Las Vegas RMP Revision/EIS

BLM

Overview and Summary

Background Information

- The need for the RMP Revision is to address emerging issues that have surfaced since approval of the existing RMP such as increased interest in renewable energy, increasing demand for limited resources, appropriate protection of sensitive resources, increases in conflict between competing resource values and land uses.
- The scope of this RMP Revision is limited to land-use plan-level decisions for the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices, which include approximately 3.1 million acres of public land and 1 million acres of split-estate lands in Clark County and southern Nye County, Nevada.
- The Revision of the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan officially started with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on January 5, 2010. Public scoping comments will be accepted through February 28, 2010.
- This planning effort involves preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Upon completion, the revised RMP will replace the existing Las Vegas RMP.

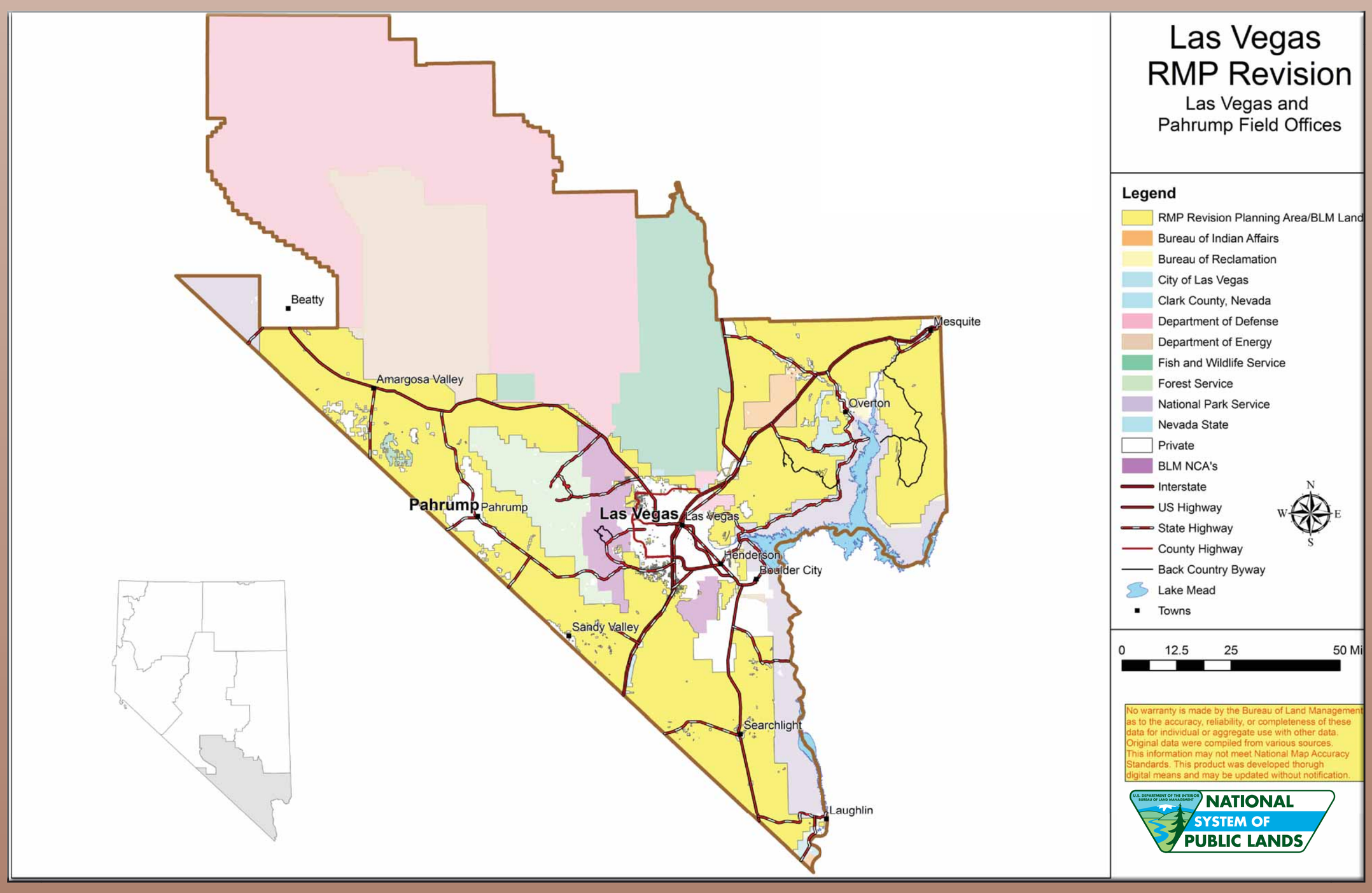
Types of Decisions to be Made in the RMP

The decisions addressed by the RMP Revision fall into three categories:

- Desired outcomes that are written as goals and objectives,
- Identification of uses/allocations that are allowable, restricted, or prohibited, and
- Identification of actions, including proactive measures or criteria, anticipated to achieve desired outcomes, including actions to maintain, restore, or improve land health

The purpose of the scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the RMP revision have been identified by BLM personnel, other State and Federal agencies, and other stakeholders. These preliminary issues will be combined with the issues identified during the public scoping process and will be presented in the Scoping Report. These issues include:

- Changes to disposal areas for communities
- Visual resource management categories
- Fluid minerals management stipulations to protect sensitive resources
- Special status species management
- Evaluation of new special designation proposals
- Clarification of off-highway vehicle (OHV) management
- Consideration of new Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs)
- Management of site-type rights-of-way
- Reclamation standards for disturbances
- Renewable energy development for geothermal, wind, and solar power
- Management of split-estate lands.



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