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AGENCIES EXTEND COMMENT PERIOD FOR WIND FARM NEAR GLASGOW

HELENA -- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have extended the time for the public to comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for a proposed wind farm north of Glasgow. The new deadline for public comments is Monday, July 17, 2006.

Wind Hunter, LLC proposes to construct and operate a wind turbine electrical generation facility in Valley County, Montana, approximately 29 miles north-northwest of Glasgow. The proposal also includes a transmission line to connect this proposed facility to existing transmission lines.

The wind farm would be built in phases, eventually consisting of 334 turbines generating 500 MW and encompassing a total of 20,120 acres. Each turbine would stand about 390 feet. Turbines would be built on BLM, private, and State of Montana trust land. The wind farm would include a collector substation located near the turbines. It would also include a new substation on Western Area Power Administration's Fort Peck to Havre transmission line adjacent to the existing Richardson Coulee Substation.

A proposed 34.1 mile transmission line would cross public land managed by the BLM, private land, and State of Montana trust land. The new wood pole, H-frame transmission structures would be 65-75 feet high and spaced 700 to 800 feet apart (depending upon terrain). Single-pole structures would be used to cross agricultural land in the Milk River Valley. The proposed right-of-way would be 100 to 125 feet wide. Two alternative transmission line routes are examined in detail in the EA.

The EA can be viewed on-line at www.deq.mt.gov and hard copies can be viewed at BLM's Glasgow office and DEQ's Helena office as well as the Glasgow Public Library. Copies of the document can be obtained by contacting Tom Ring, DEQ, PO Box 200901, Helena, Mont. 59620, (406)444-6785; or John Fahlgren, BLM, PO Box 871, Glasgow, Mont., 59230, (406) 228- 3757. Comments should be mailed to the same addresses or e-mailed to tring@mt.gov before July 17, 2006.

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