Section 368 Energy Corridors
Energy Policy Act of 2005

Initiation of Periodic Regional Reviews

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Section 368
West-wide Energy Corridors
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
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- **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, OR, UT, WA and WY
- For BLM: 5,000 Miles / 92 Land Use Plan Amendments
- For USFS: 990 Miles / 38 Land Use Plan Amendments
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2009 BLM & USFS RODs:

- **Established Preferred, But Not Mandated Locations for Future Projects**
- **Identified Corridor Widths (Typically 3,500’) and Compatible Uses**
- **Established Interagency Operating Procedures (IOPs) to Expedite Applications and Improve Consistency**

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Background: 2012 Settlement Agreement Requirements

- Established Interagency Workgroup (BLM, USFS, DOE)

- Remaining Settlement Requirements:
  - Release of Corridor Study by Argonne National Lab (May 2016)
  - Initiation of Periodic Regional Reviews of the Corridors
The Six Regional Reviews to be Conducted
Six Regional Reviews to be Conducted – Region 1 Corridors
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**Overview of a Regional Review:** The Two Public Input Phases

- **Phase I:** Conduct In-depth Review of Existing Corridors and Obtain Stakeholder Input on the Region’s Corridors
- **Phase II:** 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 to Provide Geospatial-based Corridor Siting Information Intended to Best Meet Future BLM and USFS Planning Needs
Tools to Facilitate Stakeholder Understanding & Critical Input

✓ Developing Corridor Abstracts to Document Known Concerns
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- Developing Corridor Abstracts to Document Known Concerns

Corridor Rationale

During scoping for the WWEC PEIS, routes generally following this route were suggested by the American Wind Energy Association; New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department; and the Western Utility Group. Current infrastructure occupying parts of the corridor includes I-10, transmission lines operated by the Metropolitan Water District (230 kV), and the Southern California Edison Company (115 to 500 kV); and natural gas pipelines operated by El Paso, and Southern California Gas Company. Southern California Edison Company recently completed a 500-kV project within parts of the corridor in California between the Devers and Colorado River substations.

Within the California Desert District, the BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office has received 24 ROW applications using Corridor 30-52 since publication of the PEIS. Two of the applications were entirely in the corridor, while the others were partly within it.

Several new applications were filed for energy storage or production within the corridor and adjacent to substations that are between 5 and 25 Megawatts. Given that many of the utility companies are on target or exceeding their target for providing a percentage of the energy portfolio with renewable energy, not many new, large power purchase agreements are being issued. However, the utility companies are going out with smaller PPAs, which have modified the types of projects being proposed on public lands.

Five major transmission lines and several major natural gas pipelines run through the corridor. Many of the energy production projects along the I-10 and Riverside East Solar Energy Zone have generation-tie lines that use the corridors, which create congestion near the major substations (Red Bluff and Colorado River). This congestion is compounded by the Mecca Hills and Orocopia Wilderness and Joshua Tree National Park reducing the size of and potential for increasing the size of the corridor.

Corridor of Concern Status

This corridor was not identified in the Settlement Agreement as a Corridor of Concern.

Corridor Analysis

- Energy Planning Opportunities
  - Appropriate and acceptable uses
  - WWEC Purpose (e.g., renewable energy)
  - Transmission and pipeline capacity opportunity
- Energy Planning Concerns
  - Physical barrier
  - Jurisdictional concern
  - Corridor alignment and spacing
  - Transmission and pipeline capacity concern
- 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
Tools to Facilitate Stakeholder Understanding & Critical Input

✓ Developing Corridor Abstracts to Document Known Concerns

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ENERGY PLANNING CONCERNS

| Location-Specific Physical Barrier | ID    | Agency           | Agency Jurisdiction | County     | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                 | R/F?/This corridor should be developed only if a technological solution is found to plugging additional transmission infrastructure through the San Gorgonio Pass. Routing transmission anywhere else in the area would significantly impact the existing natural and biological resources; GIS Analysis/Confirms bottleneck. | Length of Affected Corridor (by Milepost[MPI]) | Source/Context                        | BLM/FS Review and Analysis |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 30-52                             | BLM   | California Desert | District, CA        | Riverside, | There is a bottleneck around the San Gorgonio Pass where it has been challenging in the past to site additional transmission.                                                                         | Yes, this is a constraint. The San Gorgonio Pass area is constrained for additional development. There are two national monuments on either side of the interstate, so there is not much room to site a transmission line elsewhere through the pass. Future planning efforts would have to consider major re-routing alternatives for analysis to make this end-portion of the corridor viable for transmission of energy further west. | MP 0.0 to 99.8                              | GIS Analysis                          | Opportunity               |
| .004                             |       |                  |                     | CA         | San Gorgonio Pass is west of the corridor and the corridor was not designated in the pass                                                                                                                  |                                               |                                       |                           |
| 30-52                             | BLM   | California Desert | District, CA        | Riverside, | Transmission infrastructure                                                                                                                                                                                  | Not a constraint. There is room for additional projects. However, recommend future land use plans present analysis of alternatives to allow future growth (widenning)                                        | MP 0.0 to 99.8                              | GIS Analysis                          | Opportunity               |
| .005                             |       |                  |                     | CA         |                                                                                                                                             |                                               |                                       |                           |

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Tools to Facilitate Stakeholder Understanding & Critical Input

✓ Developing Corridor Abstracts to Document Known Concerns

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
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✓ Standing-up a Sec. 368 Energy Corridor Internet Mapper Tool
**Tools to Facilitate Stakeholder Understanding & Critical Input**

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

  **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, etc.
  ▪ The General Public
Region 1 Stakeholder Input Schedule: Phases I & II

PHASE I: Conduct In-Depth Review of Corridors and Obtain Stakeholder Corridor Input

- Notify Stakeholders of Project Initiation
  - Governors/Counties
  - Tribes
  - Plaintiffs/NGOs
  - Industry & Public - DoD/Other Agencies

- Obtain Public Input on Region 1 Corridors (45 Days)
  - 9/7: Webinar #1
  - 9/20: Phoenix Public Meeting
  - 9/22: Palm Springs Meeting
  - 9/27: Las Vegas Public Meeting
  - 9/29: Webinar #2

- ANL to Process Comments

9/9: Corridor Abstracts Available with Section 368 Map Server

Today

10/24: Public Input Closes
Region 1 Stakeholder Input Schedule: **Phases I & II**

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

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