservation Plan are available online for public review <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/wind/ChokecherrySierraMadre/index.html>.

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