



# U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Eagle Updates





# Changes in the Regulations



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*Order granting in part and denying in part motions for summary judgment....*

**What does this mean to me?**



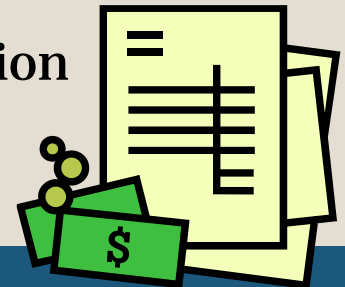


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We solicited additional public input on changes to the 2009 permit regulations



- series of public scoping meetings - Summer 2014
- Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement – ***coming soon***



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## FWS solicited public comments concerning

- How the Eagle Act's language regarding preservation of eagles should be interpreted and applied;
- The level of impacts that trigger compensatory mitigation;
- Issuance criteria for programmatic permits; and
- Possible mechanisms for streamlining permits

Draft EIS will analyze effect of 30 year permits



# Eagle Take Permits Updates CA & NV



## Alta East Wind Project

- Draft EA available – public comments accepted until Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>
- Estimated take of 3 eagles over 5 years



Tehachapi Wind Resource Area, Kern County, California





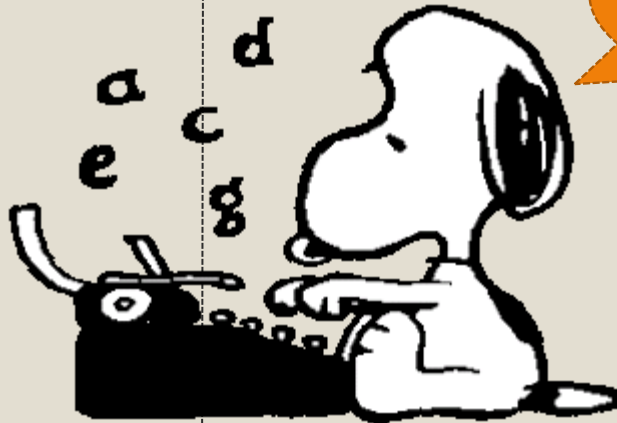
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## Preparing EA's

- Solano Wind Farm - CA
- Spring Valley Wind – NV
- Ocotillo Express Wind Project – CA
- Rising Tree Wind Project – CA

## Preparing EIS's

- PG&E – Electric utility – CA
- Hycroft Gold Mine – NV
  - Cooperating Agency with BLM



How will this affect the human environment?





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Questions?

