

Notice of Decision  
Aurora Area Geothermal Leasing Project  
USDA Forest Service  
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest  
Bridgeport Ranger District  
Mineral County, Nevada

On February 16, 2012 Forest Supervisor Jeanne M. Higgins made a decision to approve the Aurora Area Geothermal Leasing Project. Her decision is documented in the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact and is based upon the analysis in the Geothermal Leasing Environmental Assessment (BLM EA-NV-030-06-025) and the Aurora Area Supplement to the EA (Forest Service February, 2012). The documents have been prepared pursuant to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA, 40 CFR 1500-1508) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA, 36 CFR 219). The Environmental Assessment and Supplement documents the analysis of the proposed action and no action alternatives.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment Supplement and the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact for this project are on file at the Bridgeport Ranger District, HC 62, Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA 93517. These documents are also available electronically on the Forest website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/hntf/>.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR 215. Appeals must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 215.14. Only individuals or organizations who submitted comments or otherwise expressed interest in the project during the comment period may appeal. Appeals must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Deciding Officer within 45 days of the publication of this legal notice in the Reno Gazette-Journal. This date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal. Timeframe information from other sources should not be relied on.

The Appeal Deciding Officer is the Regional Forester. Appeals must be sent to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Intermountain Region USFS, 324 25th Street, Ogden, Utah 84401; or by fax to 801-625-5277; or by email to: [appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:appeals-intermtn-regional-office@fs.fed.us). Emailed appeals must be submitted in rich text (.rtf) or Word (.doc or .docx) and must include the project name in the subject line. Appeals may also be hand delivered to the above address, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For additional information concerning this decision or the USFS appeal process, contact: Keith Whaley, ID Team Leader, at (780) 932-7070, or [kwhaley@fs.fed.us](mailto:kwhaley@fs.fed.us).

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