



Attachment A

DECLARATION OF COOPERATION

Christmas Valley Backscatter Site June 2008

Project Conveners

Brad Winters, Lake County Commissioner

Jim Walls, Executive Director Lake County Resources Initiative

Objective

Governor Kulongoski designated Christmas Valley as an Oregon Solutions project in April 2007. The governor's designation letter describes the project as having "the potential to meet many of the State's environmental, economic and social objectives." To meet that end, the project team developed an objective *to preserve the value of the infrastructure of the Christmas Valley site for military training purposes in a way that benefits public welfare and safety, enhancing energy security, and ensuring community benefit.*

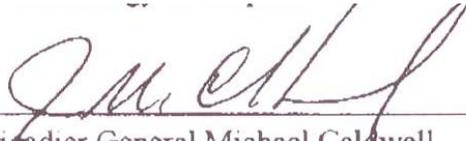
Background

The Christmas Valley Back-scatter site consists of 2,622 acres of BLM land withdrawn for use by the U.S. Air Force to provide national security information during the cold war. The site was made obsolete by satellite technology, and is scheduled to return to BLM management in September 2009. It is surrounded by thousands of additional acres of federal BLM land. In the absence of a subsequent user, the property would need to be restored to its original state, at a significant cost, so that BLM is not responsible for the maintenance or liability connected to constructed facilities.

The Oregon Military has expressed significant interest in the site and the infrastructure to support existing and new training missions. Proposals have been developed and shared for consideration within the Air Force. In addition, the Christmas Valley Back-scatter site has several potential advantages for development of alternative energy: two 115 KV lines leading to the site, potential to use existing road systems and other infrastructure, and a sparse but supportive local population. The site has known solar resource and potential wind and geothermal resources.

Oregon Military

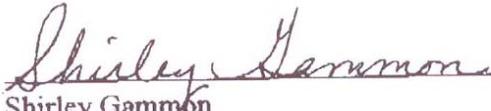
- Develop and submit a proposal that will help to benefit public welfare and safety needs with use of the 2622 acres of land currently under Air Force withdrawal.
- Maintain communication with the Oregon Solutions team on the development of and progress of the real property transfer.
- Work with the Oregon Solutions team to evaluate the potential to meet Oregon Military energy requirements through renewable energy development.



Brigadier General Michael Caldwell

Bureau of Land Management

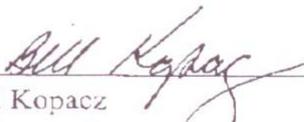
- Continue to provide information to the Oregon Solutions team regarding BLM process requirements.
- Assist U.S. Air Force and Oregon Military, as appropriate, in developing and assessing options for meeting Agency interests.
- Provide technical assistance, as necessary, regarding management of local resources and the evaluation of renewable energy development.



Shirley Gammon
Bureau of Land Management

Midstate Electric Cooperative

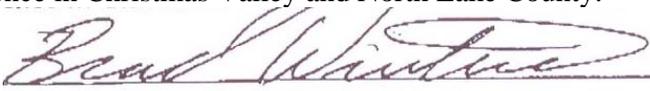
- Cooperate with the Oregon Solutions team by providing technical coordinators or advisors to share any relevant available information when necessary, and/or respond to development proposals.



Bill Kopacz
Midstate Electric Coop

Lake County

- Actively participate in Backscatter project throughout the Oregon Solution process and through the implementation stage.
- Maintain County Sherriff presence in Christmas Valley and North Lake County.

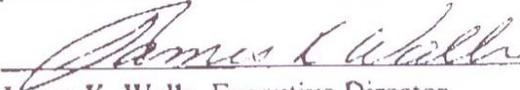


Brad Winters, Commissioner
Lake County

Lake County Resources Initiative

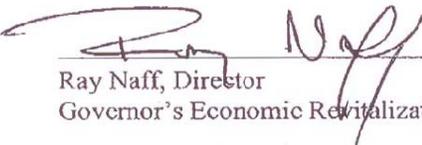
The Lake County Resources Initiative (LCRI) has placed renewable energy projects in Lake County as our number one priority and commits the following support for the Backscatter Radar Site:

- Actively participate in Backscatter project throughout the Oregon Solution process and through the implementation stage.
- As it deems appropriate, assist in seeking funding opportunities at the foundation, state and federal level.
- Inform the public on the development of the site for public welfare.


James K. Walls, Executive Director
Lake County Resources Initiative

Oregon Economic Revitalization Team

- Provide coordination, as appropriate, within the Governor's office.
- Provide updates, as necessary, to State Economic Revitalization Team Department Directors on the project.
- Provide coordination, as appropriate, with the South Central Economic Revitalization Team (SCERT).


Ray Naff, Director
Governor's Economic Revitalization Team

The South Central Oregon Economic Development District (SCOEDD)

- Actively participate in Backscatter project throughout the Oregon Solution process and through the implementation stage.
- Identify economic development opportunities, barriers and implementation actions related to the project, and
- Continue to seek funding opportunities at the state and federal level.


Betty Riley, Executive Director
SCOEDD

Oregon Department of Energy

- Actively participate in the project throughout the Oregon Solution process and through the implementation stage.
- Technical assistance: provide data, analysis or help finding others with information necessary to employ international best practices to assess renewable resource potential at the site.
- Communications: upon request, assist with communications, education or co-negotiation with federal, state or local government, utilities, consumers or the neighboring public.


Michael Grainey, Executive Director
Oregon Department of Energy