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Subject: Notice of Public Scoping for the Eagle Eye Solar Project in the BLM Lake Havasu Field Office, La Paz County, Arizona

Dear Interested Party,

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lake Havasu Field Office is requesting your input on the proposed Eagle Eye Solar Project in La Paz County, Arizona. With the publication of this letter on ePlanning and distribution to interested parties, the BLM is initiating a 30-day public scoping period for an environmental assessment to analyze and disclose potential impacts.

Public involvement is an integral part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. The public has an important role in providing input during this scoping period to help the BLM make more informed decisions about this proposal. The BLM is seeking the public's input that would be relevant to the development of alternatives, environmental analyses, and resource protection measures.

The objective of public scoping falls into three broad categories:

1. The **relevant issues** associated with the project that warrant analysis;
2. Means to **minimize the effects** of the project; and
3. **Reasonable alternatives** that would meet the preliminary agency **purpose and need**.

Project Description

On September 15, 2022, EAGL, LLC (Applicant), a subsidiary of BNC DEVCO, LLC, a joint venture between BrightNight, LLC and Cordelio Power, submitted an SF-299 ("Application for Transportation, Utility Systems, Telecommunications and Facilities on Federal Lands and Property") and a Plan of Development (POD) to the BLM Lake Havasu Field Office for the purpose of construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning of an up to 400 megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) facility with battery storage, a 230-kilovolt (kV) generation tie-in transmission line (gen-tie), and access roads (hereafter referred to as the Eagle Eye Solar Project or Project). The Project is proposed within a 3,962-acre application area on BLM-administered lands. The Applicant is proposing to construct the Project on approximately 3,277 acres designated by the BLM in 2012 as potentially suitable for utility-scale solar development ("variance area") by the *Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments/Record of Decision for Solar Energy Development in Six Southwestern States* and

690 of those acres are also designated as a Renewable Energy Development Area by the *Arizona Restoration Design Energy Project Record of Decision* issued by BLM in January 2013.

The requested term of the right-of-way would be for 40 years. The BLM is the lead federal agency for the Project, with Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) as a joint agency.

The Project applied for and received a variance to proceed to NEPA analysis. Information on the variance process and the variance factors analysis report is available on the BLM Arizona Solar Variances 2023/24 ePlanning page: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2024049/510>.

Project Location

The Project is located within La Paz County on BLM-administered land, approximately 4 miles north of Wenden and 100 miles west of Phoenix. Please see the attached map for additional project location details.

Preliminary Purpose and Need

The **purpose** of the action is to respond to the applicant's request for a ROW grant to develop a utility-scale solar energy generating facility. The **need** for action is the BLM's responsibility under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Preliminary Range of Alternatives

The BLM has identified a preliminary range of alternatives including:

- **No Action (No Build) Alternative** is required by BLM NEPA guidance. Under this alternative, the BLM would deny the right-of-way application.
- **Applicant's Proposed Action** as described in the POD and summarized in this letter.
- **Gen-tie line alternative** interconnection routes.

No amendments to the Lake Havasu Resource Management Plan have been identified.

What is a Reasonable Alternative?

A reasonable alternative must meet all three criteria below:

- Meets the BLM's purpose and need;
- Be technically feasible; and
- Be economically feasible.

How to Submit Comments

The public scoping period ends 30 days from the issuance of this letter. Comments must be in writing and may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Via the ePlanning Project website:
[<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2035737/510>]
- Via email:
BLM_AZ_CRD_SOLAR@BLM.GOV
- Or hand deliver or mail:

BLM Lake Havasu Office
Attn: William Webster

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A scoping report summarizing the input received will be posted to the ePlanning website.
Thank you for your interest in managing the public lands.

Sincerely,

William Mack Jr.
District Manager

Attachment 1
Proposed Project Figure