

Agenda Item B

Informational Meeting

Big River Renewable Energy Facility - Notice of Intent Informational Meeting

Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst
Big River Renewable Energy Project Applicant Team

August 20, 2026

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
5:30 pm	Meet and Greet with ODOE & Applicant	All
6:20 pm	Proposed Big River Energy Facility Information	Applicant
6:35 pm	Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Program	Chase McVeigh-Walker, Senior Siting Analyst
6:45 pm	Q&A, and Comments	All

Big River Renewable Energy Project

- Notice of Intent Public Meeting
- August 20, 2026



About EDP Renewables



EDPR NA's more than 1,000 employees are based throughout North America, working in more than 17 U.S. states, as well as Mexico and Canada.



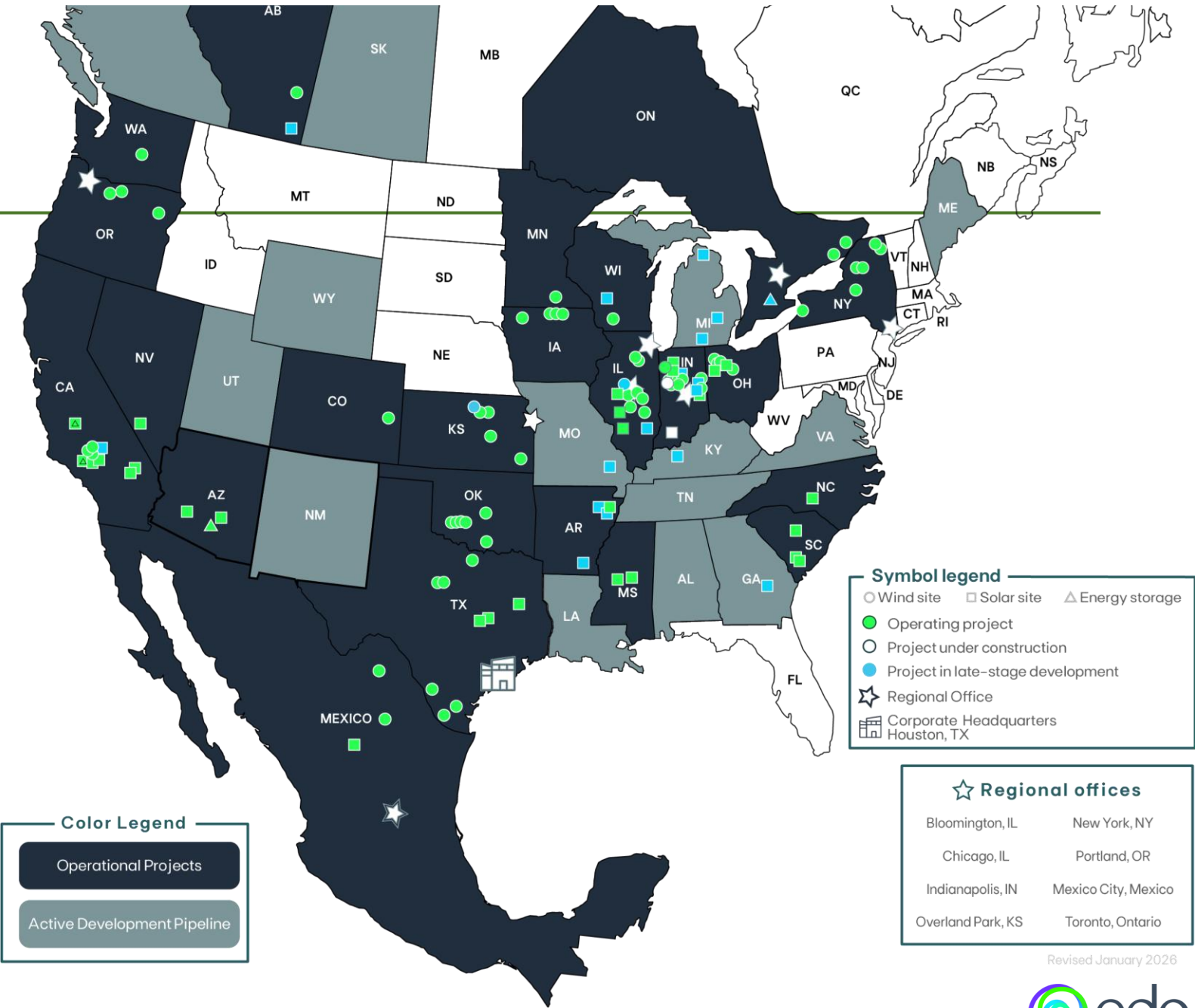
61 wind farms, 29 solar parks, and four energy storage sites, totaling more than 12,300 MW of operating renewable energy projects since we began 25+ years ago.



EDPR NA projects have catalyzed \$5 billion in local economic impact.¹



EDPR NA projects have paid more than \$645 million to local governments.



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EDPR helps power the country.

Since January 2024, EDPR has commenced construction or began operations at 22 sites across America:

Carpenter Wind, 198 MW (IN)

Azalea Springs Solar, 180 MW (TX)

Cattlemen Solar II, 150 MW (TX)

Brittlebush Solar, 200 MW (AZ)

Flatland Storage, 200 MW (AZ)

Duff Solar, 100 MW (IN)

Hickory Solar, 110 MW (IL)

Wolf Run Solar, 140 MW (IL)

Misenheimer Solar, 74 MW (NC)

Pearl River Solar, 175 MW (MS)

Ragsdale Solar, 100 MW (MS)

Crooked Lake Solar, 175 MW (AR)

Riverstart Solar III, 100 MW (IN)

Riverstart Solar IV, 150 MW (IN)

Sandrini Solar I, II, and Storage, 392 MW (CA)

Scarlet Solar I, II, and Storage, 400 MW (CA)

Meadow Lake Wind IV Repower, 103 MW (IN)

Regardless of federal policy headwinds, America needs more energy and renewable projects are ready to provide it.

Headwaters Wind | Randolph County, IN



20+ Years of EDPR NA in Oregon



ELKHORN
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ELKHORN VALLEY WIND

2007 | Union County | 101 MW

- \$7.8 million+ in local taxes paid to date
- \$11 million+ in payments to landowners
- 9 full-time operations and maintenance staff



RATTLESNAKE ROAD
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2008 | Gilliam County | 103 MW

- \$29.7 million+ in local taxes paid to date
- \$26.5 million+ in payments to landowners
- 7 full-time operations and maintenance staff



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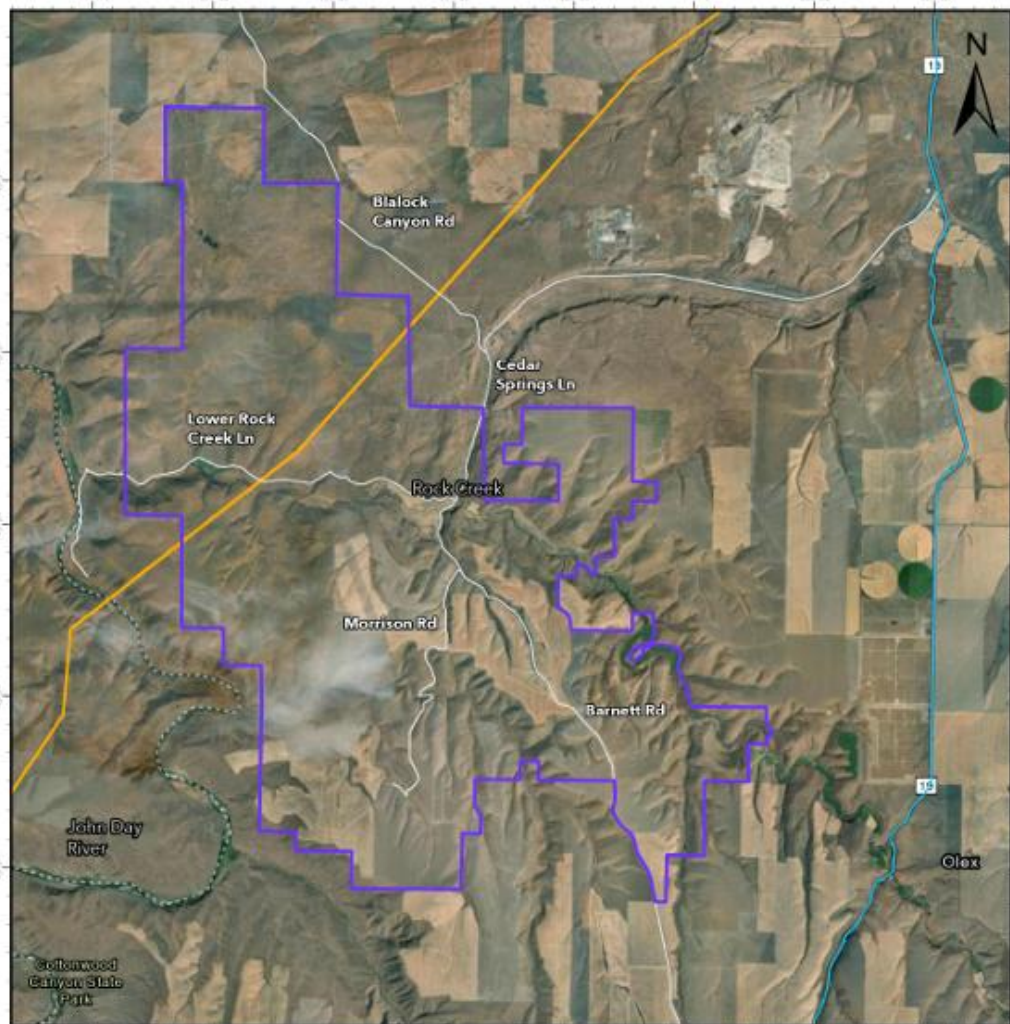
WHEAT FIELD WIND

2009 | Gilliam County | 97 MW

- \$8.7 million+ in local taxes paid to date
- \$10.8 million+ in payments to landowners
- 7 full-time operations and maintenance staff

Big River Renewable Energy

- Located on ~30,000 acres of private land under lease option
 - ~90% wind/10% solar allocation by acreage
 - Project facilities expected to occupy <35% of leased acreage
- Solar located in north on private land most recently used for hunting, fishing, & grazing
- Permitting studies began Feb. 1, 2026
- Start of construction anticipated in early 2029
- Maximum capacities are being permitted; actual buildout is expected to be lower
- Final facility design will be optimized based on engineering, permitting, and market factors
- 500 MW BPA interconnection capacity remains fixed



Big River
Renewable Energy

Date: 7/30/2026

- Big River Project Boundary
- Local Roads
- State Roads
- Existing BPA Transmission Line
- John Day River



Anticipated Project Schedule



EDP Staff at Gilliam County Fair

We are here



2026-2027

- Finalize project land agreements
- Conduct wildlife, wetland, and cultural surveys
- Public Open House
- File Notice of Intent to apply for Site Certificate from OR Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC)
- Refine preliminary turbine layout
- Marketing to potential power purchasers

2028

- Finalize turbine layout and access roads
- Public Open House
- Public EFSC Permit hearing
- Obtain Oregon Site Certificate

2029

- Execute Interconnection Agreement
- Obtain Pre-construction Permits
- Construction Kick-off Informational Event

2030

Complete construction
Commercial operations

Agency and Stakeholder Outreach



Gilliam County RFPD

- Preliminary meeting to open lines of communication in June
- Emergency response planning is kicking off and will be finalized in collaboration with the RFPD and other local emergency response teams



Community Events, Memberships, Sponsorships

- Gilliam County Fair (annually)
- 4th of July Parade, event sponsorship
- Open House August 11th & 20th
- Members of Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce
- Wildfire hay donation
- Supported Oregon Frontier Chamber of Commerce Car show, Arlington Saddle Club, Gilliam County 4-H, Condon High School FFA, Arlington Community charter School's football and basketball fundraiser in 2025
- Publicly available contact information



Roads Department

- Met with roads department multiple times
- Intend to collaborate on Rock Creek bridge improvement



Agency Outreach

- Preliminary meetings held with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Information shared with Gilliam County Court, Planning Department, & Sheriff
- Pre-application meeting with Oregon Department of Energy
 - Notice of Intent to file an Application for Site Certificate Issued

Local Tribes

We have held preliminary meetings with the following tribes:

- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation
- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

We have and will continue to reach out to:

- Burns Paiute Tribe
- Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation
- Nez Perce Tribe.

Anyone Else?

As we continue our stakeholder outreach, we are gathering suggestions for who we should be in touch with. Please reach out with any suggestions you may have.

Questions?

Please reach out with any additional questions.

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Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Program

Who We Are

Oversees review, decision-making, and compliance for most large-scale energy-generating facilities and infrastructure in Oregon.

- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) is the decision-making authority.
- Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) Siting Division serves as staff to EFSC.

What We Do

Consolidated process between state agencies and local government:

- Eliminates duplication, consolidates timelines, decisions, and judicial review
- Reviews proposal for compliance with applicable standards, laws, and rules.
- Provides opportunities for public participation and comment.
- Coordinates review and solicits input from reviewing agencies, local governments, and tribal governments.

Application Process for Site Certificate

WE ARE HERE

Notice of
Intent

Project
Order

Application
(pASC/ASC)

Draft
Proposed
Order

Proposed
Order

Contested
Case

Final Order
& Site
Certificate

Applicant

ODOE Siting
Team

Applicant

ODOE Siting
Team

ODOE Siting
Team

Hearing
Officer

EFSC
Decision

Public Notice
Comment
Period
Info. Meeting

Public Notice
Info Meeting

Public Notice
Comment
Period
Public Hearing

Notice

Parties to
Contested Case

Agency
Coordination

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Energy Facility Siting Standards

- General Standard of Review
- Organizational Expertise
- Structural Standard
- Soil Protection
- Land Use
- Protected Areas
- Retirement and Financial Assurance
- Fish and Wildlife Habitat
- Threatened and Endangered Species
- Scenic Resources
- Historic, Cultural and Archaeological Resources
- Recreation
- Public Services
- Waste Minimization
- Wildfire Prevention and Risk Mitigation
- Noise
- Wetlands/WOS
- Siting Standards for Transmission Lines
- Need Standard (Non-generating)

Commenting on a Notice of Intent

When: August 7 to September 25, 2026, at 5 p.m. Pacific Time (deadline)

What: Provide detailed/specific comments related to the proposed facility and risks or impacts to resources protected by an EFSC standard.

Why: Issues and impacts identified in comments provide information for consideration in establishing studies and applicable requirements, and can result in inclusion of important information, evaluation and mitigation in a preliminary Application for Site Certificate/Application for Site Certificate

How: See next slide

How to Submit Comments

Comments can be submitted in writing:

- At this meeting
- Via mail to ODOE's Salem office
- Via email to Siting Analyst Chase McVeigh-Walker at:
Chase.McVeigh-Walker@energy.oregon.gov
- Through our comment portal available at:
<https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/SitingPublicComment/>

Additional details on how to comment can be found in the Public Notice and on the facility webpage:

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Pages/BREF.aspx>

What happens to your comments?

- Provided to applicant for review/consideration
- Evaluated by ODOE; discussed with reviewing agencies, tribal governments and special advisory group (local government), as applicable, to establish requirements
- If comments identify issues or resources within EFSC jurisdiction, provide sufficient detail, and are not already existing requirements, the Project Order may require an evaluation or study related to the comment.

Helpful Resource Links

Energy Facility Siting Website:	https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Pages/default.aspx
EFSC Public Guide:	https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Documents/Fact-Sheets/EFSC-Public-Guide.pdf
EFSC Siting Standards:	https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Pages/Siting-Standards.aspx
ORESA Mapping Tool:	https://www.oregon.gov/energy/energy-oregon/Pages/ORESA.aspx
Facilities Under EFSC:	https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Pages/Facilities-Under-EFSC.aspx
EFSC Comment Portal:	https://odoe.powerappsportals.us/en-US/SitingPublicComment/

ODOE Project Webpage

<https://www.oregon.gov/energy/facilities/Pages/BREF.aspx>

An official website of the State of Oregon [How you know »](#)



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Big River Energy Facility

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Facilities Under Review ▾

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Site Description:

Big River Energy Facility (proposed facility) would be an up to 500 megawatt (MW) wind and 500 MW solar power generation facility, with other related or supporting facilities, including a battery energy storage system (up to 4,000-MW-hours of storage), up to two substations, and a 34.5 kilovolt (kV) electrical collection system in Gilliam County. The proposed site includes approximately 29,950 acres of privately owned land zoned Exclusive Farm Use in Gilliam County.

Status:

Under Review/Proposed. On August 4, 2026, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to file an Application for a Site Certificate (ASC) for the Big River Renewable Energy Project (proposed facility). Public Notice of the NOI, Public Comment Period, and Public Informational Meeting was issued on August 7, 2026. The Public Notice began the Public Comment Period on the NOI, which will conclude at 5:00 p.m. PT on September 25, 2026.

Location:

Gilliam County, approximately 11 miles southwest of the city of Arlington. [PDF Map](#) | [Online Map](#) (coming soon)

Applicant/Certificate holder:

Applicant/Certificate holder: Big River Wind Power Project LLC, Big River Solar Park LLC, and Big River Energy Storage LLC, subsidiaries of EDP Renewables North America, LLC.

ODOE Contacts:

[Chase McVeigh-Walker](#)

Contact the Facility Siting Team:

- [503-378-4040](tel:503-378-4040)
- [800-221-8035](tel:800-221-8035)
- energy.siting@oregon.gov

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[About the Site Certificate Process](#)
[Site Certificate Process Flowchart](#)
[Expedited Review Process Flowchart](#)

ORESA Mapping Tool Landing Page

Explore Data: View EFSC facilities layers, browse, download, and interact with map layers

Get a Report: Create a map layer to evaluate potential project locations, view contact information for relevant regulatory bodies

Learn: Learn more about the ORESA tool, how to was created, the data that drives the different layers and find more Oregon Explorer resources through the Oregon Explorer Natural Resources Digital Library: [Tools | Oregon Explorer](#)

Welcome

Welcome to the Oregon Renewable Energy Siting Assessment Tool

The ORESA tool is an interactive application that allows users to review data and input potential project characteristics in order to get a coarse level perspective of potential land use, military, natural resources and other considerations.

Explore Data



Browse, download, and interact with map layers

Get a Report



Land use considerations and contact information for your area of interest

Learn



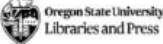
Learn about siting procedures, incentives, and processes for military coordination

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Q&A Session & Comments

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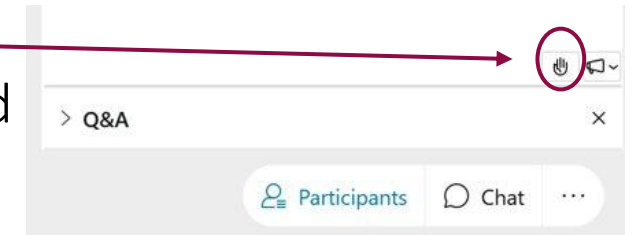
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