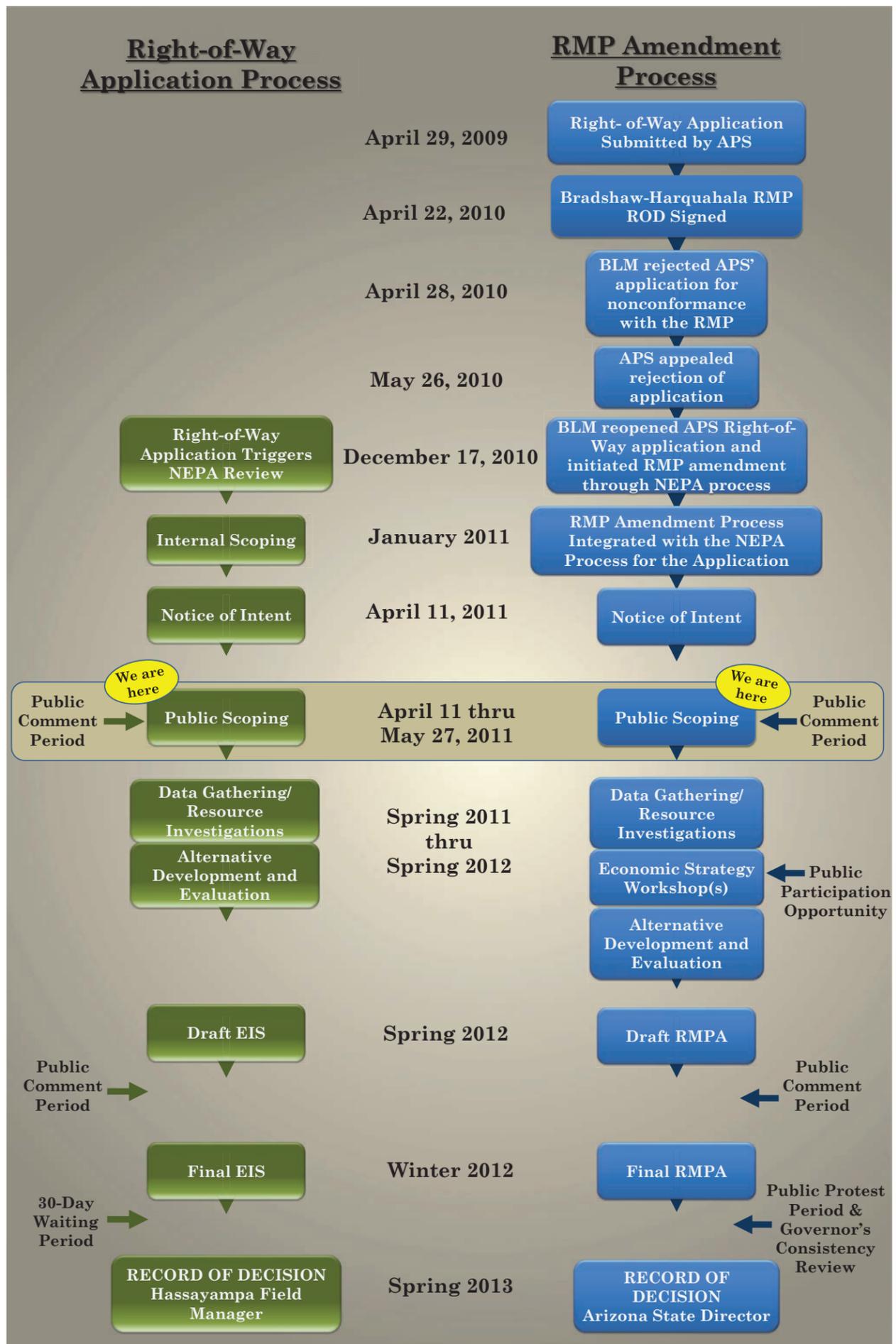


Proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project and Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment

The Arizona Public Service (APS) filed an application for a right-of-way grant on public lands north of Phoenix, Arizona, to construct an above-ground electric transmission system, consisting of a single series of tower structures holding two high-voltage circuits – a single-circuit 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and a single-circuit 230 kV line. The total Project spans 38 miles and seeks to connect APS' Sun Valley Substation near the Town of Buckeye with the Morgan Substation near the City of Peoria, crossing approximately 10.5 miles of federal public lands in two separate locations. Management decisions for these federal public lands are subject to a 2010 land use plan called the Bradshaw-Harquahala Resource Management Plan (RMP).

The APS proposal to use 7 miles of federal public lands near Peoria along State Route (SR) 74, where there is no utility corridor, is deemed to be inconsistent and not allowed under the recently completed RMP. Therefore, the BLM initiates a public process to make two separate decisions: (1) whether or not to amend its land use plan to create a utility corridor in the vicinity of SR 74; and, (2) whether or not to approve the APS application and any adjustments to the proposed transmission location or design. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), these decisions are analyzed with public input in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and must include the assessment of multiple route alternatives. Public participation and scoping is now underway.

The intent of the public scoping meetings is to inform the public about the proposed Project and to solicit feedback from the public to help the BLM identify issues, concerns, alternatives, and potential impacts that should be analyzed in an EIS.



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Land Ownership

LEGEND

-  Proposed Project Route
-  Study Area

Resource Features

Land Ownership

- | | |
|---|--|
|  Bureau of Land Management |  County Land |
|  Bureau of Reclamation |  State/Local Park |
|  Military |  Private |
|  State Trust | |

Reference Features

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Arterial Street |  Railroad |
|  Major Road |  River |
|  Under Construction (Loop 303) |  Wash/ Stream |
|  Township and Range |  Lake Boundary |
|  Jurisdictional Boundary |  Wilderness Area |
|  County Boundary |  Recreation Area |

Existing Transmission Features

- | | |
|---|--|
|  Transmission Line 69kV |  Substation 69kV |
|  Transmission Line 230kV |  Substation 230kV |
|  Transmission Line 345kV |  Substation 500kV |
|  Transmission Line 500kV | |
- Note: Transmission lines are offset for graphical purposes.



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