

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive (Direct) Land Sale in Eddy County, New Mexico**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carlsbad Field Office is proposing a non-competitive direct sale of 199.89 acres of public land in Eddy County, New Mexico, to the county. The purpose of the sale is for the county to build a light industrial, commercial, and retail activity area. The sale would be subject to the applicable provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, and BLM land sale regulations. The sale would be for no less than the appraised fair market value of \$1.3 million.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments until January 13, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the BLM Field Manager, Carlsbad Field Office, 620 East Greene Street, Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220, or submit them online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/admin/project/2026187/510>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM Realty Specialist Tessa Telles at telephone: (575) 234-5980, email: ttelles@blm.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 for contacting Ms. Telles. 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: The parcel is east of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and is legally described as:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico

T. 22 S., R. 27 E.,
sec. 3, lot 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 199.89 acres, according to the official plat of the survey of the said land on file with the BLM.

Facilities proposed for the sale parcel include a light industrial, commercial,

and retail activity area, possibly a fire station, and related appurtenances. The area will support through traffic and enable expansion of businesses along the relief route. This planned development has the potential to create hundreds of service jobs in the area.

The proposed sale conforms and is consistent with the BLM Carlsbad Field Office Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in September 2008. The lands are identified as available for disposal and listed by the legal description in Appendix R-11 of the RMP. A parcel-specific environmental assessment (EA), document number DOI-BLM-NM-P020-2023-0918-EA, was prepared in connection with this realty action and may be viewed at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/admin/project/2026187/510>.

The EA, appraisal, maps, and environmental site assessment are in case file NMNM-144081, which is in the BLM Carlsbad Field Office at the above address. In addition to publication in the **Federal Register**, the BLM will also publish this notice in the Carlsbad Current Argus newspaper once a week for 3 consecutive weeks.

The land is suitable for direct sale under FLPMA, without competition, consistent with 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a)(2), as direct sales may be used when, in the opinion of the authorized officer, a competitive sale is not appropriate and the public interest would best be served by a direct sale, including when "a tract identified for sale that is an integral part of a project or public importance and speculative bidding would jeopardize a timely completion and economic viability of the project."

Pursuant to the requirements of 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d), publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** segregates the land from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of FLPMA. Until completion of the sale, the BLM will no longer accept land use applications affecting this public land. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication in the **Federal Register** of termination of the segregation, or on November 30, 2026, unless extended by the BLM New Mexico State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d) prior to the termination date.

The land is not required for any Federal purpose. The conveyance of the public land shall be subject to valid existing rights. Subject to limitations prescribed by law and regulations, prior to patent issuance, a holder of any right-of-way within the conveyance area may be given the opportunity to amend the

right-of-way for conversion to a new term, including perpetuity, if applicable. The conveyance, if issued, will be subject to provisions of the non-competitive direct land sale and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following terms, conditions, and reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945);

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe;

3. All valid existing rights;

4. Oil and gas leases NMNM 0473303A and NMNM 04540182 Simultaneous Public Domain Lease;

5. Telephone line rights-of-way NMNM 0050127 and NMNM 040745 issued to Windstream Communications Inc., its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181);

6. Water plant rights-of-way NMNM 097956 and NMNM 053860 issued to the City of Carlsbad, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181);

7. Water facility right-of-way NMNM 034163 issued to Broom Transportation, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181);

8. Gas pipeline right-of-way NMNM 018923 issued to Enterprise Field Services, LLC, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181);

9. Telephone line right-of-way NMNM 040746 issued to Valor Telecommunications of Texas LP, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181);

10. Gas pipeline rights-of-way NMNM 108380, NMNM 110691, and NMNM 111334 issued to DCP Operating Company, LP, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181); and

11. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee's use, occupancy, or occupations on the patented lands. It will also contain any other terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate by the Authorized Officer.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM New Mexico State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence

of any adverse comments, the decision will become effective on January 28, 2025. 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, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Only written comments submitted to the BLM Carlsbad Field Manager will be considered properly filed.

(Authority: 43 CFR part 2710)

Melanie G. Barnes,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Segregation of Public Land for the Star Range Solar Project, Beaver County, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: Through this notice the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is segregating public lands included in the right-of-way (ROW) application for the Star Range Solar Project from appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law, but not the Mineral Leasing Act or Material Sales Act, for a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice, subject to valid existing rights. This segregation is to allow for the orderly administration of the public lands to facilitate consideration of development of renewable energy resources. The public lands segregated by this notice total 5,158.56 acres.

DATES: This segregation for the lands identified in this notice is effective on November 29, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lennie McConnell, Renewable Energy Project Manager, telephone: (435) 865-3052; email: lmccconnell@blm.gov; address: Bureau of Land Management, Cedar City Field Office, 176 E DL Sargent Dr., Cedar City, UT 84721. 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 contracting Mr. McConnell. 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:

Regulations found at 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e) and 2804.25(f) allow the BLM to temporarily segregate public lands within a ROW application area for solar energy development from the operation of the public land laws, including the Mining Law, by publication of a **Federal Register** notice. The BLM uses this temporary segregation authority to preserve its ability to approve, approve with modifications, or deny the proposed ROW, and to facilitate the orderly administration of the public lands. This temporary segregation is subject to valid existing rights, including existing valid mining claims located before this segregation notice. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature that would not impact lands identified in this notice may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregation period. The lands segregated under this notice are legally described as follows:

Star Range Solar Project—UTUT106270777

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

- T. 29 S., R. 11 W.,
 Sec. 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 8;
 Sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$;
 secs. 17 and 18;
 Sec. 19, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 20, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 29, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 30, lots 1 thru 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 29 S., R. 12 W.,
 Sec. 13, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
 S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 24, E $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described contains 5,158.56 acres, according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands, on file with the BLM.

As provided in the regulations, the segregation of lands in this notice will not exceed 2 years from the date of publication unless extended for an additional 2 years through publication of a new notice in the **Federal Register**. The segregation period will terminate and the lands will automatically reopen to appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law, at the earliest of the following dates: upon issuance of a decision by the authorized

officer granting, granting with modifications, or denying the application for a ROW; without further administrative action at the end of the segregation period stated in the **Federal Register** notice initiating the segregation; or upon publication of a **Federal Register** notice terminating the segregation and opening the lands.

Upon termination of the segregation of these lands, all lands subject to this segregation would automatically reopen to appropriation under the public land laws, including the Mining Law.

Authority: 43 CFR 2091.3-1(e) and 43 CFR 2804.25(f).

Matthew Preston,

Acting State Director.

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Notice of Availability of the Louse Canyon Geographic Management Area Rangeland Health Management Actions Draft Environmental Impact Statement in the Vale District, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Louse Canyon Geographic Management Area Rangeland Health Management Actions.

DATES: To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Draft EIS, please ensure that the BLM receives your comments within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

ADDRESSES: The Draft EIS is available for review on the BLM project website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1501965/510>.

Written comments related to the Louse Canyon Geographic Management Area Rangeland Health Management Actions Draft EIS may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/1501965/510>.