

BLM PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING PRESENTATION

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What is the Purpose of this Scoping Meeting?

- Describe the Right-of-Way application
- Describe the EIS process
- Explain the Sonoran Solar Energy Project.
- Get your input on issues and concerns that should be addressed.

Make sure you sign in.

Question cards can be used to provide questions to the project team.

Bilingual staff member is available.

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Tonight's Presenters

- Manager, Lower Sonoran Field Office – Emily Garber (5 minutes)
- National Project Manager- Joe Incardine (15 minutes)
- Project Proponent- NextEra (15 minutes)

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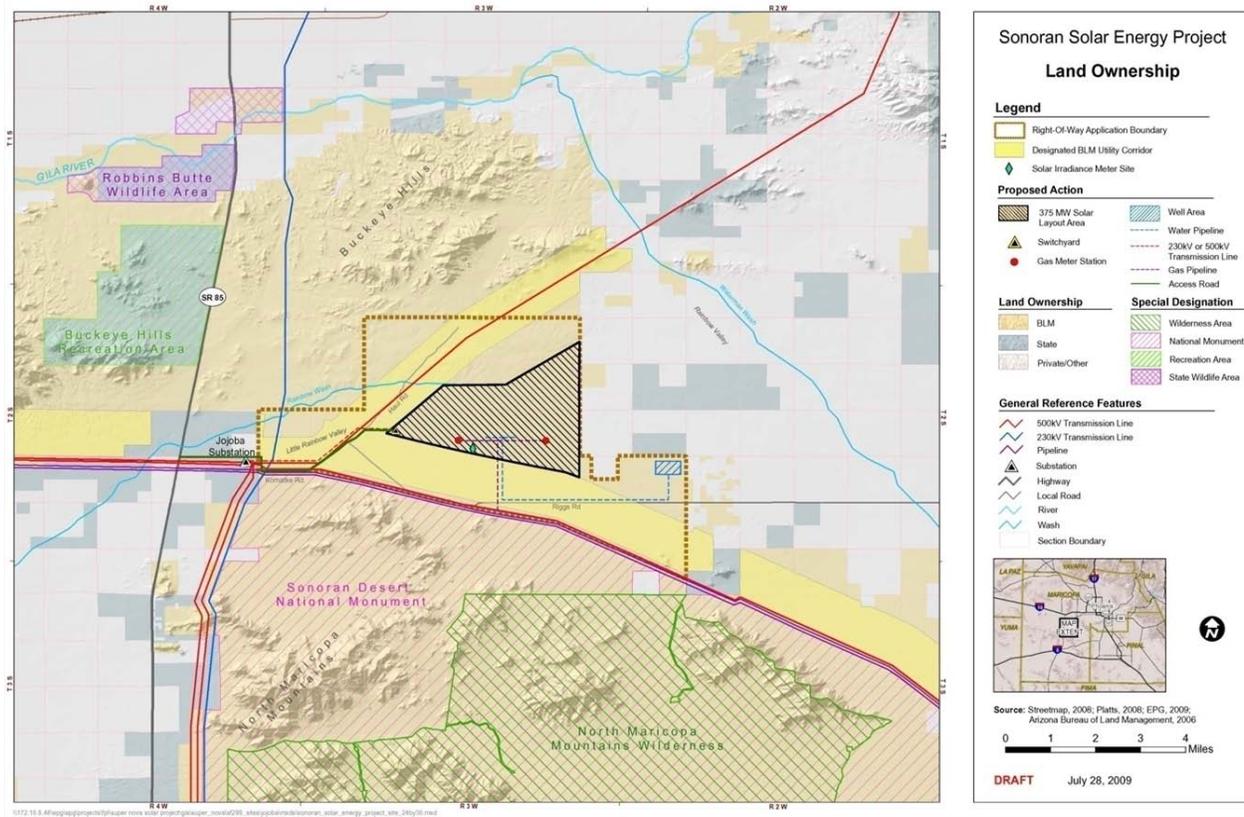
Sonoran Solar Energy Project Proposed Action

- Concentrated solar thermal power.
- Electrical generating facility
- Nominal capacity of 375 megawatts (MW).
 - 4 mile 500 or 230 kV transmission line.
 - JoJoba substation.
- 14,000 acre Application Area
- Approximately 4,000 acres for footprint.
 - water supply facilities (wells and pipeline)
 - 3 mile natural gas pipeline
 - access road

- 2,500 acre/feet per year of water.

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Local Area Land Ownership Map



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BLM Right-of-Way Grant

- Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA).
- Within Lower Gila South RMP
- ROW authorization
 - Facility, road, pipelines, transmission line.
- 30 year term- can be renewed.
- Mitigation and best management practices.

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National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- CEQ Regs (40 CFR 1500)
- EIS - Major Federal action.
- Lead Agency – BLM
- Cooperating Agencies
- Scoping Meetings
 - Phoenix, August 4, 2009
 - Buckeye, August 5, 2009
 - Gila Bend, August 6, 2009
- Issues – water, wildlife connectivity.
- Impacts – direct, indirect and cumulative.
- Potential Alternatives – dry cooling and PV.

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NEPA Project Schedule

Right of Way Application – Was Filed June 2007

Notice of Intent- Published in the Federal Register July 8, 2009

Public Scoping with public comment period- We are here. -July 8 to September 8, 2009

Data Gathering, Resource Investigations, and Alternative Development and Evaluation – July to December 2009

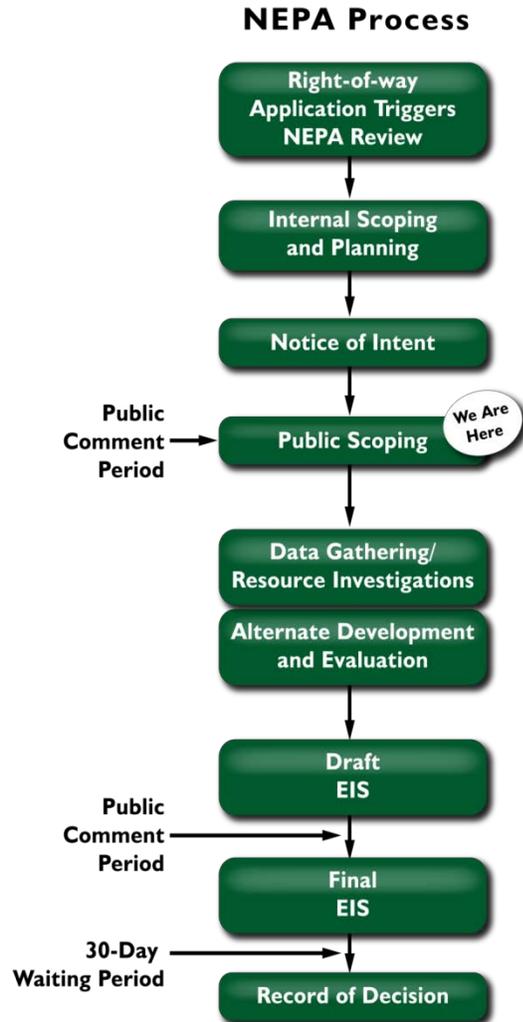
Draft EIS - March 2010

Public Comment Period

Final EIS - November 2010

30 Day Waiting Period

Record of Decision - Anticipated December 2010



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We Want Your Input!!

Provide your thoughts, substantive comments, and concerns on the Comment Sheet: Sept. 8th

- Submit comment
- Tonight- comment sheet
- Email
- U.S Mail
- Email: sonoransolar@blm.gov
- U.S. Mail:

Sonoran Solar Energy Project

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