

ATTACHMENT 3 – FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY FACTORS ANALYSIS REPORT

√	<p>The Applicant will address the following factors, as applicable, in the Renewable Energy Factors Analysis Report:</p>
	1. The availability of lands that could meet the applicant’s needs, including access to transmission.
	2. Conformance with decisions in current land use plan(s) as amended (e.g., visual resource management class designations and seasonal restrictions), including 2015 sage-grouse plan amendments or successor land use planning decisions.
	3. Coordination with other Federal agencies and state and local (county and/or municipal) governments, including consideration of consistency with officially adopted plans and policies (e.g., comprehensive land use plans, open space plans, and conservation plans) and permit requirements (e.g., special use permits).
	4. Financial and technical capability of the applicant, including, but not limited to, the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International or domestic experience with renewable energy projects; and • Sufficient capitalization to carry out development, monitoring, and decommissioning, including the preliminary study phase of the project and the environmental review and clearance process.
	5. Potential resource or user conflicts and proposed measures or design features to address adverse impacts, including, but not limited to:
	a. Tribal Treaty Rights and issues raised by Native American Tribes.
	b. Probable effects on the population area, including the social and economic aspects, rural lifestyles, and Environmental Justice communities.
	c. Likely environmental effects on: air quality; visual impact; surface and ground water quality and quantity; the control or structural change on any stream or other body of water; existing noise levels; the surface of land, including vegetation, soil and soil stability; historic or archaeological resources or properties; populations of fish, plant life, and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species; and important fish and wildlife habitats and migration/movement corridors.
	d. Public access and developed and dispersed recreational opportunities on public lands (including hunting, fishing, and other fish- and wildlife-related activities).
	e. Other authorized uses or valid existing rights in the project area (e.g., other permits, leases, ROWs, and associated infrastructure).
	f. Lands with wilderness characteristics and associated scenic, recreation, and wildlife habitat values.
	g. Iconic landscape features that are locally important but may not have specific protections.
	h. Lands donated or acquired for conservation purposes, or mitigation lands identified in previously approved projects.
	i. Resources or uses of neighboring lands with special designations managed by the BLM or other Federal, state or local agencies. Specifically, the applicant will consider if any of the following resources or designations are located on lands within or neighboring the project area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Historic Landmarks; • Sites listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; • National Landscape Conservation System units; and • Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
	j. Potential for increasing noxious weeds and invasive species.
	k. Other resources or uses identified during the preliminary application review meetings and determined by the Authorized Officer as necessary for the BLM’s evaluation described in 43 CFR 2804.25(e)(2)(iii).
	6. Capacity of existing and new transmission infrastructure and use of or need for existing and new transmission and transmission interconnection facilities.
	7. Access needed for construction, operations, maintenance, and termination, including use of existing roads.
	8. Efficient use of the land considering the solar or wind resource, the technology to be used, and the proposed project layout.
	9. Access to and availability of mineral materials needed for the project construction, operation, maintenance, and termination. Discussion should include any preliminary agreements or steps that have been taken to secure mineral materials.
	10. Access to and availability of water needed for project construction, operations, maintenance, and termination; potential impacts to surface and groundwater; and proposed measures to address such impacts. Discussion should include any preliminary agreements or steps that have been taken to secure water needed for the project.
	11. If applicable, special circumstances associated with an application such as an expansion or repowering of an existing project or unique interagency partnership.

	12. If applicable, opportunities to combine Federal and nonfederal lands for optimum siting (e.g., combining BLM-administered land with adjacent previously disturbed private lands).
	13. If applicable, location in relation to previously contaminated or disturbed lands such as brownfields; mechanically altered lands such as mine-scarred lands and fallowed agricultural lands; idle or underutilized industrial areas; lands adjacent to urbanized areas and/or load centers; or areas repeatedly burned and with limited probability of restoration.
	14. Potentially affected Department of Defense facilities and airspace, potential conflicts, and proposed measures to address such conflicts.
	15. Compliance with FAA requirements.