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NOTICE

Tule Wind, LLC	:	Tule Wind Project
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Notice of Temporary Suspension of Construction Activities

Construction began on the Tule Wind Energy Project on December 6, 2016. Since that date there have been six confirmed violations of terms and conditions of the right-of-way (ROW) grant, including three incidents of ground disturbing work without a cultural monitor present and three incidents of clearing beyond the disturbance limits at four different locations. Two of those locations were areas where variances had been requested but were pending, and one of those included 0.2 acres of ground that was outside the boundary of approved biological and cultural resource surveys. No biological or cultural resource damage has been confirmed to date, but the violations are repeated and their frequency is increasing. Efforts by the grant holder to correct the conditions which allowed them to occur have been ineffective.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is issuing this Notice of Temporary Suspension of Construction Activities pursuant to 43 CFR 2807.16 as a safeguard to ensure that the pattern of violations in connection with ground disturbing activity ceases until such time as the holder files a written request for permission to resume activities and the BLM issues a written notice to proceed with those operations. This order excludes work on site required to maintain erosion control devices and measures required per the approved Plan of Development.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 2807.16(c), you may file a written request for permission to resume activities at any time. The request should give the facts supporting your request and the reasons you believe that the BLM should lift the order. Your request should describe in sufficient detail the factors that caused the violations to occur and should detail corrective actions that have been taken to prevent further violations. Given that previous corrective actions have been ineffective, the corrective actions proposed should be above and beyond those already attempted to prevent the recurring violations.

Thank you for your strict adherence with this order and for your continuing cooperation with the BLM. I can be reached at 760-337-4400 or please contact Carrie Sahagun, BLM Assistant Field Manager, at 760-337-4437, or Miriam Liberatore, BLM Project Manager, at 541-618-2412 if you have any questions.



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