

Environmental Assessment; an opportunity for Subcommittee members to share information from their constituents and present research members have done between meetings; and, an update from the SMAC's Designated Federal Official. Any other matters that may reasonably come before the Subcommittee may also be included. For the field tour, travel will occur on a variety of road surfaces. High-clearance vehicles with quality tires are recommended. There may be some light hiking. The public must provide personal amenities and transportation, though car-pooling is encouraged.

A public comment period is available on Tuesday, July 9, at 12 p.m. Unless otherwise approved by the Subcommittee Chair, the public comment period will last no longer than 30 minutes, and each speaker may address the Subcommittee for a maximum of 5 minutes. Sessions may end early if all business items are accomplished ahead of schedule, or may be extended if discussions warrant more time.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of advisory board meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wild Horse

and Burro Advisory Board (Advisory Board) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Advisory Board will hold a summer public meeting on July 9–11, 2019, in Boise, Idaho. The Advisory Board will also hold a fall public meeting October 29–31, 2019, in Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: The July meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Boise, 348 S 13th Street, Boise, ID 83702; telephone: (208) 342-7000. Further hotel information is available at <https://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/idaho/hilton-garden-inn-boise-downtown-BOIDOGI/index.html>. The October meeting will be held at the Phoenix Park Hotel at 520 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, telephone (202) 638-6900; and at 20 F Street Conference Center at 20 F Street, Suite 1000, NW, Washington, DC 20001; telephone (202) 295-8100. Further information on the hotel and conference center is available at <https://www.phoenixparkhotel.com/> and <https://www.20fstreetcc.com/>.

Written comments pertaining to the meeting and written statements that will be presented to the Advisory Board may be filed in advance of the meeting and sent to the U.S. Department of the Interior, BLM, Attention: Advisory Board (WO-260), 20 M Street SE (Room 2134 LM), Washington, DC 20003 or emailed to: whbadvisoryboard@blm.gov. Please include "Advisory Board Comment" in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dorothea Boothe, Acting Wild Horse and Burro Program Coordinator, at (202) 912-7654 or by email at dboothe@blm.gov. Individuals that use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at (800) 877-8339 to contact Ms. Boothe during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. All responses will be during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board advises the Secretary of the Interior, the BLM Director, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service on matters pertaining to the management and protection of wild, free-roaming horses and burros on the Nation's public lands. The Advisory Board operates under the authority of 43 CFR 1784.

I. Advisory Board July Public Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 9 (7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. MT)

Field Trip to Sands Basin Herd Management Area—7:30 a.m.–Noon (Public attendance is limited and on a first-come, first-served advance sign up.) Attendees must provide their own transportation (high-clearance vehicle recommended) and personal needs. To sign up, email Ms. Boothe at dboothe@blm.gov by June 25.

Advisory Board Working Group Meetings—1:15 to 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 10 (8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. MT)

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review
Advisory Board General Business
Off-Range Program Presentations

Thursday, July 11 (8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. MT)

Welcome, Introductions, and Agenda Review
Advisory Board General Business
Public Comment Period (1:15–3:30 p.m.)
Advisory Board Discussion and Recommendations
Other Topics of Interest to the Advisory Board

Advisory Board meetings are open to the public in their entirety, and will be live-streamed at www.blm.gov/live. The BLM will post the final agenda 2 weeks prior to the meeting online at www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/get-involved/advisory-board. The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any person(s) with special needs, such as an auxiliary aid; interpreting service; assistive listening device; or materials in an alternate format, must notify Ms. Boothe 2 weeks before the scheduled meeting date. It is important to adhere to the 2-week notice to allow sufficient time to arrange for the auxiliary aid or special service.

The final October public meeting agenda will be posted 2 weeks prior to the meeting on the BLM web page at: www.blm.gov/programs/wild-horse-and-burro/get-involved/advisory-board. A public comment period is tentatively scheduled for October 31.

II. Public Comment Procedures

Members of the public will have an opportunity to make statements at the summer and fall meetings regarding the Wild Horse and Burro Program on Thursday afternoon. Individuals interested in making comments during the open comment period should

register in person with the BLM 2 hours prior to the comment period at the meeting location. The Advisory Board may limit the length of comments, depending on the number of participants. All individuals interested in commenting may submit comments. Please see the **ADDRESSES** section earlier for the BLM physical and email addresses, or bring a written copy of your statement to the meeting if you plan to attend. If emailing, please include "Advisory Board Comment" in the subject line. The BLM will record the entire meeting, including the allotted comment time. The BLM welcomes comments from all interested parties, not just the individuals who will attend and comment at the Advisory Board meeting. Comments should be specific and explain the reason for the recommendation(s). Comments supported by quantitative information, studies, or those that include citations and analysis of applicable laws and regulations are most beneficial and more useful and likely to assist the decision-making process for the management and protection of wild horses and burros.

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, the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Gemini Solar Project in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Gemini Solar Project and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: This notice initiates the public comment period for the Draft EIS. Comments may be submitted in writing until September 5, 2019. The date(s) and location(s) of any public meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers and the BLM website at: <https://go.usa.gov/xntTQ>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 90-day public comment period. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Final EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Gemini Solar Project Draft RMP Amendment and Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://go.usa.gov/xntTQ>.
- **Email:** blm_nv_sndo_geminisolar@blm.gov.
- **Fax:** 702–515–5023
- **Mail:** Gemini Solar Project, Attn: Herman Pinales, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herman Pinales, Energy & Infrastructure Project Manager, telephone 702–515–5284; address 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130–2301; email blm_nv_sndo_geminisolar@blm.gov.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact Mr. Pinales. 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 applicant, Solar Partners XI, LLC (Arevia) has proposed to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 690 megawatt photovoltaic solar electric generating facility and associated generation tie-line and access road facilities on approximately 7,100 acres of Federal lands administered by the BLM. The proposed solar facility would be located approximately 33 miles northeast of Las Vegas and directly south of the Moapa River Indian Reservation in Clark County, Nevada. The expected life of the project is 30 years.

The Visual Resource Management class in the application area is III due to its close proximity to the Old Spanish National Historic Trail, Muddy Mountain Wilderness Area, and Bitter Springs Back Country Byway. The class III management objective is to partially retain the existing character of the landscape. Permitting the project would require a land use plan amendment to a class IV to provide for management activities that require major modifications of the existing character of the landscape.

The Draft EIS addresses the direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives. The Draft EIS evaluates the Proposed Action, the Hybrid (BLM Preferred), All Mowing and the No Action Alternatives. All of the alternatives involve development on approximately 7,100 acres of land; however, each action/alternative differs in how the facility is constructed. The Proposed Action would involve solar development utilizing traditional development methods, which include disk and roll that removes all vegetation in the solar array areas. The Hybrid (BLM Preferred) Alternative would involve solar development utilizing a combination of traditional development methods in solar array areas (on approximately 2,500 acres) and mowing that leaves vegetation and natural land contours in place on the remaining solar array areas (on approximately 4,600 acres). The All Mowing Alternative would involve development of the facility utilizing only mowing in solar array areas. Where mowing is utilized in each alternative, desert tortoise would be reintroduced into the solar array areas after completion of construction, since habitat would remain. The No Action Alternative would be a continuation of existing conditions.

A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS for the proposed Gemini Solar Project was published in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 2018 (83 FR 32681). The public scoping period closed on August 27, 2018. The BLM held two public scoping meetings. The BLM received 34 public scoping comment letters during the 45-day scoping period. The scoping comments focused on biological resources (desert tortoise and threecorner milkvetch); visual resources; recreation and public access; and impacts to the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.

The BLM analyzed a combination of proposed environmental measures and possible mitigation to eliminate or minimize impacts associated with the proposed action. These included the potential for identifying opportunities to