### **Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Planning**

Under the **Federal Land Management and Policy Act**, the Bureau of Land Management is to complete resource management plans that establish "zones" or "allocations", and set the objectives for those areas.

What is the most numerous (in acres) land use allocation on Bureau of Land Management lands in Nevada and the U.S.?

**Answer:** Livestock grazing.

Most resource management plans are significantly out of date in Nevada, and recent priorities have come from national planning efforts such as revisions to the 2015 greater sage-grouse plan amendments (public comment period anticipated to start in March 2024) and revisions to the 2012 Western Solar Plan amendments (comment period ends on April 18, 2024).



#### **Winnemucca District**

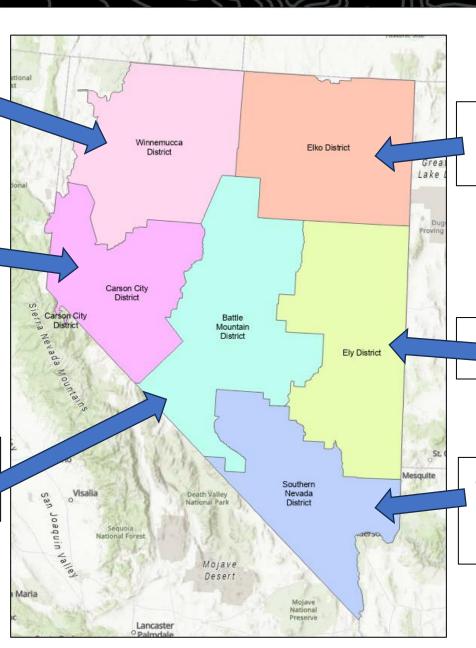
Winnemucca RMP (2015) Black Rock Desert RMP (2004)

### **Carson City District** (2001)

Reno MFP (1982) Lahontan RMP (1985) Walker River (1985)

#### **Battle Mountain District**

Shoshone-Eureka RMP (1986) Tonopah (1997)



#### **Elko District**

Wells RMP (1985) Elko RMP (1987)

### **Ely District**

Ely RMP (2008)

#### **Southern Nevada District**

Las Vegas RMP (1998) Red Rock Canyon RMP (2005) Sloan Canyon RMP (2006)

## **Pending/Authorized Solar Projects by County**

County	Pending Solar	<b>Authorized Solar</b>	GWs
Carson City	0		0.0
Churchill	1		0.3
Clark	23	12	8.8
Esmeralda	14		20.9
Humboldt	3		0.9
Lander	5		3.5
Lincoln	1		0.5
Mineral	6	2	3.4
Nye	17	1	10.6
Washoe	1		0.2
White Pine	6		2.4

Across Nevada on Bureau of Land Management Lands there are 133 "pending" applications for renewable energy projects (wind, geothermal, solar, transmission).



## Greenlink West

472-mile transmission line



#### **Greenlink North**

235-mile transmission line

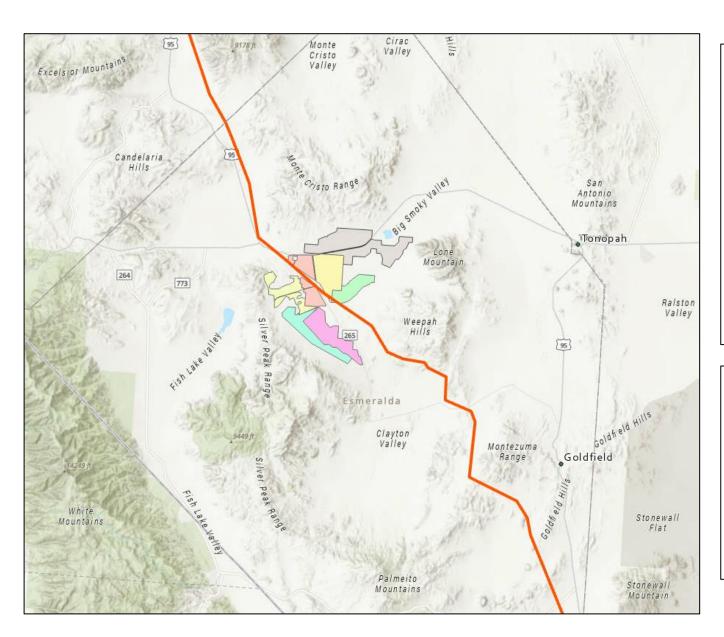
Linking to renewable energy projects is a contributing need for these transmission lines.



Esmeralda 7 Solar Complex (in NEPA)

Esmeralda County

Lone Mountain Solar Esmeralda Energy Center Red Ridge 1 Solar Red Ridge 2 Solar Nivloc Solar Gold Dust Solar Smoky Valley Solar



This "programmatic"
Environmental Impact
Statement will be
followed up by
project-specific
environmental review
and public comment
prior to authorization
of ground disturbing
activities.

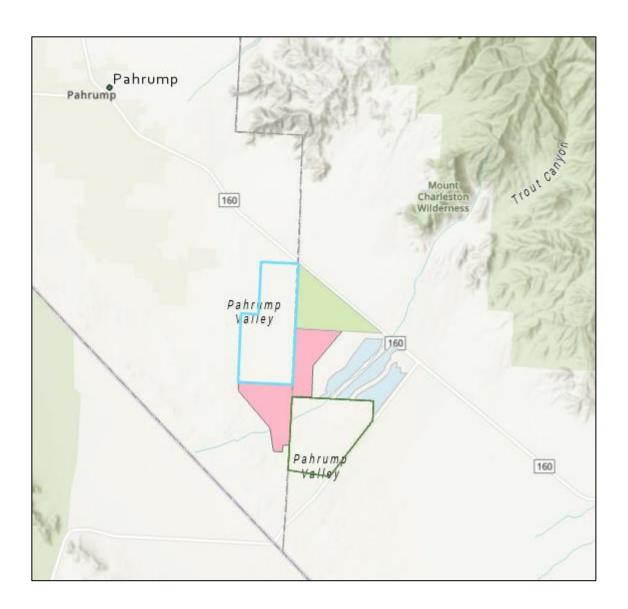
These seven applications cover 62,000 acres however the actual footprint of each development, if approved, would be significantly less.



### **Pahrump Valley**

**Nye County** 

Yellow Pine Solar (authorized)
Rough Hat Solar (in NEPA)
Copper Rays Solar (pending)
Golden Current Solar (pending)
Mosey Solar (pending)

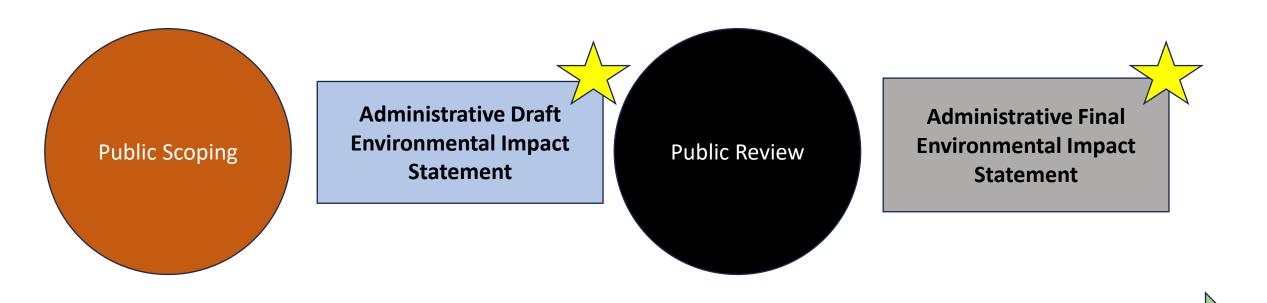


## **Becoming a Cooperating Agency**

**Cooperating Agency** means "...any Federal agency (and a State, Tribal, or local agency with agreement with the lead agency)..."

"...that has **jurisdiction by law** or **special expertise** with respect to any environmental impact involved in a proposal..."

# **Review Opportunities**





Reviews unique to Cooperating Agencies.

### **Learning About Pending Applications**

Contact the Bureau of Land Management District in your county.

For projects in-NEPA, go to ePlanning at: https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/home

For applications that are serialized, go to the public version of LR2000 at: https://reports.blm.gov/content/lr2000/About-LR2000/

# **Questions?**