PROCESS – Revoking Public Water Reserves as Part of a Land Disposal or Exchange\*

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| Path A - Stand Alone Action | Path B - As Part of Exchange or Disposal |
| Purpose: Remove Public Water Reserves (PWR) for general management purposes.  1. Conduct field work to document justification for removing PWR  - no spring exists in withdrawn location  - spring doesn’t meet PWR criteria  - discuss why losing reserved water right does not harm BLM interests  2. Complete National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis on proposed action.  3. Send written request to State Office with justification and NEPA analysis.  4. State Office drafts Public Land Order, issue paper, transmittal memo, obtains surnames.  5. Public Land Order and justification reviewed by Solicitor’s Office.  6. State Office sends Public Land Order and justification to Washington Office.  7. Washington Office obtains necessary signatures and arranges for printing in Federal Register.  8. Public Land Order takes effects 30 days after publication in Federal Register. | Purpose: Remove PWR so that a specific lands action can be taken.  1. In exchange/disposal proposal and feasibility report, specifically include a request to the State Office that the PWR be removed as soon as possible.  2. The proposal must include justification for the PWR revocation, such as the land use plan identified the parcel for disposal, or the spring is no longer needed to meet BLM’s management objectives for the area.  3. Complete NEPA analysis on proposed action and send to State Office as soon as possible.  4. State Office drafts Public Land Order, issue paper, transmittal memo, obtains surnames.  5. Public Land Order and justification reviewed by Solicitor’s Office.  6. State Office sends Public Land Order and justification to Washington Office.  7. Washington Office obtains necessary signatures and arranges for printing in Federal Register.  8. Public Land order takes effect after publication in Federal Register.  9. Land exchange may be closed as soon as the Public Land Order takes effect. |

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