

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 1,100.

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Estimated Completion Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 275.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.
Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Total Estimated Annual Non-Hour Burden Cost: There are no "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this ICR.

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The authorities for this action are the PRA, the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act of 1980 (30 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*), the National Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 21(a)), and the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI) Competitive Cooperative Agreement Program With State Geological Surveys

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Office of the Secretary will seek Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of an extension of a previously approved information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 26, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed clearance of a new information collection should be sent to Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW,

Washington, DC 20240; or by email to DOI-PRA@ios.doi.gov. Please reference OMB Control Number "1028-0133 EarthMRI" in the subject line of your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this Information Collection Request (ICR), contact James Mosley by telephone at (703) 648-6312, or by email at jmosley@usgs.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval. We may not conduct or sponsor, nor are you required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

- (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- (2) The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (4) How the agency might minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of

public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Public Law 117-58, Section 40201, "Earth Mapping Resources Initiative" contained in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act [otherwise known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)] authorizes and accelerates the mapping efforts of the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI).

Earth MRI is a component of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Mineral Resources Program and is a national effort to carry out the fundamental resources- and mapping mission of the USGS. The goal of Earth MRI is to modernize the surface- and subsurface geologic mapping of the United States, with a focus on identifying areas that may have the potential to contain mineral resources.

The BIL directed the USGS to accelerate efforts to carry out fundamental integrated topographic, geologic, geochemical, and geophysical mapping and provide interpretation of subsurface and above-ground (mine waste) critical-mineral resources data at a funding level of \$320,000,000 annually for five years (FY2022–FY2026). The USGS developed a new competitive cooperative agreement program with the State geological surveys to support mine-waste activities authorized and funded by the BIL. State geological surveys apply for funds through an annual competitive agreement process. Individual State projects last for up to two years.

BIL Section 40201 stipulates that the USGS may enter into cooperative agreements with State geological surveys to accelerate the efforts of Earth MRI. The BIL requires the USGS to collect information necessary to ensure that cooperative-agreement funds authorized by this legislation are used in accordance with the BIL and Federal assistance requirements under 2 CFR 200. Information collected by Earth MRI as part of the consolidated workplan is described below. The USGS seeks Office of Management and Budget approval to continue to collect this information to manage and monitor cooperative agreement awards to comply with the BIL.

Title of Collection: Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (Earth MRI) Competitive Cooperative Agreement Program with State Geological Surveys.

OMB Control Number: 1028–0133.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of an approved information collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: 25.

Responses: 73 (25 applications, 32 total six-month progress reports, and 16 final technical reports.)

Total Burden Hours: 2,076 hours.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

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The authority for this action is the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Amend the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Golden Currant Solar Project in Clark County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Director intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan amendment (RMPA) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Golden Currant Solar Project and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping period to solicit public comments and identify issues, and is providing the planning criteria for public review.

DATES: The BLM requests the public submit comments concerning the scope of the analysis, potential alternatives, and identification of relevant

information, and studies by June 9, 2023. To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider issues raised by commenters in the RMPA/EIS, please ensure your comments are received prior to the close of the 45-day scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

The BLM will conduct two public scoping meetings (virtually):

- May 10, 2023, 6–8 p.m. Pacific Time, Virtual via Zoom. Registration is required. To register in advance for this webinar, visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TTSUwNMLRvqulS0d5kV2rA.

- May 11, 2023, 6–8 p.m. Pacific Time, Virtual via Zoom. Registration is required. To register in advance for this webinar, visit: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1aKVxTCHShWKugCNOSQCvw.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Golden Currant Solar Project by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/admin/project/2021533/510>.

- **Email:** BLM_NV_SND_EnergyProjects@blm.gov.

- **Mail:** BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, Attn: Golden Currant Solar Project, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130–2301.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at the project ePlanning page: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2019523/510> and at the Southern Nevada District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Headen, Project Manager, telephone (702) 515–5206; address 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130–2301; email BLM_NV_SND_EnergyProjects@blm.gov. Contact Ms. Headen to have your name added to our mailing list. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Headen. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Nevada State Director intends to prepare an RMPA with an associated EIS for the Golden Currant Solar Project, announces the beginning of the scoping process, and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The RMPA is being considered to allow the BLM to

evaluate the Golden Currant Solar Project, which would require amending the existing 1998 Las Vegas Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The proposed project and planning area is in Clark County, southeast of the Town of Pahrump and approximately 40 miles west of Las Vegas. The proposed project encompasses approximately 4,456 acres of public lands.

In August 2021, Noble Solar LLC submitted an updated right-of-way application to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office for the Golden Currant Solar Project (Project) requesting authorization to construct, operate, maintain, and eventually decommission a 400-megawatt photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, battery storage facilities, associated generation tie-line, and access road facilities. The electricity generated would be conveyed to the Trout Canyon Substation located north of the project site via a generation (gen-tie) transmission line. Construction for the facilities is estimated to take approximately 12 months. The lands within the proposed project area were segregated, subject to valid existing rights, for a term of two years beginning July 5, 2022, with publication of the Notice of Segregation in the **Federal Register**.

The scope of this land use planning process does not include addressing the evaluation or designation of areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs), and the BLM is not soliciting ACEC nominations as part of this process.

Purpose and Need

The BLM's purpose and need for this Federal action is to respond to right-of-way applications submitted by Noble Solar LLC under title V of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1761) to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a solar generation power plant and ancillary facilities on approximately 4,456 acres of BLM land in Clark County, Nevada, in compliance with FLPMA, BLM right-of-way regulations, the BLM NEPA Handbook (BLM 2008), U.S. Department of the Interior NEPA regulations, and other applicable Federal and State laws and policies. In accordance with FLPMA, public lands are to be managed for multiple uses that takes into account the long-term needs of future generations for renewable and non-renewable resources. The BLM is authorized to grant rights-of-way on public lands for systems of generation, transmission, and distribution of electrical energy (FLPMA section 501(a)(4)). The preliminary purpose and need also includes an amendment to the 1998 Las Vegas RMP to realign designated utility corridors that