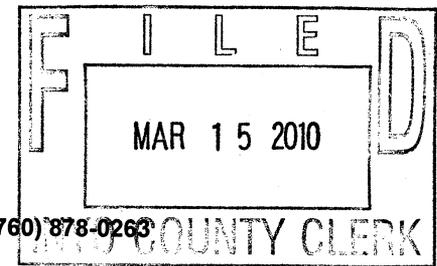




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Notice of Preparation of Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Inyo County will be the lead agency to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's CEQA Procedures for the following project:

Pine Creek Village

An application has been received for development in and adjacent to the village of Rovana in northwest Inyo County, approximately 10 miles northwest of the City of Bishop, and three miles west of Highway 395 along Pine Creek Road. The project would result in a total of 198 residential units, including 109 new residences. These units would consist of 95 single-family homes, eight single-family homes on 10-acre lots, 51 modular homes, and 44 town patio homes consisting of 22 buildings accommodating two units each. The proposal includes 89 single-family residences in the existing village and replacing 47 mobile home units that have previously been removed. The project also involves a land trade between the project applicant and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Approximately 12 acres located south of Vanadium Ranch Road containing the existing wastewater effluent disposal ponds serving Rovana will be acquired from the BLM in exchange for riparian areas located north of Pine Creek Road. Planning permits requested include a Tentative Tract Map, Tentative Parcel Map, Zoning Reclassification, and General Plan Amendment. Creation of a Community Services District, Homeowners' Associations, and Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions are also proposed.

The County has issued a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Draft EIR for the project inviting comments on the scope of the EIR. An associated Initial Study has also been prepared indicating that the following environmental topics will be addressed by the EIR: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities and Service Systems. Copies of the NOP and Initial Study are available upon request. The 30-day NOP comment period will expire on April 13, 2010.

A public Scoping Meeting will be held on Monday, March 29, 2010, 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Round Valley School, 300 North Round Valley Road Bishop, CA 93514 (intersection of North Round Valley Road and Pine Creek Road). The purpose of the meeting is to gather input as to the scope of the EIR.

If there are general questions regarding this project, please contact the Inyo County Planning Department at (760) 878-0263. Comments regarding the NOP and Initial Study may be submitted via email at inyoplanning@inyocounty.us; via fax at (760) 878-0382, or; via mail at P.O. Drawer L, Independence, CA 93526. Additional information, including the NOP and Initial Study, is provided on the Department's website at <http://inyoplanning.org/>.

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