

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 receive 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.