

the expiration of the 180th day will disqualify the purchaser and cause the entire 20 percent deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. Forfeiture of the 20 percent deposit is in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3–1(d). No exceptions will be made. The BLM cannot accept the full price after the 180th day of the sale date.

The BLM will not sign any documents related to 1031 Exchange transactions. The timing for completion of the exchange is the bidder's responsibility in accordance with Internal Revenue Service's regulations. The BLM is not a party to any 1031 Exchange.

All sales are made in accordance with and subject to the governing provisions of law and applicable regulations.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3–1(f), the BLM may accept or reject any or all offers to purchase, or withdraw any parcel of land or interest therein from sale, if, in the opinion of a BLM authorized officer, consummation of the sale would be inconsistent with any law, or for other reasons.

In order to determine the FMV, certain assumptions may have been made concerning the attributes and limitations of the lands and potential effects of local regulations and policies on potential future land uses. Through publication of this notice, the BLM advises that these assumptions may not be endorsed or approved by units of local government. It is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable Federal, State, and local government laws, regulations, and policies that may affect the subject lands, including any required dedication of lands for public uses. It is also the buyer's responsibility to be aware of existing or prospective uses of nearby properties. When conveyed out of Federal ownership, the lands will be subject to any applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the applicable local government for proposed future uses. It will be the responsibility of the buyer to be aware through due diligence of those laws, regulations, and policies, and to seek any required local approvals for future uses. The buyer should also make themselves aware of any Federal or State law or regulation that may impact the future use of the property. Any land lacking access from a public road or highway will be conveyed as such, and future access acquisition will be the responsibility of the buyer.

A map delineating the individual proposed sale parcel is available for public review at the LVFO, which is located at the address above. The FMV for the sale parcel will be available for review 60 days prior to the sale date. Information concerning the sale,

appraisal, reservations, procedures and conditions, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), and other environmental documents will be available for review at the LVFO, or by calling 702–515–5194 and asking to speak to Jill Pickren, Realty Specialist. You may contact the LVFO from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays).

Only written comments will be considered properly filed.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment—you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments regarding the proposed sale will be reviewed by the BLM Nevada State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2711.1–2(d).

**Vanessa L. Hice,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Taos Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD)/Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Taos Field Office located in northern New Mexico. The New Mexico State Director signed the ROD on May 24, 2012, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD/Approved RMP are available upon request from the Field Manager, Taos Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico, or via the Internet at: [www.blm.gov/nm/taos](http://www.blm.gov/nm/taos). Copies of the ROD/Approved RMP are available for public inspection at the BLM New Mexico State Office at 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brad Higdon, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Taos Field Office, telephone 575–751–4725; address 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571; email [bhigdon@blm.gov](mailto:bhigdon@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Approved RMP provides broad-scale direction for the management of about 595,100 acres of BLM surface estate and 1.5 million acres of mineral estate administered by the BLM Taos Field Office within Colfax, Harding, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Taos, and Union counties and is prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended. The Approved RMP, which replaces a land use plan completed in 1988, provides updated management decisions regarding land tenure adjustments, land use authorizations, mineral resources, recreation, renewable energy, special designations, transportation and access, wilderness characteristics, visual resources, and other resources and uses.

The Approved RMP was prepared in partnership with cooperating agencies, Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and Santa Fe County, as well as in collaboration with multiple tribes, agencies, organizations, and other members of the public, largely through the public participation provided under NEPA. The Draft RMP/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released for a 90-day public review and comment period on June 10, 2010, and identified Alternative A as the BLM's preferred alternative. Based on input received from cooperating agencies and the public, the preferred alternative was modified where appropriate and then

presented as the Proposed RMP in the Final EIS, released December 2, 2011, for a public protest period and a Governor's consistency review period.

The BLM received 27 letters protesting decisions contained in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, including decisions regarding mining opportunities in the San Pedro Mountains and Ojo Caliente Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), management of the La Cienega ACEC, land tenure adjustment opportunities in El Palacio, travel management, and protective management of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. While the Governor's consistency review provided input from the Governor that the BLM considered in its decision making, the review did not identify any specific inconsistency with State plans, policies, or programs. As a result of protests received during the protest period, the BLM made one change to the Approved RMP by removing language which unnecessarily limited the designation of off-highway vehicle routes within the Santa Fe ACEC, described in detail in the ROD/Approved RMP. Editorial and formatting modifications were also made to the Approved RMP.

The ROD/Approved RMP does not contain implementation-level decisions that may be appealed under the provisions of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E. Rather, all decisions are considered planning-level decisions and were subject to protest under 43 CFR 1610.5-2 at the time the Proposed RMP/Final EIS was made available to the public.

**Jesse J. Juen,**  
State Director.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR 1610.2(g), 1610.5-1(b).  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Segregation of Public Lands for the Proposed Hyder Valley Solar Energy Project in Maricopa County, AZ

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations, the BLM is segregating approximately 3,399.76 acres of public lands located in the State of Arizona from all forms of

appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law of 1872, but not the mineral leasing or mineral materials sales laws, for a period of up to 2 years. This is for the purpose of processing one solar energy right-of-way (ROW) application submitted by Pacific Solar Investments, LLC, to construct and operate the Hyder Valley Solar Energy Project in Maricopa County, Arizona.

**DATES:** Effective Date: This segregation is effective on May 24, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eddie Arreola, Supervisory Project Manager; Telephone: 602-417-9505; Address: 1 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, or email: [earreola@blm.gov](mailto:earreola@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM is segregating the following described public lands located in the State of Arizona, subject to valid existing rights, from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law, but not the mineral leasing or the mineral materials sales laws.

### Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

- T. 4 S., R. 9 W.,  
Sec. 7;  
Sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 19, lots 2 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 20, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 30;  
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 3, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
T. 4 S., R. 10 W.,  
Sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate 3,399.76 acres, more or less, in Maricopa County. In order to process the ROW application filed on the above described lands, the BLM finds that it is necessary for the orderly administration of the public lands to segregate the lands included in the application under the authority contained in 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e) and 43 CFR 2804.25(e) for a period of up to 2 years, subject to valid existing rights. This 2-year segregation period commences on May 24, 2012. The public lands involved in this closure will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law,

but not the mineral leasing or material sales laws. The BLM has determined that this segregation is necessary for the orderly administration of the public lands.

The segregation period will terminate and the lands will automatically reopen to all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, when one of the following events occurs: (1) Upon the issuance of a decision by the BLM authorized officer granting, granting with modifications, or denying the application for a right-of-way; (2) Upon publication of a **Federal Register** notice of termination of the segregation; or (3) Without further administrative action at the end of the segregation provided for in this **Federal Register** notice initiating the segregation, whichever occurs first. The segregation is effective only for a period of up to 2 years, without the possibility of extension.

The lands to be segregated are identified in the legal description provided above.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e), 43 CFR 2804.25(e).

**Raymond Suazo,**  
State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

### Outer Continental Shelf, Central and Western Gulf of Mexico Planning Areas, Oil and Gas Lease Sales for Years 2012-2017 (Sales 229, 227, 233, 231, 238, 235, 246, 241, 248, and 247)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Call for Information and Nominations; Clarification.

**SUMMARY:** On March 15, 2011, BOEM (formerly the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement) published a notice in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 14040), entitled "Call for Information and Nominations" (the Call). Subsequently, on November 15, 2011, BOEM published a "Call for Information and Nominations: Correction" in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 70748) correcting the sale numbers that were identified in the Call. This document describes a revision to the description of the areas not available for leasing in the OCS. BOEM believes the previous descriptions of the areas excluded by the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-432 December 20, 2006) could be confusing.