

Service and the State of Colorado declined cooperating agency status due to relatively limited potential impacts to resources of interest.

Responsible Officials

The project area includes the BLM's White River Field Office in Rio Blanco County, Colorado and the Vernal Field Office in Uintah County, Utah.

Since only the White River RMP would require an amendment, the BLM Colorado State Director is the responsible official who will decide whether to amend the 1997 White River RMP to allow the power line to span the Raven Ridge ACEC. After a decision is made concerning the ROW exclusion area, the BLM Wyoming State Director is the responsible official who will decide whether to amend the existing right-of-way grants for the GWS power line (since this is the responsible official who issued the original GWS ROW grants in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah).

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The BLM will use the analysis in this EA to inform the following: Identification of any significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action that may warrant further analysis in a Supplemental EIS; the decision on whether to approve or deny the proposed amendment to the White River RMP to allow the GWS power line to span the Raven Ridge ACEC; and the decision on whether to approve or deny the proposed GWS ROW grant amendment.

Preliminary Issues

The BLM has identified the following primary issues to consider in the EA:

- Would moving or crossing the existing Bears Ears to Bonanza 345 kV power line result in service interruptions?
- How would surface-disturbing activities associated with power line construction affect vegetation and noxious/invasive weeds?
- Would power-line construction activities affect habitat for special status plant species?
- How would surface-disturbing activities associated with power-line construction affect scientifically important paleontological resources?
- Would the various power-line alignments affect the resources managed for in the Raven Ridge ACEC?

Permits or Licenses Required

Alternatives B and C would require an amendment to the approved Gateway South ROW grant.

Scoping Process

This Notice of Intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the EA. The BLM is also seeking substantive comments on the planning criteria. It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's environmental analysis of the proposed re-route of the power line. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifiable information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time, and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to withhold this information from public view.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1610.2(c)).

Jamie E. Connell,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, 30 calendar days from the date of this publication.

DATES: Protests must be received by the BLM prior to the scheduled date of official filing, January 20, 2022.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the plats may be obtained from the Public Room at the BLM, Oregon State Office, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204, upon required payment. The plats may be viewed at this location at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Hartel, telephone: (503) 808-6131, email: mhartel@blm.gov, Branch of Geographic Sciences, Bureau of Land Management, 1220 SW 3rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the

deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact Ms. Hartel during normal business hours. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the BLM, Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 34 S., R. 3 E. accepted November 23, 2021

T. 20 S., R. 4 W., accepted November 23, 2021

T. 37 S., R. 3 W., accepted November 23, 2021

T. 15 S., R. 7 W., accepted November 23, 2021

T. 24 S., R. 6 W., accepted November 23, 2021

T. 33 S., R. 1 W., accepted November 23, 2021

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Oregon/ Washington, Bureau of Land Management. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. The notice of protest must be filed before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. Any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing will be untimely and will not be considered. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Oregon/ Washington during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Oregon/ Washington within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed. If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the next business day following dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit—including your personal

identifying information—may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C., Chapter 3)

Mary J.M. Hartel,

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor of Oregon/
Washington.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations or Expressions of Interest for Solar Leasing Areas on Public Lands in the States of Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of call for nominations and expressions of interest.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), State Offices in Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada are soliciting written expressions of interest (EOIs) or Nominations identifying tracts of land (parcels) for solar project development within the following solar energy zones (SEZs) on public lands: Antonito Southeast SEZ, DeTilla Gulch SEZ, and Los Mogotes East SEZ within Colorado; Dry Lake Valley North SEZ, Gold Point SEZ, and Millers SEZ within Nevada; and Afton SEZ within New Mexico. These SEZs have a combined total land size of approximately 89,589 acres.

DATES: The BLM will accept written expressions of interest or nominations through January 20, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Hard-copy submission of written EOIs or Nominations must be submitted to the appropriate soliciting BLM office address listed as follows:

For solicitations by BLM Colorado, hard-copy submission of EOI or Nomination may be mailed to: BLM Colorado State Office, Attention: Benjamin Gruber, 2850 Youngfield St., Lakewood, CO 80215. EOIs for BLM Colorado solicitations may be emailed to: begruber@blm.gov.

For solicitations by BLM Nevada, hard-copy submission of EOI or Nomination may be mailed to: BLM Nevada State Office, Attention: Greg Helseth, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502. EOIs for BLM Nevada

solicitations may be emailed to: ghelseth@blm.gov.

For solicitations by BLM New Mexico, hard-copy submission of EOI or Nomination may be mailed to: BLM New Mexico State Office, Attention: Sarah Naranjo, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, NM 87508. EOIs for BLM New Mexico solicitations may be emailed to: snaranjo@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information related to solicitations in this notice by BLM Colorado, please contact Benjamin Gruber, at (303) 239-3923 or begruber@blm.gov; solicitations by BLM Nevada, please contact Greg Helseth, at (775) 861-6477 or ghelseth@blm.gov; and solicitations by BLM New Mexico, please contact Sarah Naranjo, at (505) 954-2200 or snaranjo@blm.gov. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individuals during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEZs being solicited for EOIs or Nominations are listed by name and legally described under the BLM State Office with jurisdiction over those public lands. To be acceptable, an EOI or Nomination must be received (not postmarked) by the BLM State Office of jurisdiction by the specified date in this notice (see **DATES**) and must include and conform to all requirements under Federal regulations at 43 CFR 2809.11. The BLM will not consider EOIs or Nominations that are incomplete or that do not conform to regulatory requirements. The BLM may reject submissions for cause.

BLM Colorado Solicitation

Antonito Southeast SEZ

The developable area includes 9,712 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40501

Federal URL: <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-262>

De Tilla Gulch SEZ

The developable area includes 1,064 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40501

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-294>

Los Mogotes East SEZ

The developable area includes 2,650 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40501

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-287>

BLM Nevada Solicitations

Dry Lake Valley North SEZ

The developable area includes 25,069 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40502

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-344>

Gold Point SEZ

The developable area includes 4,596 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40502

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-381>

Millers SEZ

The developable area includes 16,534 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40502

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-400>

BLM New Mexico Solicitation

Afton SEZ

The developable area includes 29,964 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40502

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-431>

The 2012 Western Solar Plan amended BLM resource management plans (RMPs) to designate SEZs on public land determined to be suitable for utility-scale solar energy development, including the Antonito Southeast SEZ, DeTilla Gulch SEZ, and Los Mogotes East SEZ in the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center RMP (CO); the Dry Lake Valley North SEZ in the Ely RMP (NV); the Gold Point SEZ and the Millers SEZ in the Tonopah RMP (NV); and the Afton SEZ in the Mimbres RMP (NM).

The 2012 Western Solar Plan is available on the BLM website at: https://blmsolar.anl.gov/documents/docs/peis/Solar_PEIS_ROD.pdf.

Additional information for each SEZs listed in this notice is available on the