



RESTORATION DESIGN ENERGY PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Restoration Design Energy Project, funded under the Department of Interior's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, will support President Obama and Secretary Salazar's goals to build America's new energy future and to protect and restore treasured landscapes. Implementation of this initiative will result in the identification of disturbed or previously developed sites in Arizona that, after remediation or site preparation, can be made available for renewable energy development or generation. This will be accomplished through a public process including the completion of an environmental analysis that will evaluate alternative land use allocations and the suitability of sites for the development of renewable energy.

Criteria:

The criteria for submission of potential sites include; parcels of public or private lands that may require remediation or do not have higher resource values and may be suitable for renewable energy development. Following is a list of the types of sites that may be considered for analysis and as potential sites for renewable energy development. This is not intended to be an all inclusive list. There may be other type of sites which would be equally important to submit for consideration.

- Hazardous material sites or brownfields
- Abandoned Mine Lands sites
- Former land fill sites
- Inactive or exhausted mineral material sites or gravel pits
- Sites damaged or disturbed to the extent that restoration potential is limited
- Sites with very limited productivity due to a disruption of natural processes (i.e. isolation from hydrological processes).

Evaluation:

In addition to restoration potential, sites will also be evaluated on their technical suitability for alternative energy development (e.g. ability to connect to transmission, relationship to a source of demand, reliance on additional water allocation).

Submit a proposal:

To submit a site to be considered for inclusion in the environmental analysis, please send the attached form to az_arra_rdep@blm.gov or BLM Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004-4427, Attention: Restoration Design Energy Project.

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