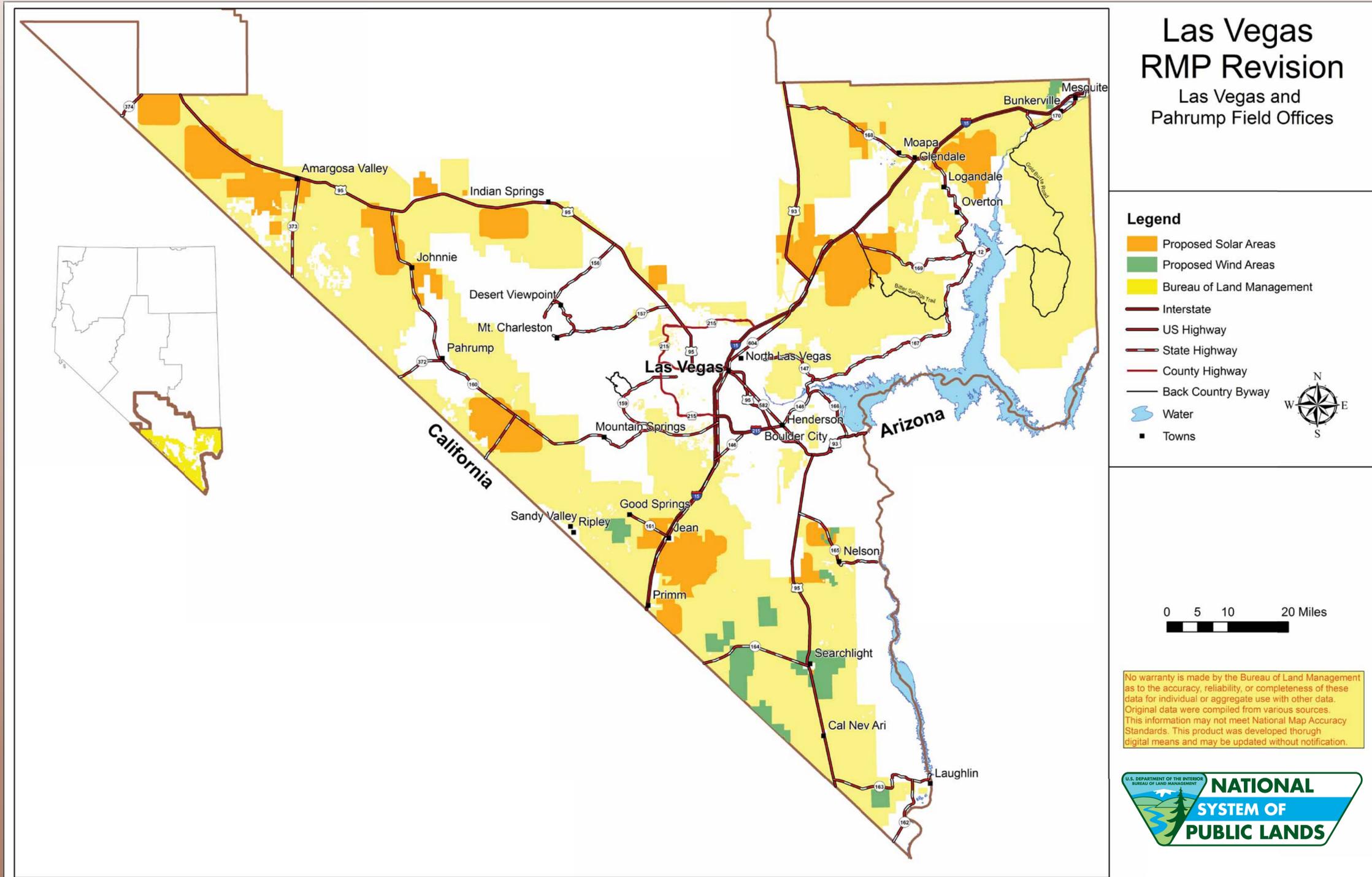


Renewable Energy



Increasing interest in developing sources of renewable energy has raised several issues that have not been addressed in the existing RMP. The issues include:

- Are there existing and potential development areas for renewable energy projects?
- Should some areas be closed to the potential for renewable energy projects?
- What stipulations/restrictions should be included to protect sensitive resources when considering the development of renewable energy projects in areas where such development is appropriate?

In addressing the above issues, the RMP Revision will identify areas of the planning area as avoidance areas (areas to be avoided, but may be available with special stipulations), exclusion areas (areas not available), or open for consideration of ROWs associated with renewable energy projects. In addition, the RMP will incorporate recently completed and ongoing programmatic planning efforts related to renewable energy.