Instructions for Mapping Products

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) provides maps associated with its annual project proposals to the Department of the Interior (DOI) for inclusion to the President's Budget Request, and as part of a briefing package for congressional staffers who recommend projects for funding to Congress. These maps are powerful tools to tell our story visually and the story is only as good as its map.

Attached are samples of maps which have been used in the past and demonstrate the standard that is used in producing these maps for the above uses. Please work with your GIS support staff to produce maps consistent with the following:

- The project title is centered at the top and is the same as the project title of your data sheet.
- The project boundary is in black (for Core projects) and is labeled by its special designation, i.e. Ironwood National Monument, Colorado Riverway Special Recreation Management Area, or Panoche-Coalinga Area of Critical Environmental Concern.
- BLM standard colors are used for each map, i.e. BLM yellow is used for public lands; blue for State lands; etc.
- All of the proposed fee acquisition parcels are in red; easement acquisitions are red with hatched black lines.
- The nearest urban area is identified.
- Other Federal or state units are identified, i.e. National Park, Forest, State Park, etc.
- Rivers and lakes are labeled
- Highways are depicted
- A location map is at the bottom left
- Legends are consistent i.e., the project boundary, purchase, and ownership layers/colors
- The BLM and DOI emblems are consistent
- All on 8 1/2 x 11
- Map 1 shows the entire project boundary
- Map 2 (more if needed) shows parcels in detail but are oriented such that the location is clear