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Hello gents - The following references are currently included in the renewable energy chapter

BUT we don't know if the IMs referenced are still current. Do you know?

"Wind development is guided by policy at BLM national and State levels that generally offers only guidance to avoid impacts to sage-grouse and habitats. A 2008 BLM Instruction Memo IM 2009-43 (BLM 2008e, p. 2) emphasizes the use of the Service's 2003 interim guidelines as voluntary and to be used only on a general basis in siting, design, and monitoring decisions. The BLM's Oregon State Office Instruction Memorandum OR-2008-014 (BLM 2007d, entire) is explicit in the placement of meteorological test towers to avoid active leks, seasonal concentrations, and collision; IM OR- 2009-038 (BLM 2009f, entire) reduces the ODFW's recommended buffer distance for wind farms and applies only guidelines for avoidance of sage-grouse leks and seasonal habitats."

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Also - do you know if the development in OR referenced with the AWEA report has occurred? If so, is there a place we can get more information?

In addition to Wyoming, southeastern Oregon is a focus area for potential commercial-scale wind development. The BLM is the major land manager in this part of the southeastern Oregon, with jurisdiction over 49,000 km<sup>2</sup> (18,900 mi<sup>2</sup>) (BLM 2009d, entire) that include much of the scantily vegetated ridge tops prone to high and sustained wind. At this time, most of the development activity is in the initial phase of meteorological site investigation and involves little infrastructure (AWEA 2009, entire; BLM 2009e[\[DP1\]](#))

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Thanks for your help!

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