

Arizona Solar Regional Mitigation Strategy Takeaways and Next Steps

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Where are we going next?

- BLM and Argonne will incorporate stakeholder input and any new data to our initial assessment of unavoidable impacts
- Feedback and data from you
- Ensure our data used in this process is current

Scope of the Regional Mitigation Strategy

- Are we developing 1 strategy for all SEZs or 3 separate strategies?
 - 1 strategy may be appropriate for some resources and impacts but not others
- Consider including REDA lands in the development of regional mitigation strategy

Identifying appropriate mitigation

- Durability of mitigation
 - Also, life span of the strategy
- Measuring effectiveness (Monitoring)
- Adaptive management
- Should system dynamics modeling be implemented and when?
- Considering mitigation for “intangible” resources
- Creative solutions
 - State management of acquired conservation lands

Cost

- Different mitigation fees for individual SEZs or parts of SEZs?
- Different fees for different technologies?
- Adjustment of fee for inflation and timing
 - One-time or annual, monitoring

Stakeholders

- How to engage more and more diverse stakeholders?
 - Industry
 - Tribes
 - Other agencies with regulatory authority
 - Federal, State, Local
 - Users
 - Scientists with relevant expertise (academia, USGS, conservation groups)

Element 1 Collect Baseline Data for Assessing Unavoidable Impacts

Element 2 Assess Degree of Impacts and Identify Resources that May Warrant Regional Mitigation

Element 3 Identify Regional Mitigation Goals

Element 4 Evaluation of Appropriate Mitigation Locations, Objectives, and Actions

Element 5 Recommend Method for Calculating Mitigation Compensation for SEZs

Element 6 Recommend Solar Regional Mitigation Fee Structure

Element 7 Develop Mitigation Monitoring and Adaptive Management Plan

Future meetings

- Workshops
- Open house
- Webinar

- Webinar tentatively planned for August 2014 to consider Regional Mitigation Goals, Locations, and Actions
 - Elements 3 and 4