



BOISE COUNTY

RESOLUTION #2023-11

A BOISE COUNTY RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT NEIGHBORING IDAHO COUNTIES, (TWIN FALLS, JEROME, GOODING, LINCOLN, MINIDOKA, CASSIA, AND WASHINGTON) EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED LAVA RIDGE WIND TURBINE PROJECT AND SUPPORTING "ALTERNATIVE A - NO-BUILD OPTION" FOR THE LAVA RIDGE PROJECT

WHEREAS, The United States Bureau of Land Management is considering an application from LS Energy to lease an extensive number of acres of public land located at, Lava Ridge, in Jerome, Lincoln and Minidoka counties; and

WHEREAS, LS Energy plans to construct up to 400 wind turbines in the project area of 197,474 acres (Alternative B), with the maximum height of 740 feet, up to 486 miles of new access roads throughout the area, and the infrastructure to support their construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the height of these turbines will impact military, civilian and agricultural flight operations; and

WHEREAS, the energy created by LS Energy's Lava Ridge Project is designated to provide power to California and Southern Nevada, not Idaho, and

WHEREAS, California and Nevada have thousands of acres of open land that could accommodate this project and more directly move the impacts of this project to the beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the Magic Valley economy currently does not have the ability to support this project; and

WHEREAS, construction techniques will have untold effects on the wildlife, wildlife migration, and Magic Valley aquifers; and

WHEREAS, Idaho is required by statute to protect all wildlife; and

WHEREAS, these lands have been utilized by the citizens of Idaho for agriculture, public recreation, hunting and fishing; and

WHEREAS, LS Energy's Lava Ridge Project encroaches upon the historical significance of the Minidoka National Historical site of the Hunt Japanese Relocation Camp of World War II; and

WHEREAS, a great many Idaho citizens are not in favor of the Lava Ridge Project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Boise County, Idaho, supports Twin Falls, Jerome, Gooding, Lincoln, Minidoka, Cassia, and Washington, counties, of the State of Idaho, urging the United States Bureau of Land Management to choose "Alternative A - No-Build Option" for the LS Energy's Lava Ridge Project

APPROVED and ADOPTED in Open Session on this 20th, day of April, 2023.


BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



STEVEN M. TWILEGAR, Chairman



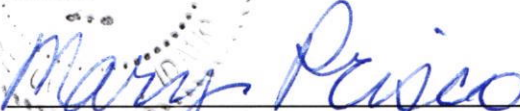
CLAY S. TUCKER, Commissioner



LINDY E. LINDSTROM, Commissioner



Attest:



Mary T. Prisco, Clerk to the Board