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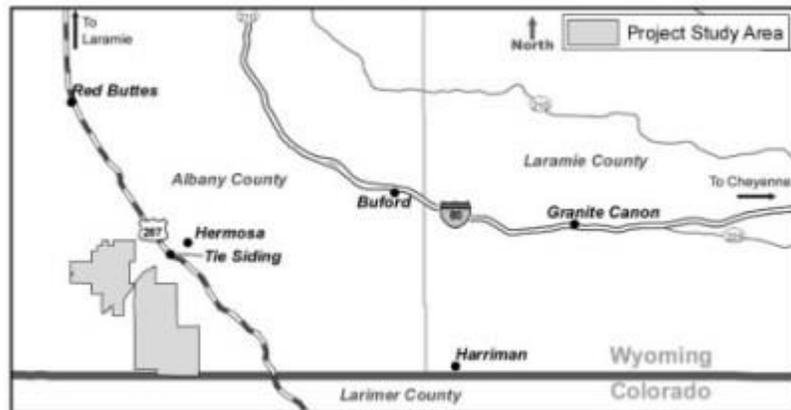
COMMENTS SOUGHT FOR HERMOSA WIND PROJECT DRAFT EIS

LAKEWOOD, Colo. – Western Area Power Administration is seeking public comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Hermosa West Wind Farm Project.

The Hermosa West Wind Energy Project is proposed by Shell WindEnergy to interconnect up to 300 megawatts of wind energy south of Laramie and north of the state line near Tie Siding in Albany County, Wyo. The proposed wind farm would include up to 200 wind turbines on an 11,125-acre site. Now we're seeking your comments on the draft EIS.

Western will host two public hearings where participants can learn more about the environmental analysis and provide comments. The public hearings will be held from 3 to 8 p.m.:

- **Monday, Oct. 29 – Laramie, WY**
Open house: 3 to 6 p.m.; Public hearing 6 to 7 p.m. (additional time for question and answer afterward)
Hilton Garden Inn and UW Conference Center
2229 E. Grand Ave.
Laramie, WY 82070



- **Tuesday, Oct. 30 – Cheyenne, WY**
Open house: 3 to 6 p.m.; Public hearing 6 to 7 p.m. (additional time for question and answer afterward)
Little America Hotel & Resort
2800 W. Lincolnway
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Read the analysis, comment by Nov. 19

Hard copies of the draft EIS are available for review at the Old Town Library, Harmony Library, and Council Tree Library in Fort Collins, Colo., at the Albany County Public Library in Laramie, Wyo., and at the Laramie County Library and Wyoming State Library in Cheyenne, Wyo.

You can also request a copy from Western's website at: <http://go.usa.gov/vko>

Then send your comments on the draft EIS by Nov. 19 to:

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Next Steps

After the comment period for the draft EIS ends, Western will address substantive comments received. Then the agency will prepare and distribute the final EIS before issuing a record of decision in the *Federal Register*.