DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
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Notice of Segregation of Public Lands in the State of Arizona for the Restoration Design Energy Project—Agua Caliente Solar Energy Zone in Yuma County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is segregating public lands located in the State of Arizona from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining law, but excluding the mineral leasing or materials sale laws, for a period of up to 2 years. This is for the purpose of protecting potential sites for future solar energy development while they are being analyzed in the Restoration Design Energy Project (RDEP). The public lands contained in this segregation total approximately 20,776 acres in Yuma County.

DATES: This segregation is effective on February 13, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lane Cowger, BLM Deputy Project Manager; telephone: 602–417–9612; address: One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004–4427; or email: az_arra_rdep@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This publication corresponds with the analysis of these same public lands as a proposed Solar Energy Zone (SEZ) in the RDEP. The analysis will establish whether some or all of these lands are suitable for utility-scale solar energy development. Decisions about the suitability of the lands as a SEZ will be included in the RDEP record of decision, which is scheduled to be completed in late 2012. More information on the RDEP is available on the project Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/az/st/energy/arra_solar.html.

The following described lands to be segregated are located in Yuma County, Arizona:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

Agua Caliente SEZ

T. 4 S., R. 11 W., Secs. 27, 28, and 29; Sec. 30, E1/2 and NE1/4SW1/4; Sec. 31, E1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4NE1/4, and E1/2NE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 32, 33, and 34; Sec. 35, lots 1, W1/2NW1/4 and NW1/4SW1/4; Sec. 36.

T. 5 S., R. 11 W., Sec. 5, lots 3 and 4, S1/2NW1/4, and SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and NE1/4SE1/4; Secs. 6 and 7; Sec. 18, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, NE1/4, and E1/2W1/2; Sec. 19, lot 1, and N1/2NE1/4NW1/4.

T. 5 S., R. 12 W., Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and NE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 3; Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4; Sec. 5, lot 4, NE1/4SW1/4, E1/2NE1/4SW1/4, and SE1/4; Sec. 8, E1/2NE1/4, E1/2NE1/4SW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, SW1/4SW1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SE1/4; Sec. 9, E1/2NE1/4 and NE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 10; Sec. 15, E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, NW1/4NW1/4; Sec. 17; Sec. 18, lot 4, E1/2E1/2, SW1/4NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and W1/2SE1/4; Sec. 19, lots 1 and 2, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 20; Sec. 22, E1/2E1/2; Sec. 23, W1/4; Sec. 26, N1/2NW1/4; Sec. 28, W1/2E1/2 and W1/2; Sec. 29; Sec. 33, NW1/4NW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4NW1/4, and NW1/4SW1/4NW1/4.

T. 5 S., R. 13 W., Sec. 24, lots 1 and 2, and E1/2SW1/4NE1/4. The areas described aggregate 20,776 acres, more or less, in Yuma County.

In order to protect potential sites for future solar energy development, the BLM is segregating the lands 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 segregation period will commence on February 13, 2012. The public lands involved in this notice will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land and mining laws, but not the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 or the Minerals Act of 1947. It has been determined that this segregation is necessary for the orderly administration of the public lands that have been identified by the BLM as having potential for solar energy generation.

The temporary segregation period will terminate and the lands will automatically reopen to all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, on February 13, 2014 unless, prior to the end of the 2-year period, the BLM publishes a Federal Register notice terminating the segregation.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Segregation of Public Lands for the Pattern Energy Group Ocotillo Express Wind Energy Project, Imperial County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is segregating public lands located in Imperial County, California, from appropriation under the public land laws including the Mining Law, but not the Mineral Leasing or Material Sales Acts, for a period of 2 years for the purpose of processing a wind energy right-of-way (ROW) application for the Ocotillo Express Wind Project. The public land contained in this segregation totals approximately 12,436 acres.

DATES: Effective Date: This segregation is effective on February 13, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cedric Perry, BLM Project Manager, telephone (951) 697–5388; address 22635 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553; email Cedric_Perry@ca.blm.gov. Please contact Cedric Perry if you would like to have your name added to our mailing list.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM is segregating the following described public lands, located in Imperial County, California, subject to valid existing rights, from appropriation under the public land laws and Mining Laws, but not the Mineral Leasing Laws or the Material Sale Law.

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 16 S., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 3 thru 10, inclusive; Sec. 17, lots 3 thru 10, inclusive; Sec. 18, lots 7 thru 14, inclusive, lots 17 thru 28, inclusive, and SE¼; Sec. 19, lots 5 thru 40, inclusive; Sec. 20;

Sec. 21, lots 1 thru 22, inclusive; Sec. 22, lots 1 thru 12, inclusive, lots 15 thru 18, inclusive, and lots 20 thru 22, inclusive; Sec. 23, lots 1 thru 9, inclusive, lot 16, E½NE¼, and E½SE¼;

Sec. 24;

Sec. 27, lots 20 thru 22, inclusive;

Sec. 28, lots 3 thru 10, inclusive, and lots 13 thru 26, inclusive;

Sec. 29;

Sec. 30;

Sec. 31;

Sec. 32;

Sec. 33, lots 1 thru 20, inclusive, and SW¼SW¼;

Sec. 34, lots 1 thru 11, inclusive;

Sec. 35, lots 4 and 5;

Tract 52, tracts A, C, D, E, F, and H.

T. 17 S., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 1, excluding Jacumba Wilderness Area CACA 35087;

Sec. 2, lot 8;

Sec. 3, lot 5;

Sec. 4, lots 6 and 7;

T. 16½ S., R. 9½ E.,

Sec. 1, lots 5 thru 8, inclusive, S½NE¼, S½NW¼, and S½;

Sec. 2, excluding Jacumba Wilderness Area CACA 35087.

T. 16 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 19.

T. 17 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 5, lot 4, excluding Jacumba Wilderness Area CACA 35087;

Sec. 6, lots 1 thru 3, inclusive, excluding Jacumba Wilderness Area CACA 35087.

Containing 12,436 acres.

This segregation is necessary to process the ROW application filed by Pattern Energy Group for the Ocotillo Express Wind Project on the above described lands while maintaining the status quo. The BLM is segregating the lands under the authority contained in 43 CFR 2091.3–1(e) and 2804.25(e) for a period of 2 years, subject to valid existing rights. This 2-year segregation period will commence on February 13, 2012. The public lands involved in this closure will be segregated from appropriation under the public land and mining laws, but not the mineral leasing or material sale laws. It has been 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 appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, if one of the following events occurs: (1) Upon the BLM’s issuance of a decision regarding whether to issue a ROW authorization for the Ocotillo Express Project; (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 period provided for in the Federal Register notice initiating the segregation, whichever occurs first. Any segregation made under this authority would be effective only for a period of up to 2 years. The lands to be segregated are identified in the legal description above.

Thomas Pogacnik, Deputy State Director, California.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notification of Minor Boundary Revision at Fort Laramie National Historic Site

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notification of Park Boundary Revision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Park Service, Glenna F. Vigil, Chief, Land Resources Program Center, Intermountain Region, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225–0287, (303) 969–2610.

DATES: The effective date of this boundary revision is February 13, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, under 16 U.S.C. 460l–9(c)(1), the boundary of Fort Laramie National Historic Site is modified to include an additional 33.75 acres of land consisting of two tracts. Tract 01–121 (12.51 acres) was acquired as an uneconomic remnant during the purchase of larger tracts within the Ft. Laramie National Historic Site boundary, and Tract 01–136 (21.24 acres) was acquired by donation from the Corn Creek Irrigation District. Both tracts are located in Goshen County, Wyoming. Tract 01–121 is immediately adjacent to the current southern boundary of the Site; and, Tract 01–136 is located immediately adjacent to the current southeastern boundary of the Site. The boundary revision is depicted on National Park Service, Intermountain Region, Fort Laramie National Historic Site Proposed Boundary Revision Map; Map Number 375/106.732A dated April 2011. The map is available for inspection at the following locations: National Park Service, Intermountain Region Land Resources Program Center, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO 80225–0287; and, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. 16 U.S.C. 460l–9(c)(1) provides that after notifying the House Committee on Natural Resources and the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make this boundary revision upon publication of notice in the Federal Register. The Committees