AGENDA
Section 368 Energy Corridor Regional Reviews:
Region 1 Public Workshop

September 20, 2016

BLM National Training Center
9828 N. 31st Ave, Phoenix, AZ

http://corridoreis.anl.gov

8:30-9:00 Registration
9:00-9:45 Introductions and Purpose of Regional Reviews Workshop
9:45-10:45 General Overview of Mapping Tool, GIS Data Sources, and Corridor Abstracts
10:45-11:00 Break
11:00-12:00 Existing Corridor Review – Corridor Abstracts (Group Breakout Session*)
   Opportunities for suggesting corridor modifications or deletions
12:00-1:00 Lunch
1:00-1:30 Summary Presentations of Facilitated Group Discussions
1:30-2:30 Opportunities for recommending new corridor designations
2:30-3:00 Open Forum for Discussion
3:00-3:15 Next Steps and Adjourn

*Any suggestions provided by tribe members during discussions are not considered consultation with sovereign tribes. Government-to-Government consultation would occur as required during future National Environmental Policy Act-related actions to review potential changes in existing designated corridors.
Section 368 Energy Corridors - Periodic Regional Reviews

Presentation Outline
- Background: The Section 368 Energy Corridors
- Three Year Schedule to Conduct the Six Regional Reviews
- Overview of a Regional Review: The Two Public Input Phases
- Our End Product: Land Use Plan Recommendations
- Tools to Facilitate Stakeholder Understanding & Critical Input
- BLM & USFS Desire for Robust Stakeholder Engagement

Background: Section 368 Energy Corridors
Established under the 2005 Energy Policy Act:
- Energy Corridors in AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OH, UT, WA and WY
- For BLM: 5,000 Miles / 92 Land Use Plan Amendments
- For USFS: 990 Miles / 38 Land Use Plan Amendments

Region 1 Review Project - Stakeholder Outreach for Input on Corridors
Background: Section 368 Energy Corridors

Section 368 Energy Corridors – Public Lands

131 Designated Corridors

The Six Regional Reviews to be Conducted

Six Regional Reviews to be Conducted – Region 1 Corridors

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**Three+ Year Schedule: For Phased Reviews of Regions 1 - 6**

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**Overview of a Regional Review: The Two Public Input Phases**

1. Conduct in-depth review of existing Corridors and obtain stakeholder input on the Region's Corridors
2. Analyze stakeholder corridor input, develop and finalize corridor recommendations

**Our End Product: Land Use Plan Recommendations**

- Provide Recommendations to Add, Alter or Delete Corridors to be Carried out through Subsequent Land Use Planning Actions
- Reviews are not NEPA-based. NEPA occurs during LUP Action
- Stakeholder Input during Reviews will result in Recommendations for Potential Land Use Plan Amendments
- Recognize Corridor Influence from Ongoing LUP Action
  - For BLM Nevada, Ongoing Las Vegas RMP Corridor Work is a Good Example
  - For BLM California, the DRECP Did Not Address Corridors – Placed Constraints
- Recently Authorized or Pending Major Transmission / Pipeline Project Applications will Provide Insight on Further Corridor Additions or Alterations
- Reviews Provide Geospatial-based Corridor Siting Information Intended to Best Meet Future BLM and USFS Planning Needs

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Tools to Facilitate Stakeholder Understanding & Critical Input

- Developing Corridor Abstracts to Document Known Concerns

![Map of Energy Corridors]

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Corridor Abstracts will be used to:
- Ensure Stakeholder Understanding of Known Corridor Concerns / Opportunities
- Focus Stakeholder Corridor Input to Specific Mileposts or Line Segments
- Document Our Analysis with the Geospatial Data for Final Corridor Recommendations

Tools to Facilitate Stakeholder Understanding & Critical Input

- Standing-up a Sec. 368 Energy Corridor Internet Mapper Tool

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Corridor Mapping Tool will be used to:
- Ensure Stakeholder Understanding of Known Corridor Concerns / Opportunities
- Facilitate Stakeholder Online Corridor Input to Specific Mileposts or Line Segments
- Leverage Our Developed Geospatial Data for the Final Corridor Recommendations
- Identify Corridor Adds, Edits or Deletes to Minimize Constraints and Maximize Opportunities

BLM & USFS Desire for Robust Stakeholder Engagement

- Initiated Formal Region 1 Stakeholder Notification with
  - Governors of AZ, CA and NV
  - County Commissioners
  - Tribes and BIA
  - BLM Resource Advisory Councils
  - Settlement Plaintiff’s / NGOs
  - Western Electrical Coordinating Council (WECC) [2024/2026 Study Program Spatial Assessment] and the California RETI 2.0 Project

  Initiating Contact with
  - The Department of Defense
  - Industry: Utilities, Transmission / Pipeline Companies, Power Project Generators & Regional Transmission Planning Entities
  - The General Public

Region 1 Stakeholder Input Schedule: Phases I & II

- Phase I: Initiation
- Phase II: Implementation

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Region 1 Stakeholder Input Schedule: Phases I & II

- PHASE I: Conduct In-Depth Review of Corridors and Stakeholder Corridor Input
- PHASE II: Analysis (Draft Corridor Recommendations)

The Same Stakeholder Input Process will be Used for Regions 2-6

Sec. 368 Energy Corridor - Information Resources

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Corridor Study Release / 368 Information:
- www.blm.gov/so/st/en/prog/energy/transmission.html

Section 368 Comments to:
- blm_wo_368corridors@blm.gov

West-wide Energy Corridors Information Center Website:

Questions or Comments?
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NEXT STEPS

- Stakeholder Input on Corridor Abstracts
  Requested by Oct 24, 2016

- Provide draft recommendations back to stakeholders around Dec 2016

- Stakeholder engagement opportunities expected in Jan 2017

- Start Region 2: January 2017 – Sept 2017

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The BLM would like feedback regarding the Region 1 Regional Review so that subsequent reviews can be organized, communicated, and executed as effectively as possible.

**Stakeholder Engagement**

1. Have the Agencies informed stakeholders of public involvement opportunities in a timely manner and effectively communicated the regional review process? Please share your thoughts on how could the process be improved.

2. Does the Web-based Stakeholder Input Form allow you to provide meaningful input? How could the form be modified to allow for improvements for sharing comments, ideas, and data?

**West-wide Energy Corridor Information Center**

3. Does the information presented on the website provide you with a good understanding of the process that Agencies are undertaking with respect to West-wide Energy Corridor Regional Reviews? What additional information would be beneficial?
Corridor Abstracts & Guidance

4. Do the corridor abstracts achieve their intended purpose to identify specific opportunities and concerns and to identify which, if any, of the concerns could be considered constraints to development?

5. Does the corridor abstract guidance provide you with a good understanding of the content and intent of the corridor abstracts in order to provide meaningful input regarding the corridors?

Section 368 Energy Corridor Mapping Tool

6. What additional information and/or functional capabilities should be included in the mapping tool? Please suggest sources for additional GIS data.

General

7. How effective was this workshop in providing you with an understanding the West-wide Energy Corridor review process? How could future workshops be improved?

8. Other comments/suggestions
Guidance for Stakeholder Review of the Section 368 Corridor Abstracts

The Agencies have developed corridor abstracts to facilitate stakeholder engagement during the Regional Reviews and are seeking stakeholder feedback on the abstracts to ensure a complete and current understanding as possible for each corridor, prior to developing any corridor recommendations.

Background: As agreed upon in the 2012 settlement agreement, the Agencies are initiating Regional Reviews of the energy corridors to provide recommendations for corridor modifications that will be considered for implementation by the BLM and FS during agency land-use planning processes. The Regional Reviews will be guided by corridor siting principles from the 2012 settlement agreement, to ensure that:

- Corridors are thoughtfully sited to provide maximum utility and minimum impact to the environment;
- Corridors promote efficient use of landscape for necessary development;
- Appropriate and acceptable uses are defined for specific corridors; and
- Corridors provide connectivity to renewable energy generation to the maximum extent possible, while also considering other generation, in order to balance the renewable sources and to ensure the safety and reliability of electricity transmission.

Overview of Corridor Abstracts: Each corridor abstract describes the corridor location and rationale for corridor designation, lists previously-identified concerns for the corridor, including stakeholder responses to the Request for Information (RFI) in 2014, provides an analysis of GIS data regarding placement of existing or planned infrastructure within the corridor and other physical, jurisdictional, and resource-specific overlaps with the corridor, and provides the results of an initial analysis of corridor concerns and opportunities by the BLM and FS.

When a concern was identified, the BLM and FS staff evaluated whether:

1) The identified concern is considered to be a constraint to future development within the corridor, and if so,  
2) How the constraint might be addressed or eliminated.

The concern is not considered a constraint to development in the corridor if the BLM and FS staff identified that it is addressable through implementation of IOPs, standard stipulations, or other measures at the agencies’ discretion.

If the concern is considered a constraint to development in the corridor, the constraint will be addressed through recommendations for:
- Corridor modification of width or placement;
- Corridor deletion; or potentially  
- Corridor addition elsewhere.
Recommendations for specific corridor additions, deletions, or modifications (also shorthanded as “adds, edits, deletes”) are not included in this review, but stakeholders are encouraged to provide recommendations during this review. Stakeholders will have the opportunity in early 2017 to review and comment on the Agencies’ recommendations that will be based on the analysis currently presented and stakeholder input.

**Web-based Section 368 Corridor Mapping Tool:** This tool provides an interactive map of the designated corridors, and many other geospatial layers, including aerial imagery, jurisdictions, reference, specially designated areas, habitat, potentially incompatible land uses, and other data useful for analyzing the corridors. The content will change over time, and we welcome your recommendations for additional data. If you can provide additional GIS data, please upload it along with your input or provide the URL. Tools to access the corridor abstracts and existing comments by location, and to enter comments for specific locations are under development. Access the mapping tool at: http://bogi.evs.anl.gov/section368/portal.

**Corridor Abstract Input Guidance:** The Agencies are seeking input on the entire corridor abstract, but particularly the corridor analysis table, including:

- Additional concerns not identified in the corridor analysis table
- Additional GIS data
- Input on the review and analysis of concerns, and identification of constraints
- Input on whether or not the corridor abstracts provide sufficient analysis to recommend corridor modifications that will achieve the siting principles listed above
- Recommendations for corridor additions, deletions, or modifications
Corridor Number

Alternate Name

Introduction
Description of the corridor, including:

- Geographical location,
- Jurisdiction for federally-designated portions of the corridor,
- Corridor width,
- Corridor use (is it designated as a multi-modal corridor or restricted to certain uses),
- Corridor length (distance and designated centerline miles) and corridor area,
- County(ies) and office(s)/forest(s), and
- Priority Region(s).

Corridor Rationale and Current Uses
Rationale for corridor designation, including:

- Organizations suggesting routes in the vicinity of the corridor during scoping for the WWEC PEIS,
- Current infrastructure in the corridor,
- Planned transmission lines from Platts data, and
- Current ROW applications indicated in the Corridor Study.

Current Uses, including:

- Changes in power generation or demand near the corridor since publication of the WWEC PEIS,
- Other recent authorized use or LUP amendment actions that may impact the full usefulness of the corridor, and
- Details from WECC analysis of congestion of existing transmission lines in the vicinity of the corridor will be added if available.

Corridor of Concern Status
As a part of the Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiffs identified 36 of the 119 corridors as “corridors of concern” because of environmental concerns such as special status species habitat, proximity to specially sensitive areas, designated areas, impacts on water or cultural resources, and proximity and benefit to coal-fired generating stations. If the corridor is a Corridor of Concern, this section will list the concerns identified in the Settlement Agreement. These concerns will also be highlighted in yellow in the corridor analysis table below.
Corridor Analysis

The corridor analysis table identifies the most important concerns affecting the corridor, the location of the concerns within the corridor, and the results of an initial analysis of the concerns by the Agencies.

The boxes of concerns are checked if they are known to apply to the corridor. Included in the table is an explanation of the concerns and their location by milepost (MP). GIS data have been used to identify potential pinch points, spacing concerns, and environmental concerns (e.g., proximity to specially designated areas, special status species habitat, potentially incompatible land uses, etc.). The BLM and/or FS field offices have reviewed each concern and identified whether or not it should be considered a constraint. A definition of each topical area is provided in the sample table below.

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**ENERGY PLANNING OPPORTUNITIES**

An analysis of how current energy infrastructure meets energy development needs, including recent renewable energy development and areas of future possible development, and whether there is capacity for growth available for additional energy projects to make use of the corridors.

**Appropriate and Acceptable Uses**

Sec 368(e) Specifications of Corridor- corridor designated shall at a minimum, specify the centerline, width, and compatible uses of the corridor

1. What ancillary uses are currently permitted? Roads, substations, other?
2. What conflicting uses, if any, have been permitted since designation?
3. What non-energy uses are compatible with the corridor? Is there is availability for additional transmission capacity on existing lines?

**WWEC Purpose**

WWEC purpose: designated for oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution facilities, ensure ongoing identification of additional corridors, expedite applications to construct or modify oil, gas, elec. transmission/distribution within such corridors, taking into account prior environmental reviews from designation of such corridors, take into account need for upgraded and new electric transmission/distribution to improve reliability, relieve congestion, enhance capability of national grid to deliver electricity.

1. What transmission projects have been authorized since designation?
2. Any pending applications?
3. Any electric distribution line upgrades or new projects authorized?
4. Any changes to the corridor since designation?
5. Has there been interest in transmission routes by utilities that does not align with the Section 368 corridor locations? Have ROW authorizations or ROW applications considered siting infrastructure in a manner that uses space efficiently (i.e. parallel to centerline, restricting non-linear ROWs, etc.). How does the corridor meet the purpose of promoting renewable energy development in the West? Has there been renewable energy development in close proximity to the corridor?

**Transmission and Pipeline Capacity Opportunities**

Do existing lines within the corridor have available energy capacity for locating additional energy infrastructure?

**ENERGY PLANNING CONCERNS**

These are non-environmental issues or concerns with corridor locations, corridor alignment and the lands they cross. How is current energy infrastructure situated within the corridors and what is the capacity for additional energy projects?

**Location-Specific Physical Barrier**

For example, mountainous terrain, bottlenecks, or other physical barriers that prevent a project from following a designated corridor.

**Jurisdictional Concern**

Jurisdictional concern:

1. Lack of coordination among Federal agencies, resulting in a corridor that is designated by one agency but not another and that is therefore non-continuous across Federal lands and potentially less desirable or unusable.
2. Corridors that cross State or private land may have limited development potential. For example, if a corridor’s length is interconnected with private land, developers may not want to both acquire easements and federal ROWs. Gaps in Section 368 corridor routes across State or private lands, or terminating in these locations, make them unattractive to applicants. The applicants would have to perform additional analyses for land not included in the Section 368 corridors. This removes the benefit of the Section 368 corridors to applicants (e.g., expedited permitting process).
3. The routing of corridors to avoid tribal lands can result in less direct corridors that require crossing additional miles of Federal and other land ownership or inefficient corridor alignment.
4. A corridor that ends in a specially designated area, private, or other non-Federal lands, or ends without a connection or hub is unattractive to an applicant.
5. Conflict between BLM and State and local landowners, especially for large-scale projects that involve many BLM offices and local jurisdictions.
6. Disposals – will past or future disposals impact the corridor?
7. Are there any other boundary issues affecting the corridor?

**Corridor Alignment and Spacing**

Corridor and current infrastructure within the corridor are not well aligned. Optimal use would be parallel to centerline and at minimum required distance per existing power reliability rating and safety requirements. Can identify when existing infrastructure was authorized, as alignment of existing lines may have predated 368 designations, resulting in a less than optimal alignment, or lines may have predated change in distance requirements.:

1. Pinch points
2. Energy projects that meander across the corridor, preventing the co-location of other lines
3. Need for additional space between new projects and existing utilities to ensure power reliability rating and/or to meet safety requirements
4. Intrusion of non-linear facilities (e.g., solar ROWs)

**Transmission and Pipeline Capacity Concerns**

Do existing lines within the corridor have available energy capacity? An energy planning concern regarding capacity would be transmission lines that are congested or close to capacity.
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**LERANDS and Realty: Transportation**

**Lands with Wilderness Characteristics**

**Livestock Grazing**

**Paleontology**

**Public Access and Recreation**

**Socioeconomics**

**Soils/Erosion**

**Specially Designated Areas**

**Tribal Concerns**

**Visual Resources**

**Wild Horses and Burros**

**INTERAGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURES (IOPS, OR BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES)**

Comments or issues related to the IOPs and possible permitting requirements pertaining to a specific corridor – may include recommendations for new IOPs to address specific corridor concerns or adjustments to existing IOPs listed in the BLM and FS RODs for the WWEC PEIS.
Section 368 Energy Corridor Regional Reviews  
Stakeholder Input Form – Region 1

Contact Information

Name ________________________________________________________________________________

Email Address_________________________________________________________________________

Organization, if applicable________________________________________________________________

Geographic Scope

☐ Region 1
☐ General

If Region 1, please list the specific corridor__________________________________________________

(Check ‘Region 1’ and list ‘new corridor’ above if you are recommending a new corridor in Region 1)

Topics—Choose one or more topics to which your input applies.

Energy Planning Concerns and Opportunities
☐ New corridor recommendation
☐ Appropriate and acceptable uses
☐ WWEC Purpose (e.g., renewable energy)
☐ Physical barrier
☐ Jurisdictional concern
☐ Corridor alignment and spacing
☐ Transmission capacity

Land Management Responsibilities and Environmental Concerns
☐ Acoustics
☐ Air quality
☐ Climate change
☐ Cultural resources
☐ Ecological resources
☐ Environmental Justice
☐ Hydrological resources
☐ Lands and Realty
☐ Lands with wilderness characteristics
☐ Livestock Grazing
☐ Paleontology
☐ Public Access and Recreation
☐ Socioeconomics
☐ Soils/erosion
☐ Specially designated areas
☐ Tribal concerns
☐ Visual resources
☐ Wild horses and burros

☐ Interagency Operating Procedures

Input—Write your input in the space below, and continue on reverse side, as needed.
Arizona Corridor Abstracts

The abstracts can be downloaded from the project website:

http://www.corridoreis.anl.gov/regional-reviews/

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