

Protect Minidoka National Historic Site



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Urgent: We Need Your Help!

WHAT IS LAVA RIDGE?

Minidoka National Historic Site in Jerome, Idaho tells the painful stories of the unconstitutional forced removal and incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. Minidoka is a place to heal deep emotional trauma, educate the public about racial injustice, and commemorate our ancestors. When visiting the site, visitors experience a sense of isolation and remoteness due to the sweeping vistas of surrounding lands and distant mountains.

The proposed Lava Ridge wind project will forever alter Minidoka's somber landscape and fails to honor the significance of the events that occurred at Minidoka as a place of reflection, healing, and education for the survivors, descendants, and public. The proposed project places 340 towers in the Minidoka NHS viewshed with 12 of those towers on the historic Minidoka footprint. The Minidoka community of survivors and descendants deserve the respect and acknowledgement of this gross violation of civil liberties by our nation's government through the preservation of the site. **The Minidoka story must be recognized and treated in an honorable and somber manner as other painful events in our nation's history.** The proposed Lava Ridge project minimizes the trauma, loss, and humiliation suffered by American citizens based solely on racial discrimination.

CALL TO ACTION

1. Submit comments to the BLM

Learn how to submit comments on the back of this page. Send a copy of your comments to info@minidoka.org. For more information on how to submit comments, visit minidoka.org/lava-ridge.

2. Attend BLM Open Houses

Your support shows the BLM that we remain extremely concerned about how the proposed project impacts Minidoka.

Portland Area – March 1, 2023, 3:00 – 7:00 pm PST

at the DoubleTree by Hilton
1000 NE Multnomah Street Portland, OR
erin@jamo.org
jamo.org

Seattle Area – Thursday, March 2, 2023, 3:00 – 7:00 pm PST

at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center
8236 South East 24 Street Mercer Island, WA
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How to Submit Comments

1. Online

- Visit the BLM's project website: <https://bit.ly/3EirzxD>.
- Click on the "Participate Now" button to the right of the document link.
- Enter your comment and information, then click "Submit."
- You can also e-mail BLM-ID-LavaRidge@blm.gov.

2. By hand or by mail

- Label envelope "Lava Ridge Wind Project EIS" to:

Kasey Prestwich, Project Manager
BLM Shoshone Field Office
400 West F Street
Shoshone, ID 83352

- Comments should be postmarked by the end of the comment period, March 21, 2023.
- Send a copy of your comments to info@minidoka.org.
- Forward your comments to your U.S. Senators and Representatives and express your concern.
- For more information, visit <https://www.minidoka.org/lava-ridge>

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For information on Lava Ridge, visit Friends of Minidoka's website:

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