

Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project

Public Road Use Plan



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This Public Road Use Plan (PRUP) was developed by Power Company of Wyoming (PCW) for the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project (CCSM Project). This PRUP is based upon traffic studies conducted by PCW and input from Carbon County. The information and guidance in this PRUP will be used to develop a Public Road Use Agreement (PRUA) between Carbon County and PCW.

Project Use of Public Roads and Legal Access

PCW is developing the CCSM Project on The Overland Trail Ranch (Ranch). Legal access to the Ranch exists at various locations along I-80, Wyoming Highways 71 and 130, and various Carbon County roads. PCW plans to use CR 407 (CIG Road) and CR 401 (Sage Creek Road) as the primary access points for CCSM Project personnel. Internal CCSM Project roads will also cross or use portions of CR 505E and CR 505W (Miller Hill Roads). CCSM Project components and material deliveries will primarily arrive through the CCSM Project rail facility.

Prior to construction, PCW will reevaluate the potential for the CCSM Project to impact additional county roads that have not been identified, such as roads that may be used to obtain aggregate. PCW will work with Carbon County to address any additional identified impacts in the PRUA.

Where modifications to a county road are necessary for the CCSM Project, PCW will present the design to the Carbon County Road and Bridge Superintendent for review. PCW will obtain the necessary easements or easement modifications as required in the PRUA. At the completion of the CCSM Project, PCW will reclaim disturbed areas in accordance with the Master Reclamation Plan as agreed to in the PRUA.

Where construction traffic uses or crosses public roads, PCW will maintain traffic control as needed. Flagmen, traffic signals, or other appropriate methods will be used to control both public and construction traffic to maintain safety and minimize impacts to the public. CCSM Project roads will be marked as private and access to these roads will be controlled as needed.

Project Traffic Study

PCW has performed a traffic study for the CCSM Project Transportation Management Plan.¹ The study evaluated existing traffic conditions and expected conditions on public roads and intersections around the CCSM Project Site during peak construction, operations, and decommissioning traffic months. Results from the traffic study have been integrated into the CCSM Project's Final Environmental Impact Statement. The traffic study has been provided to Carbon County for review.

Current Road Conditions

The conditions of the public roads on the perimeter of the CCSM Project Site will be evaluated in a preconstruction baseline survey. Road conditions identified in the survey will be used to determine where accelerated road wear from construction activities may occur. The results of the preconstruction baseline survey will be provided to Carbon County for review.

¹ *Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project Preliminary Transportation Management Plan*, Atkins NA, January 6, 2012.

Road Maintenance

PCW has the sole responsibility to repair and maintain the private roads within the CCSM Project Site and acknowledges that Carbon County has no obligation to accept any dedication of the private roadways to the public use. PCW will perform maintenance on these private roads as required. PCW also recognizes its responsibility for the repair of any accelerated road wear caused solely by CCSM Project traffic and will work with Carbon County to identify these areas of responsibility and the best course of action. PCW anticipates that this issue will be addressed in the PRUA and commits to work cooperatively with Carbon County to determine road maintenance requirements and solutions.

It is anticipated that dust control will be required on CCSM Project roads during construction, operations, maintenance, and decommissioning. PCW will perform dust control on the CCSM Project's private roads and on those portions of the county roads used by CCSM Project commercial traffic. PCW will consult with the Carbon County and the BLM on the preferred method of dust control for the CCSM Project and any restrictions on chemical use prior to CCSM Project construction.

Signage and Public Notices

PCW will provide information to the public on CCSM Project activities that will impact public traffic in the form of notices or signs as practicable. To the extent possible, PCW will provide this information in advance of these activities.

Highway Permits

PCW intends to deliver turbine components to the CCSM Project using the on-site rail facility, thus minimizing and possibly eliminating the need for highway permits. Should highway permits be required for any loads, PCW will comply with all applicable rules and regulations.