

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Centralia Coal Mine  
Minor Permit Revision  
Environmental Assessment  
Unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Region Office, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and unsigned Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for TransAlta Centralia Mining LLC's Centralia Mine minor permit revision for Permit No. WA-0001E.

TransAlta Centralia Mining LLC (TCM) owns and operates the Centralia Mine. TCM ceased active coal mining operations at Centralia Mine in 2006 and has since been conducting reclamation-only activities. The mine is located in Lewis County approximately six miles northeast of Centralia, Washington.

The OSMRE is responsible for reviewing plans to conduct coal mining and reclamation operations on lands containing leased Federal coal. OSMRE is announcing that the EA and an unsigned FONSI are available online and is requesting public comments on the documents.

TCM is proposing the following minor revision of the existing surface coal mining permit and Permit Application Package (PAP): The proposed minor permit revision would change the land-use designation of approximately 81 acres within the Centralia Mine permit area. The purpose of the land use change is to allow for a 150-foot-wide powerline corridor through the Centralia Mine permit area for the Skookumchuck Wind Energy Project.

If no action is taken, TCM would continue reclamation activities in accordance with their current permit.

Interested persons may view the EA and the unsigned FONSI on the OSMRE website at:

<https://www.wrcc.osmre.gov/initiatives/centraliaMine.shtm>.

This notice initiates the public comment process on the EA and unsigned FONSI. To ensure consideration of your comments, we must receive your electronic or written comments by **May 28, 2019**. Comments may be submitted in writing or by e-mail. At the top of your letter or in the subject line of your e-mail message, please indicate that the comments are "Centralia Coal Mine EA Comments."

- E-mail comments should be sent to: [gpinkham@osmre.gov](mailto:gpinkham@osmre.gov)
- Comments delivered by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or by courier service must be delivered by **May 28, 2019** and should be sent to:

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ATTN: Gretchen Pinkham, Centralia Mine  
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Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public inspection. By including

your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personally identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For further information about the Project, NEPA Process, or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact: Gretchen Pinkham, OSMRE Project Manager, at 303-293-5088 or [gpinkham@osmre.gov](mailto:gpinkham@osmre.gov).