



# 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”

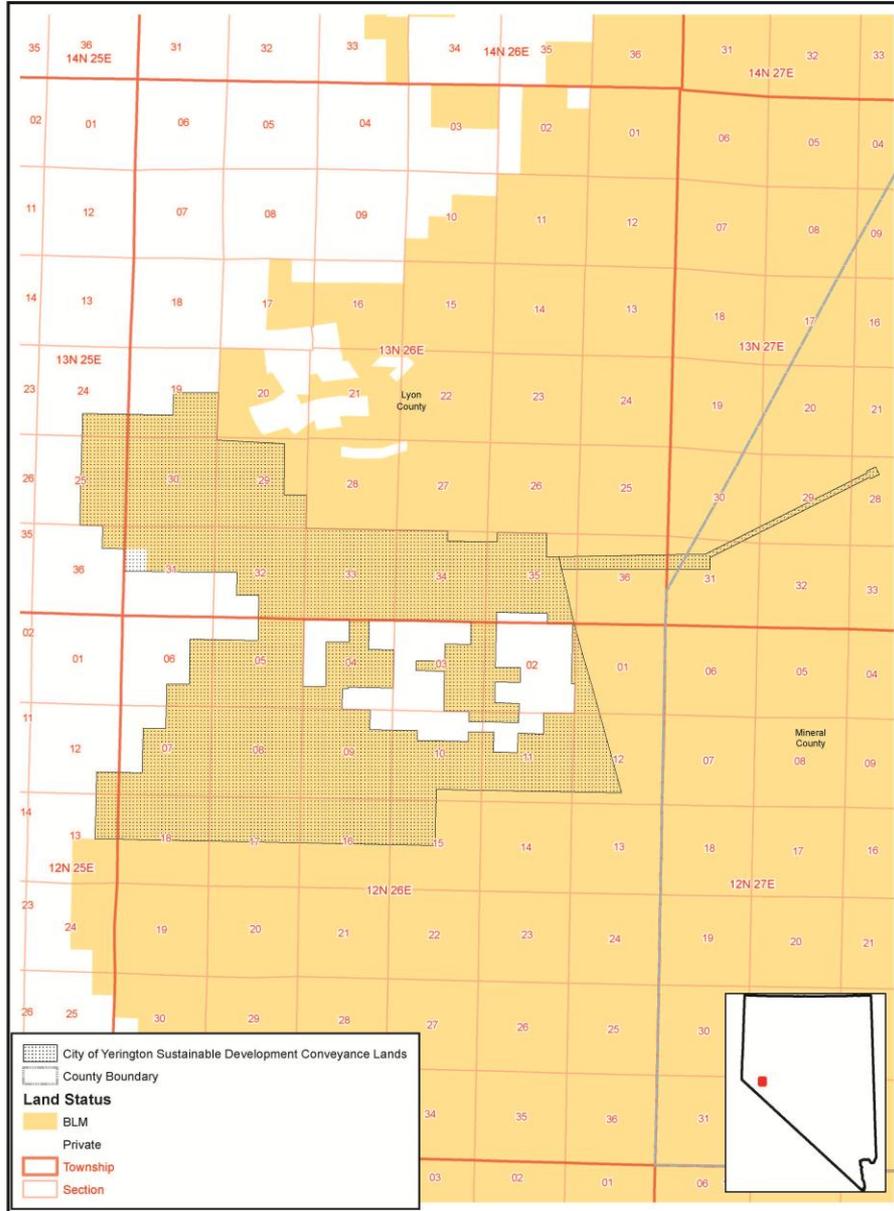
# Key Provision

“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



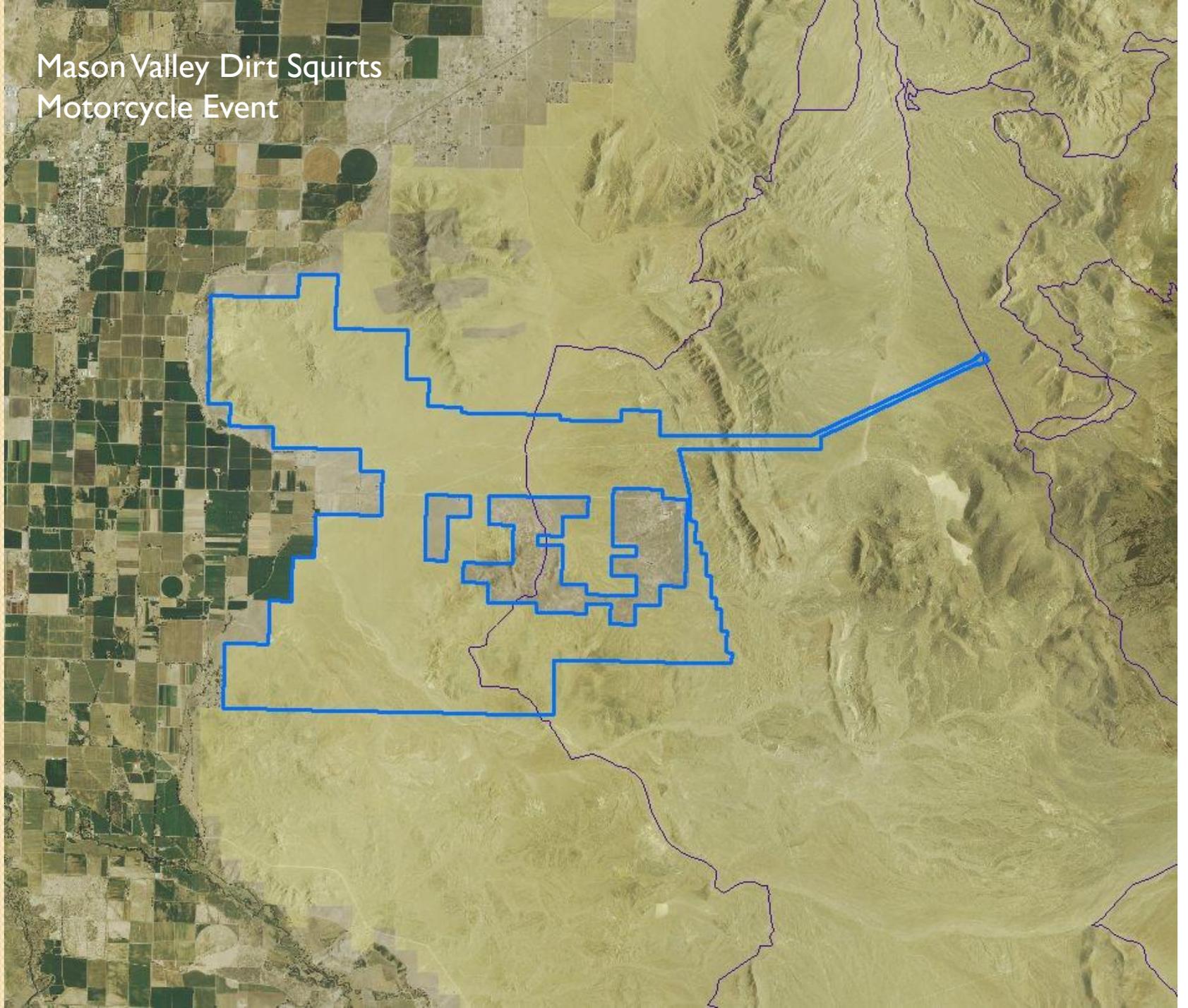
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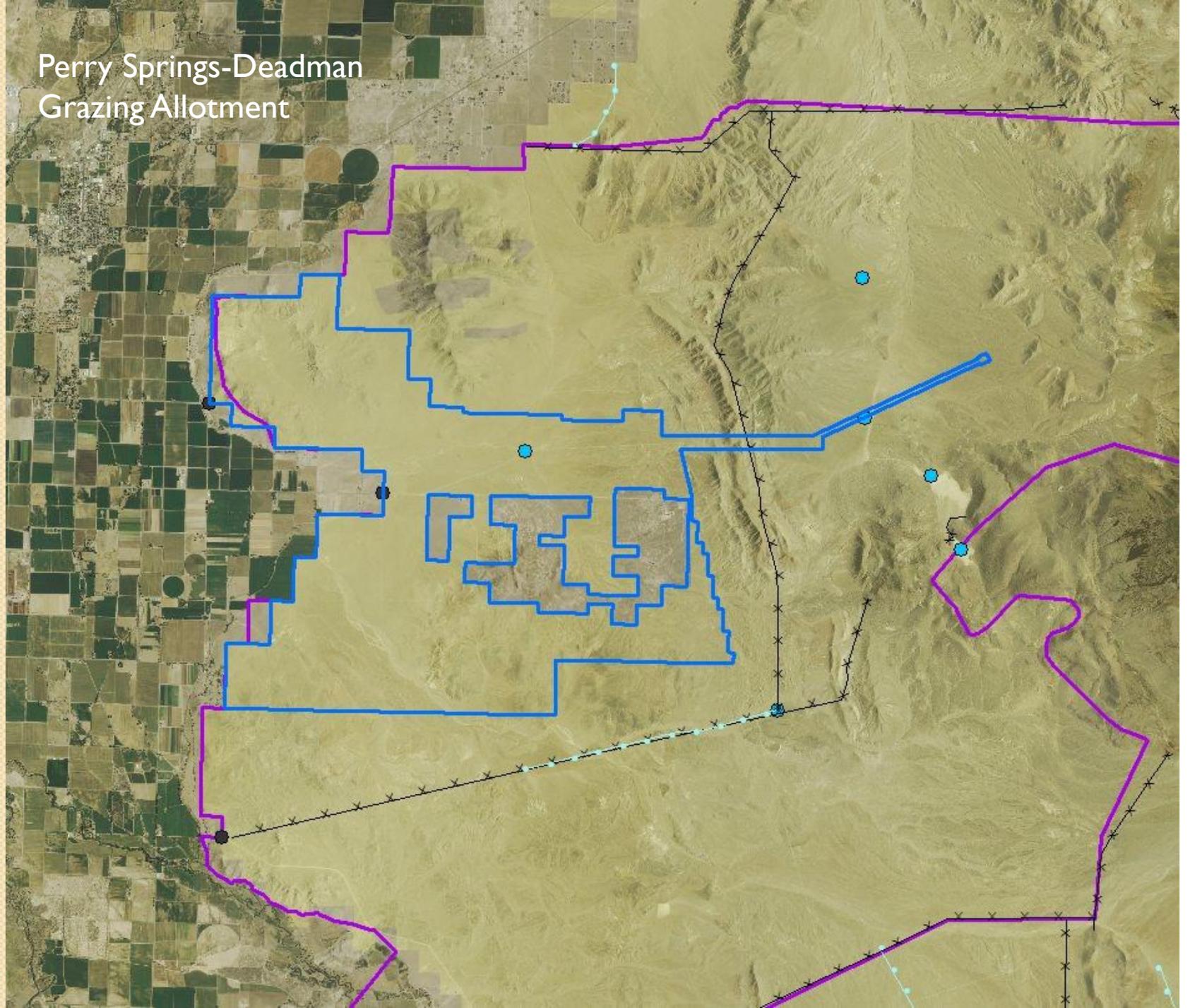
# What Types of Uses are Affected by the Conveyance?

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

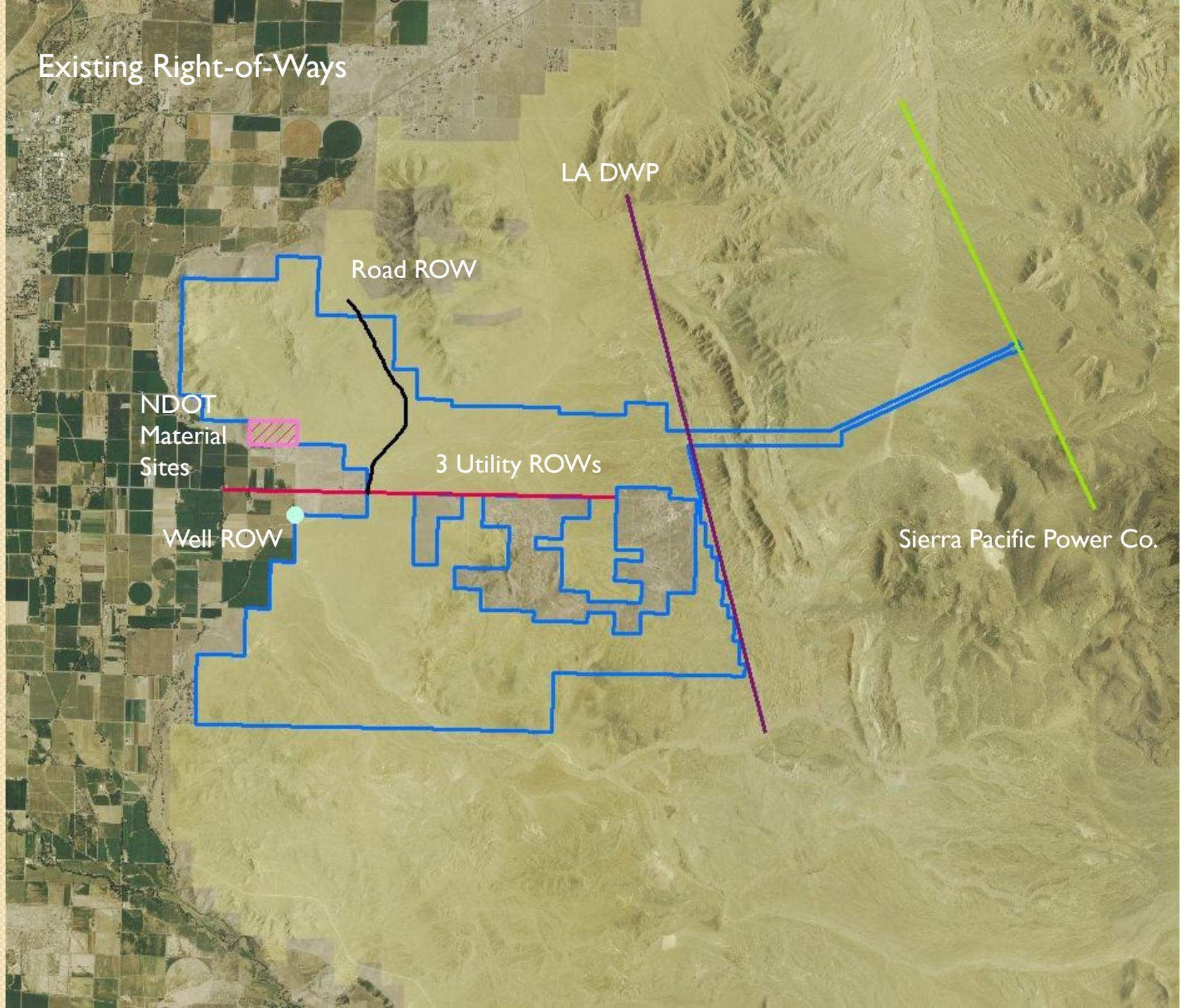
# Mason Valley Dirt Squirts Motorcycle Event



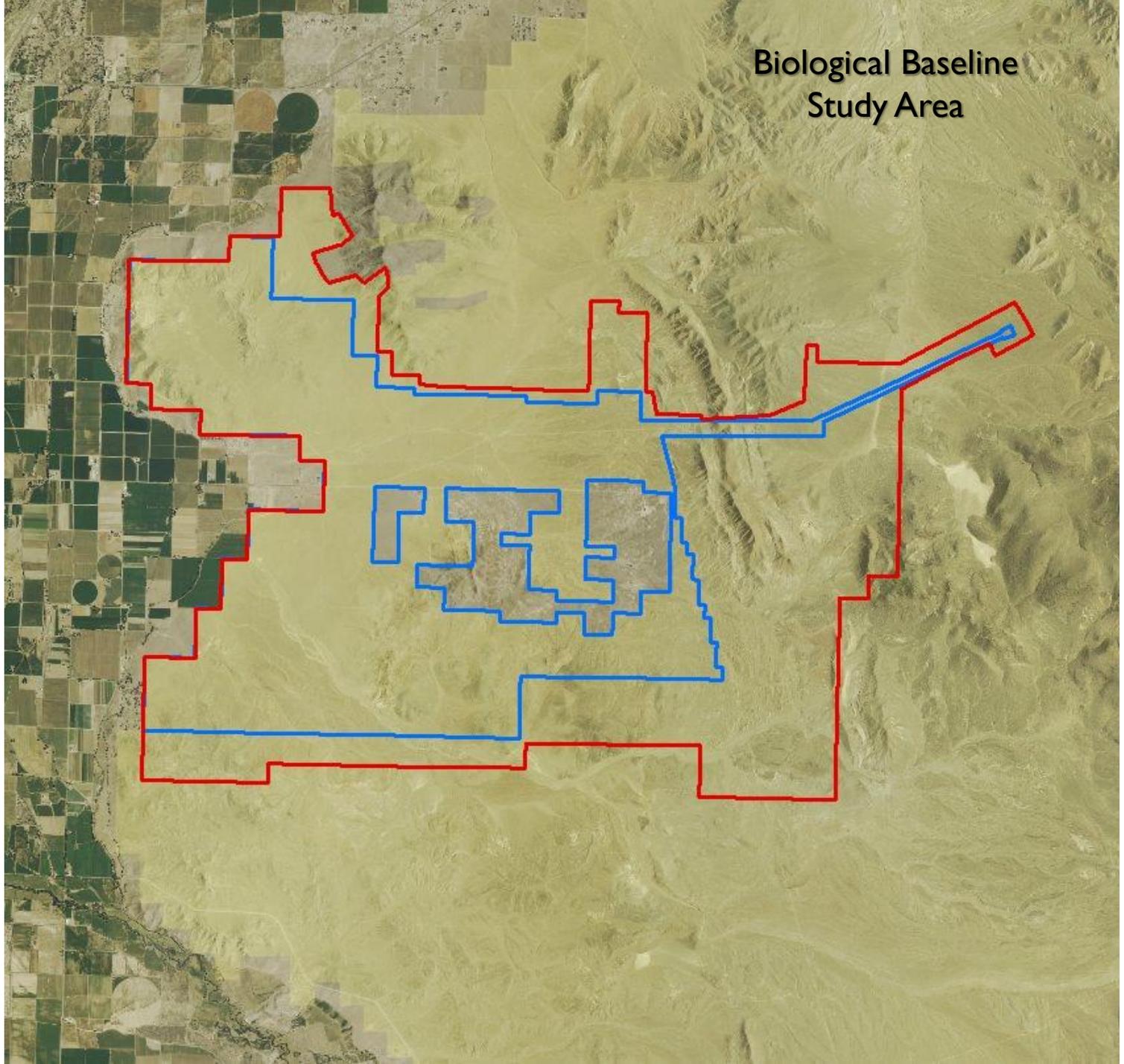
# Perry Springs-Deadman Grazing Allotment



# Existing Right-of-Ways



# Biological Baseline Study Area

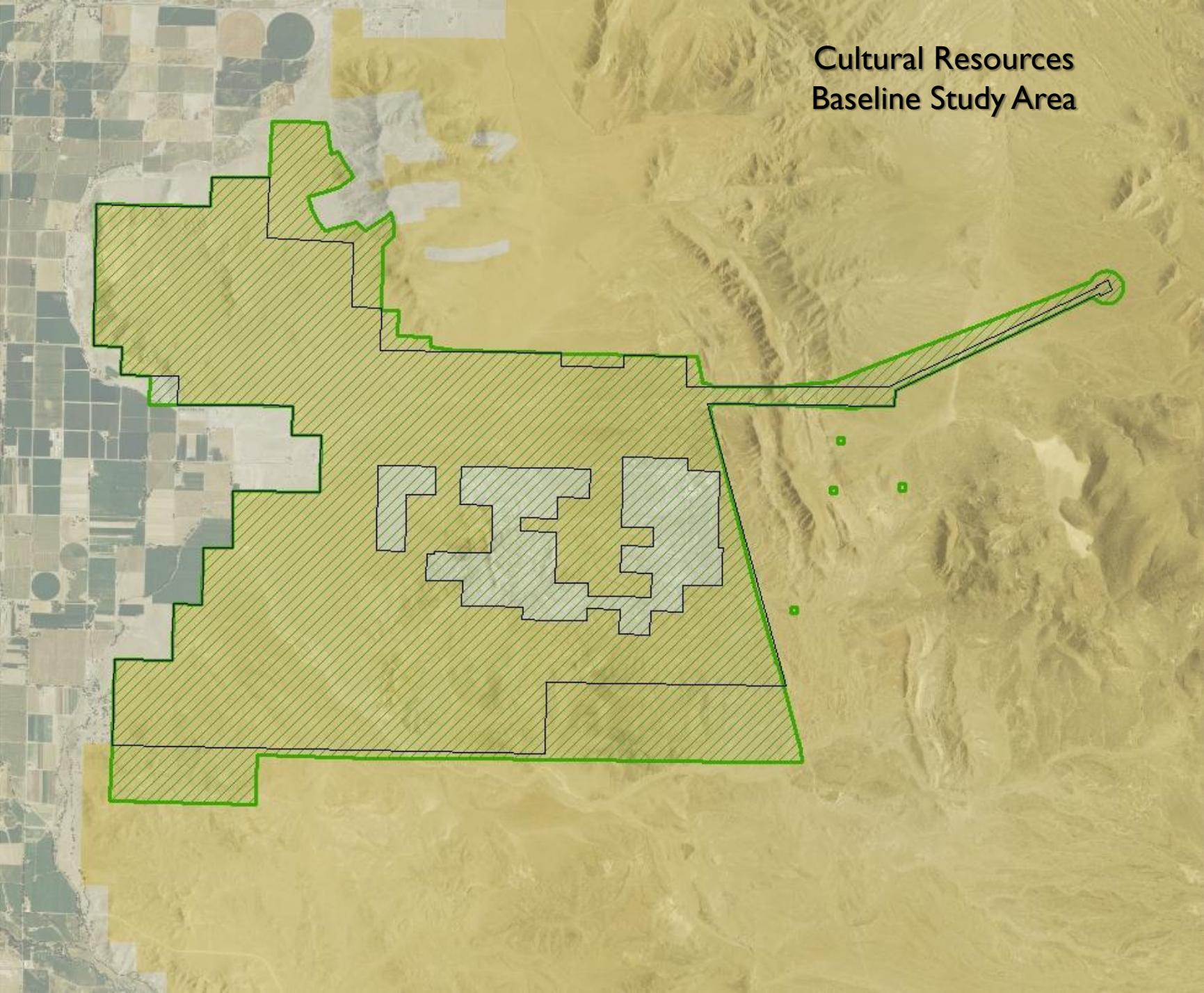


# Biological Findings

Not sage-grouse habitat.

No threatened or endangered species.

Cultural Resources  
Baseline Study Area



# Cultural Findings

105 archaeological sites are within the conveyance area.

Three sites are recommended eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Two sites remain unevaluated pending further research.

# Notifications

Right-of-way holders.

Grazing permittee.

Yerington Paiute 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 contaminants 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.

# Scope of NEPA/NHPA

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, the City, the State Historic Preservation Office, and consulting parties to mitigate eligible sites in the conveyance area.

# National Environmental Policy Act

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