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- Escalante Interagency Visitor Center, 755 West Main, Escalante, Utah.
- Kanab Field Office, 669 South Highway 89A, Kanab, Utah.

The modified Draft RMPs and EIS and accompanying errata sheet are available on the ePlanning website at: <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matt Betenson, Associate Monument Manager, telephone (435) 644-1200; address 669 S Hwy. 89A, Kanab, UT 84741; email [BLM\\_UT\\_CCD\\_monuments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_UT_CCD_monuments@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 the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 4, 2017, President Trump signed Presidential Proclamation 9682 modifying the boundaries of the GSENM as established by Proclamation 6920 to exclude from designation and reservation approximately 861,974 acres of land. Lands that are excluded from the Monument boundaries are now referred to as the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area and are managed in accordance with the BLM's multiple-use mandate.

The Draft EIS noticed in the **Federal Register** on August 17, 2018 (83 FR 41108), includes three alternatives that identify Federal lands as available for potential disposal under FLPMA. In accordance with direction issued by the Deputy Secretary of the Interior in an August 17, 2018, Memorandum, the BLM is modifying the Draft RMPs and EIS so that the range of alternatives does not identify any lands as available for potential disposal under FLPMA. The BLM has made a limited number of corresponding changes to sections included in the Draft RMPs and EIS, including the Executive Summary, Chapter 2 (Alternatives), Chapter 3 (Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences), Appendix A (Map 35), Appendix G (Best Management Practices), Appendix H (Stipulations and Exceptions, Modifications and Waivers), and Appendix K (Lands Identified for Disposal). These modifications do not substantially change the alternatives in the Draft RMPs and EIS or the analysis of effects on the human environment, but they do remove the identification of

Federal lands as available for potential disposal under FLPMA.

The modified Draft RMPs and EIS and an accompanying errata sheet that includes a summary of all of the changes made will be distributed to stakeholders and is available on the BLM's ePlanning website at: <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>.

The BLM is soliciting comments on the entire modified Draft RMPs and EIS. All comments received by the BLM subsequent to the notice of availability for the Draft RMPs and EIS on August 17, 2018, but prior to publication of this notice, will be included in the project record and considered by the agency in preparation of the Final RMPs and EIS. Please note that public comments and information submitted, including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments, will be available for public review and disclosure at the addresses provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, and 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Edwin L. Roberson,**  
State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Ten West Link 500-Kilovolt Transmission Line Project and Draft Amendments to the Yuma Field Office Resource Management Plan and the California Desert Conservation Area Plan; Maricopa and La Paz Counties, Arizona, and Riverside County, California**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona State Office, Phoenix, Arizona, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Ten West Link 500-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project) and Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendments to the Yuma Field Office RMP and the California Desert Conservation Area Plan. By this notice, the BLM is announcing the opening of the public comment period on the Draft EIS/Draft RMP Amendments.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS and Draft RMP Amendments within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The date(s) and location(s) of public meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media, newspapers, and the BLM website at: <http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Project by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html>.

- **Email:** [TenWestLink@blm.gov](mailto:TenWestLink@blm.gov).

- **Fax:** 602-417-9452.

- **Mail:** BLM, Arizona State Office, Attention: Lane Cowger/Ten West Link Project, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004.

Copies of the Draft EIS/Draft RMP Amendments are available at the BLM's ePlanning website: <https://go.usa.gov/xU6Be>. Hardcopies of the documents can be reviewed at the BLM Arizona State Office, at the address above, and at the locations listed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lane Cowger, Project Manager, telephone: 602-417-9612; address: BLM, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004; email: [lcowger@blm.gov](mailto:lcowger@blm.gov). Contact Lane Cowger to add your name to our mailing list. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800-877-8339 during normal business hours to contact the BLM Project Manager listed above. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DCR Transmission, LLC, has filed a right-of-way (ROW) application with the BLM pursuant to Title V of FLPMA, proposing to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a single-circuit alternating current 500-kV overhead transmission line. The Project would provide a connection between the existing Delaney Substation in Tonopah, Arizona, and the existing Colorado River Substation in Blythe, California. The project purpose is to strengthen the electrical grid and improve reliability.

DCR Transmission has filed an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to site the transmission infrastructure in California. The CPUC approval or denial of the CPCN application is a discretionary decision. Under California law, the CPUC would be required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) before issuing the CPCN. The CPUC is currently a cooperating agency in the BLM's NEPA analysis. Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations Title 14 Section 15121, the CPUC will rely upon this EIS to comply with CEQA.

An interdisciplinary approach was used to develop the Draft EIS. The issues addressed in the Draft EIS that shaped the Project's scope and alternatives include, but are not limited to: Air and climate, biological resources, cultural resources, CEQA, health and safety, noise, land use (including farmlands and military operations), recreation, socioeconomics and environmental justice, special designations, wilderness and wilderness characteristics, trails, visual resources, and transportation.

Based on feedback from cooperating agencies, stakeholders, and public scoping, the BLM developed and analyzed a suite of alternatives, which are detailed in the Draft EIS. The BLM has identified Alternative 2: BLM Utility Corridor Route, with minor route modifications near the Town of Quartzsite, Arizona, as the Agency-Preferred Alternative route for the proposed transmission line. This route is 124.9 miles long and primarily located within existing BLM utility corridors or parallel to existing infrastructure. This route is responsive to stakeholder input, by minimizing impacts to the Yuma Proving Ground, avoiding the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge, Johnson Canyon, the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation, the Long Term Visitor Area (recreation area), and the Ehrenberg Sandbowl area;

avoiding residential and other development south of the City of Blythe and minimize use of private land in California; avoiding an area of dense cultural resources south of the City of Blythe; and crossing a majority of Visual Resource Management (VRM) Class III land. This route also provides interconnections for potential future energy development opportunities in Arizona.

The Agency-Preferred Alternative would require an amendment to the Yuma RMP to: (1) Designate approximately 13.5 miles of 200-foot wide ROW on public lands managed by the BLM outside of designated utility corridors; and (2) Change the existing VRM Class designations from Class III to Class IV within 0.3-mile either side of centerline of 18.4 miles, for a total of 6,803.2 acres. The Agency-Preferred Alternative would also require an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan to authorize construction within 0.25-mile of occurrences of Harwood's eriastrum, a BLM special status plant species.

Hardcopies of the documents can be reviewed at the Arizona State Office (see **ADDRESSES**) and at the following locations:

**BLM, Palm Springs South Coast Field Office**

1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262

**BLM, Yuma Field Office**

7341 East 30th Street, Yuma, AZ 85365

**Parker Public Library**

1001 South Navajo Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344

**Palm Springs Public Library**

300 South Sunrise Way, Palm Springs, CA 92262

**Palo Verde Valley District Library**

125 West Chanslor Way, Blythe, CA 92225

**Quartzsite Public Library**

465 North Plymouth, Quartzsite, AZ 85346

**Buckeye Public Library—Downtown**

310 North 6th Street, Buckeye, AZ 85326

The BLM will use the NEPA public participation requirements to assist the agency in satisfying the public-involvement requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (54 U.S.C. 306108) pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3).

The information about historic and cultural resources within the area

potentially affected by the Project will assist the BLM in identifying and evaluating impacts to such resources in the context of both the NEPA and Section 106 of the NHPA.

The BLM will continue consultation with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis in accordance with Executive Order 13175 and other policies. Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets and potential impacts to cultural resources, will be given due consideration.

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**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6(b) and 43 CFR 1610.2.

**Raymond Suazo,**

*Arizona State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service is soliciting comments on the significance of properties nominated before August 18, 2018, for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places. **DATES:** Comments should be submitted by September 17, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be sent via U.S. Postal Service and all other carriers to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, MS 7228, Washington, DC 20240.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The properties listed in this notice are being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register of Historic Places. Nominations for their consideration were received by the National Park Service before August 18, 2018. Pursuant to Section 60.13 of 36 CFR part 60, written comments are being accepted concerning the