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Deputy Secretary Connor to Announce Major Permitting Milestone for Utility-Scale Solar Projects within the Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone

Bureau of Land Management to Hold Public Open House on Development Proposals

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Monday, December 8, 2014, U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior Mike Connor along with Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Nevada State Director Amy Lueders and Robert Dally, Nevada Energy Program Manager, will announce a major permitting milestone for three utility-scale solar projects within Clark County's Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone, the first such projects to reach this stage of permitting.

Deputy Secretary Connor will be joined by representatives from Invenergy, NV Energy, and First Solar to highlight the collaborative partnership and advance planning that has allowed these projects to reach this stage in permitting faster than any utility-scale solar projects on public lands to date.

The BLM Las Vegas Field Office will host an open house on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 to answer questions from the public on these proposals.

The projects were submitted for approval by the three successful bidders to the [competitive auction held by the BLM on June 30, 2014](#) for solar leasing on parcels of public lands in the Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone. The auction held in June is part of a competitive leasing process required for new solar development applications in solar energy zones under the terms of the [Western Solar Plan](#) approved in October 2012, the result of a two-year planning effort between the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy to pave the way for utility-scale solar energy development on the public lands.

Members of the media unable to attend today's event can join via teleconference by calling 1-888-677-0863 and entering passcode: 9548066

WHO: Mike Connor, Deputy Secretary of the Interior
Robert Dally, Nevada Energy Program Manager
Amy Lueders, BLM Nevada State Director

WHAT: News media teleconference announce a major permitting milestone for three utility-scale solar projects within Clark County's (NV) Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone

WHEN: Monday, December 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time

WHERE: BLM Southern Nevada District Office
4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130

MEDIA: Interested media in attending please RSVP by COB, Friday, December 5 to Kirsten Cannon (702) 515-5057; k1cannon@blm.gov

CALL LINE: Credentialed members of the media can participate in the teleconference by calling 1-888-677-0863 and entering the passcode 9548066