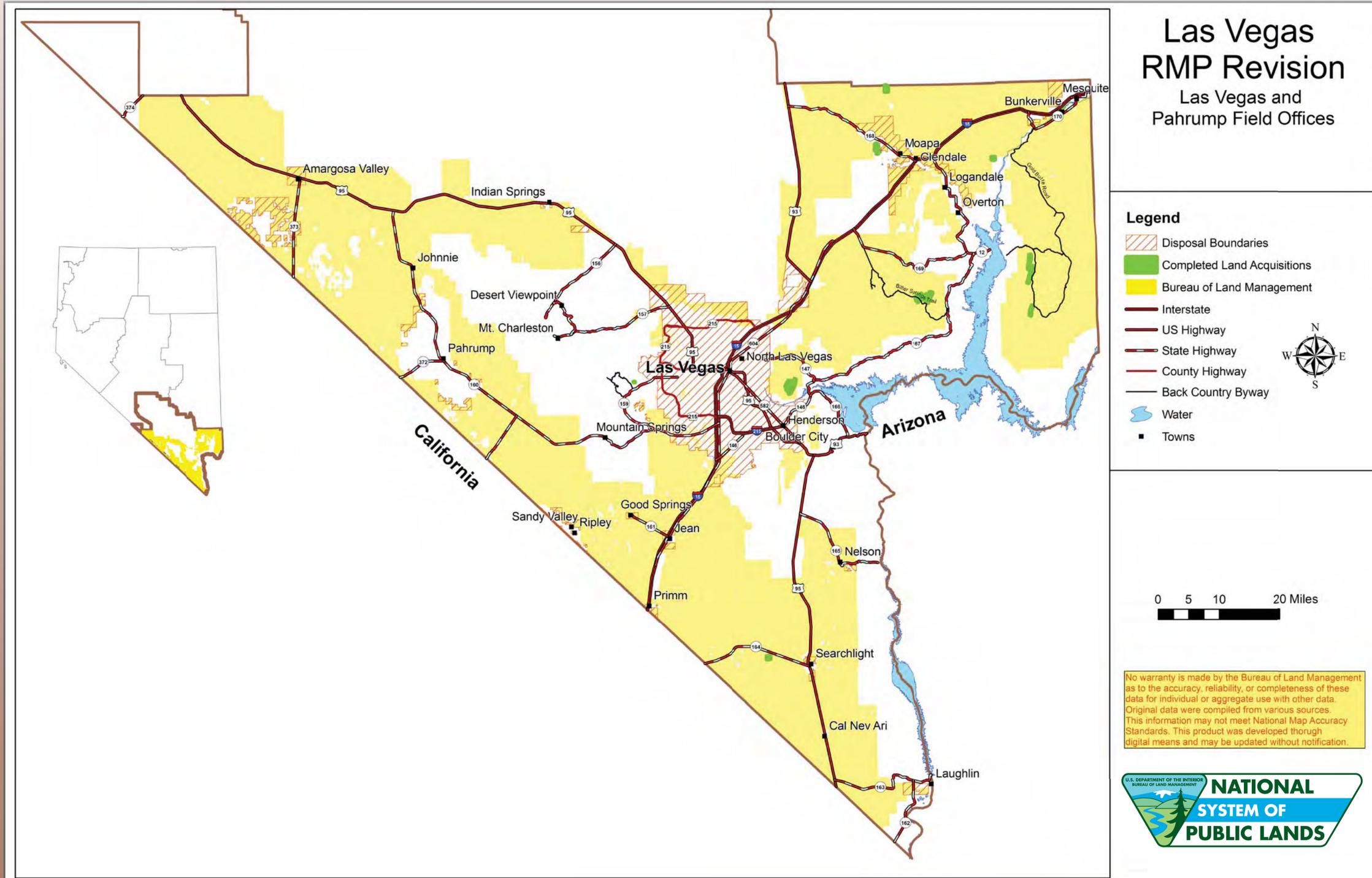


Land Tenure Adjustments



Several legislative actions have expanded the areas for disposal and economic conditions have varied the demand for the public land development since completion of the existing Resource Management Plan (RMP). Public interest has been expressed in changing the land disposal boundaries for Pahrump, Searchlight, Sloan, Moapa/Glendale, Nelson and near the U.S. Ecology site near Beatty. In addition, land acquisitions within areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs) do not currently become part of the ACEC under the existing RMP. A decision is needed to address the status of lands acquired by BLM or released by another Federal agency that fall within an ACEC.

Land tenure adjustment issues to be addressed in the RMP Revision, considering both disposal and acquisition of public lands, include the following:

- What local community needs are not being met by the existing designated disposal areas?
- Are new disposal areas needed or are changes to the existing disposal areas needed to meet local community planning needs?
- What level of protection for environmentally sensitive acquired lands is provided if the lands are not part of an ACEC?
- Should a decision be crafted to incorporate acquired lands into a currently designated ACEC?