

**Oregon Renewable Energy Siting Assessment (ORESA) – Natural Resources, Environment, and Development: Opportunities and Constraints Assessment**

**Announcing Webinar Series:** Siting of Renewable Energy in Oregon

The ORESA project\* aims to build an understanding of the opportunities and constraints that come with renewable energy and transmission development in Oregon. The project will create a transparent, consistent collection of information about renewable energy and transmission development opportunities and constraints, without recommendations or endorsements, and noting where information may be imprecise or uncertain. Policy makers and stakeholders can use this collection of data to inform discussions related to the development of renewable energy facilities in a way that minimizes conflict and supports economic development opportunities.

The Conservation Biology Institute, the firm working with the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and its partners on the ORESA project, will host a series of public webinars for the purpose of reviewing the spatial data that would be considered as part of siting potential renewable energy and transmission projects. The main purpose of the webinars is to provide all interested parties the opportunity to review the assembled supporting data for renewable energy siting and identify any important data gaps. The webinars will also orient participants on how to provide feedback related to critical data considerations and organization that will be used in development of the ORESA mapping and reporting tool.

Each 90-minute webinar will focus on the spatial data associated with renewable energy resources available in each of six subregions. We encourage you to sign-up for one or more regional webinars by following the link below. Prior to your webinar session(s), you will be provided with some simple preparation and instructions to make the experience most valuable to you.

All sessions will be held from **1:00 – 2:30 PM** (Pacific) and each will be recorded and made available afterwards in the event that you are unable to attend your webinar(s) of interest. **Click on the webinars listed below to register.**

2020

[Tuesday \(Dec 15<sup>th</sup>\) – Eastern Oregon \(Basin and Range/Blue Mountains\)](#)

[Thursday \(Dec 17<sup>th</sup>\) – Eastern Oregon \(Columbia Basin\)](#)

2021

[Tuesday \(Jan 5<sup>th</sup>\) – Cascades/Klamath](#)

[Thursday \(Jan 7<sup>th</sup>\) – Willamette Valley](#)

[Tuesday \(Jan 12<sup>th</sup>\) – Coast Range](#)

[Thursday \(Jan 14<sup>th</sup>\) – Oregon Coast \(offshore\)](#)

For more information on the ORESA project, please visit: <https://www.oregon.gov/energy/energy-oregon/Pages/ORESAspx>

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