Yerington Land Conveyance

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National Defense Authorization Act

The National Defense Authorization Act (HR 3979) was signed into law on December 19, 2014.

Section 3009 (a)

"Northern Nevada Land Conveyances"

Key Provision

"Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act subject to valid existing rights…

… the Secretary shall convey to the City… all right, title, and interest of the United States…"

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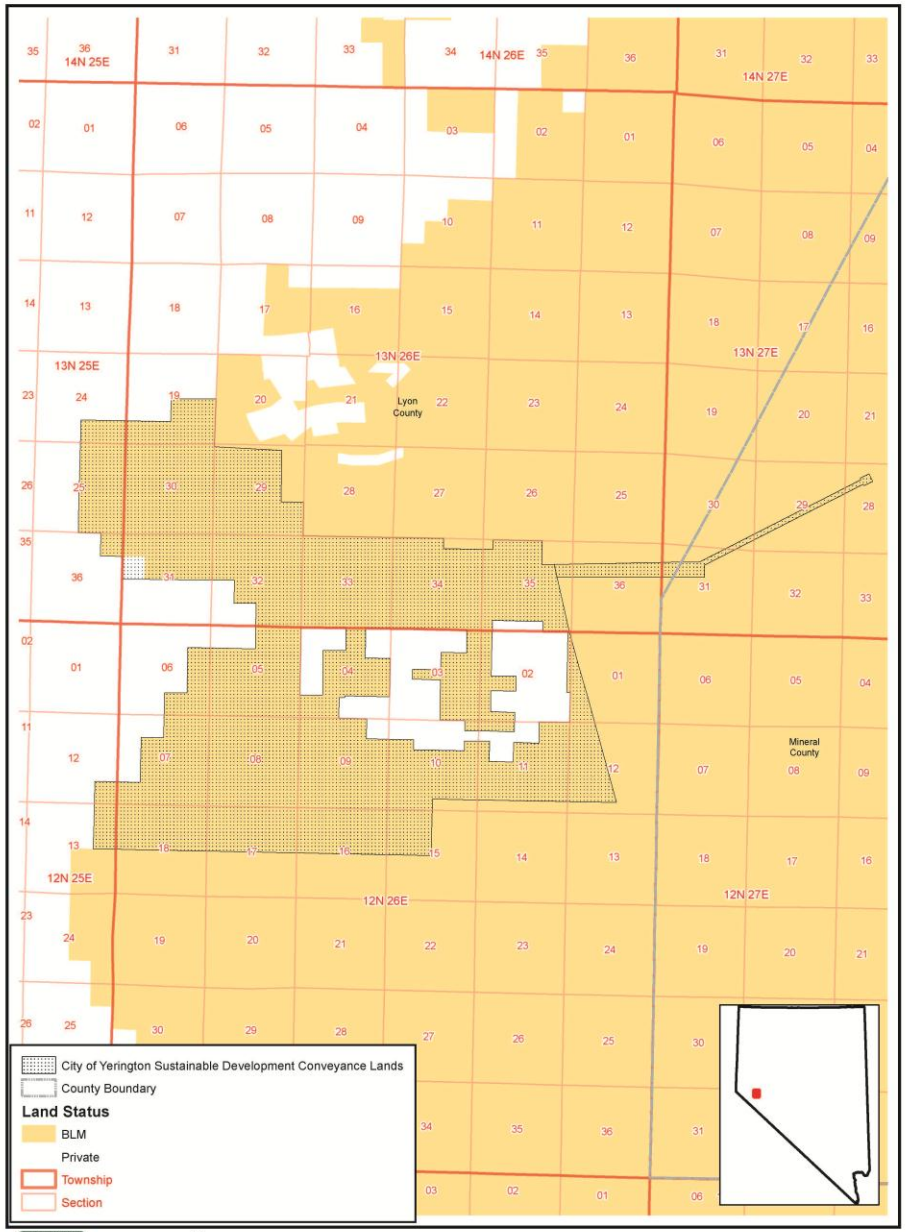
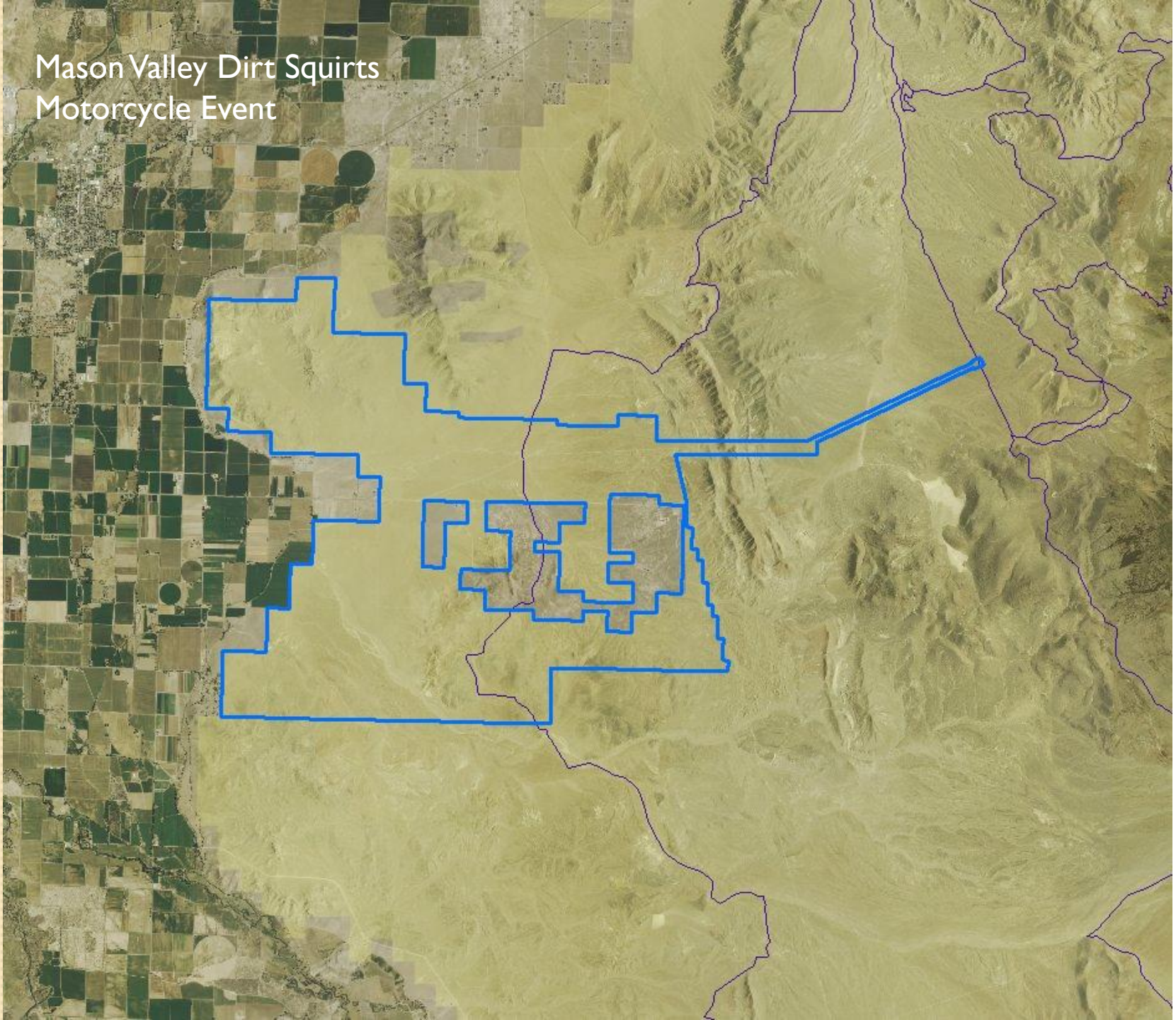
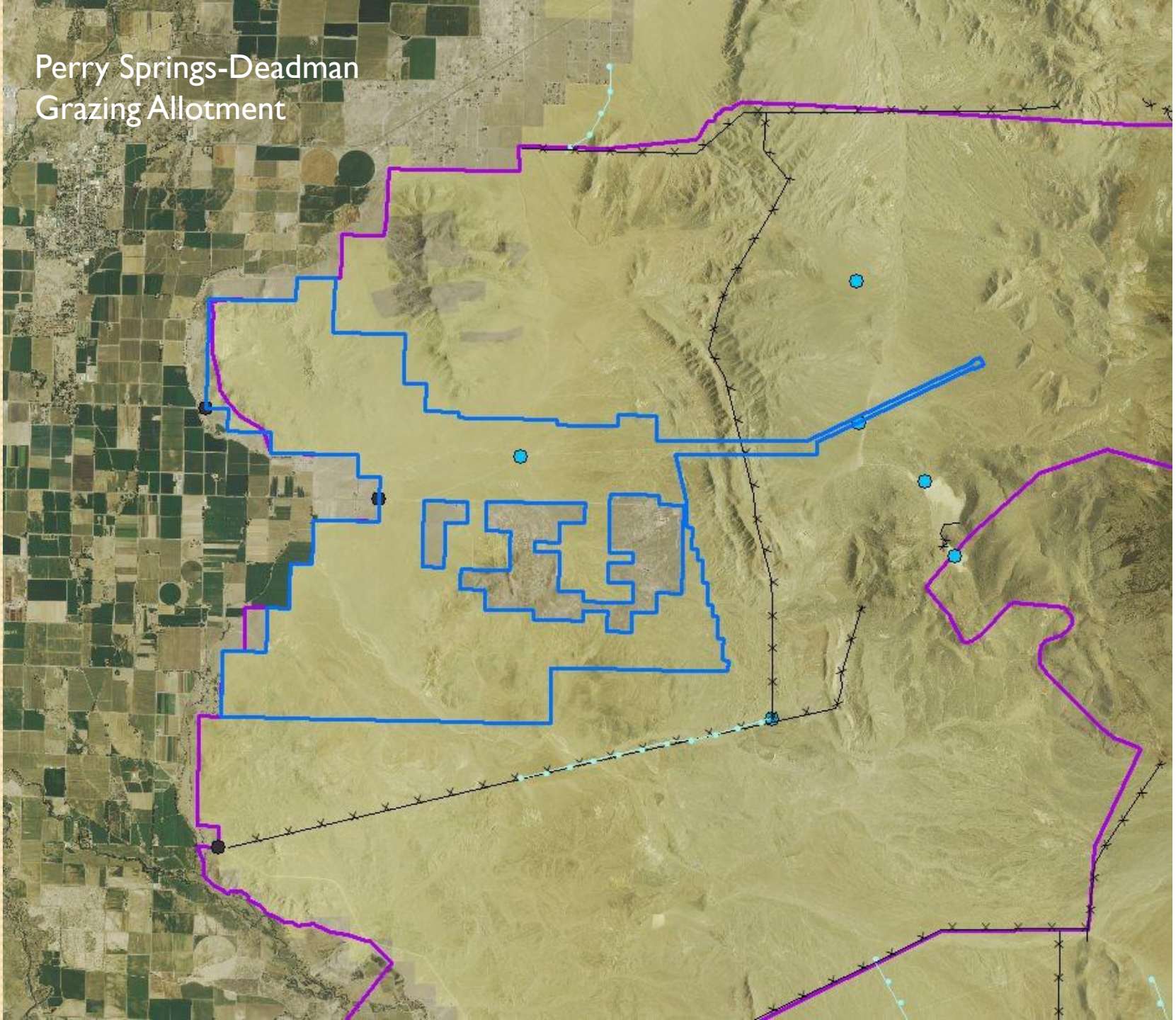
This map prepared at the request of Senator Harry Reid and Senator Dean Heller
December 19, 2012

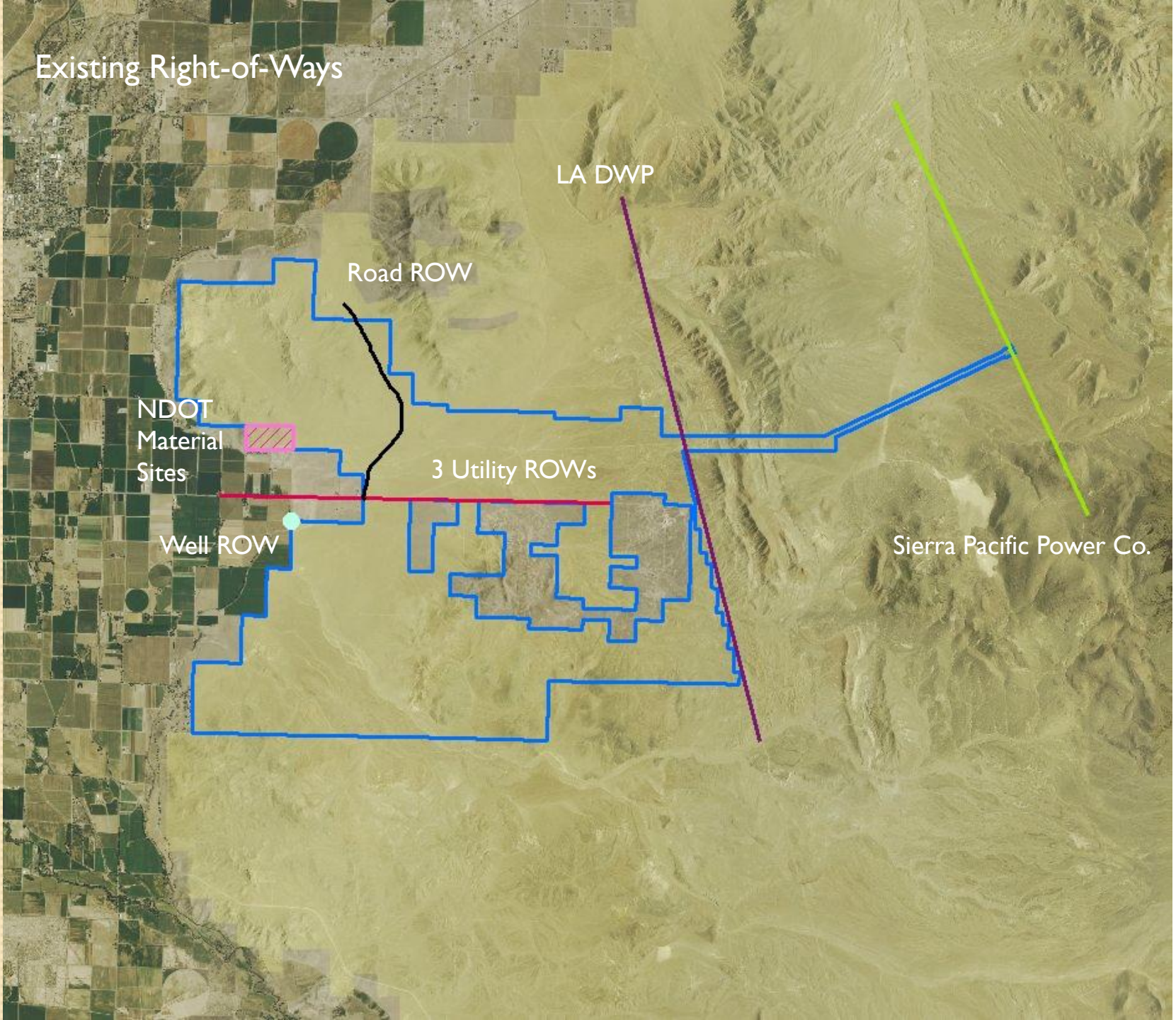


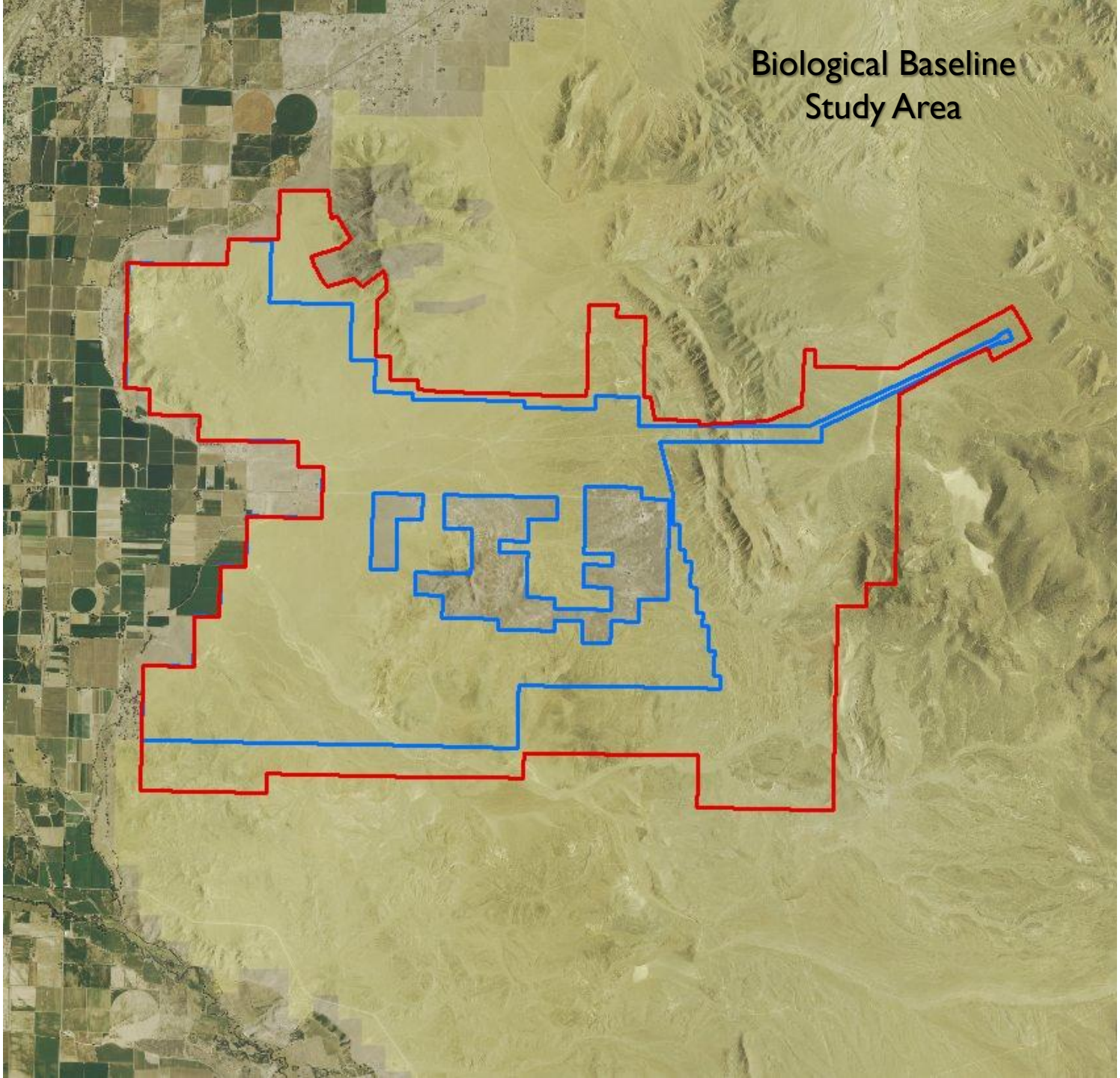
What Types of Uses are Affected by the Conveyance?

- Special recreation permits.
- Rights-of-way.
- Livestock grazing.


Mason Valley Dirt Squirts
Motorcycle Event


Perry Springs-Deadman
Grazing Allotment

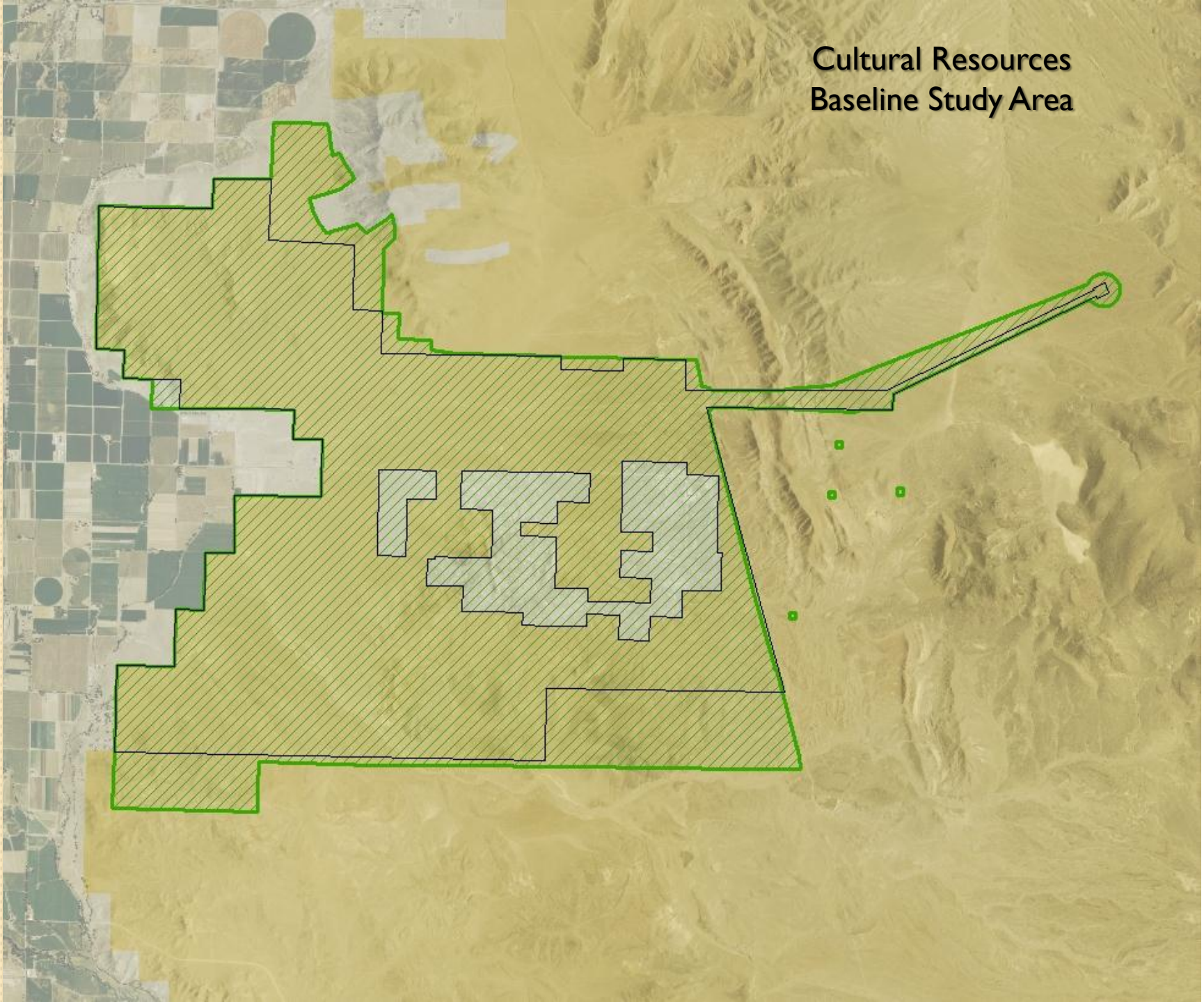

Existing Right-of-Ways
LA DWP
Road ROW
NDOT
Material
Sites
3 Utility ROWs
Well ROW
Sierra Pacific Power Co.


Biological Baseline
Study Area

Biological Findings

Not sage-grouse habitat.

No threatened or endangered species.


Cultural Resources
Baseline Study Area

Cultural Findings

Three historic properties eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places are within the conveyance area.

Also two sites are unevaluated and are currently undergoing investigation.

Notifications

Right-of-way holders.

Grazing permittee.

Yerington Pauite and Walker River Paiute tribes.

Cadastral Survey

Work in-progress since late February.

Combination of BLM and Summit Engineering.

Irregular shape of eastern portion and "dogs tail."

Anticipated to be completed in three months.

Other Reports

Mineral potential report – all mining claims appear to be held by Nevada Copper.

Environmental Site Assessment – evaluate whether there are contaminates and physical safety hazards present.

Draft reports filed in late April.

Appraisal

The conveyance lands are to be sold to the City at fair market value.

An appraisal of the land was initiated late April 2015.

Scope of NEPA/NHPA

The National Defense Authorization Act limited the BLM's role to the conveyance of lands, not authorization of future land uses.

All future (post-conveyance) land uses are outside the BLM's discretion.

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Future land use activities would be subject to local and State law, approval, and public input.

These future activities are disclosed in cumulative effects.

National Historic Preservation Act

Development of a Memorandum of Agreement between the BLM, City and State Historic Preservation Office to mitigate the five historic sites in the conveyance area.

National Environmental Policy Act

Comments on the *Yerington Land Conveyance Draft Environmental Assessment* are due on **June 9, 2015**.