

appendix B” that apply to the CXs that BLM and BIA are adopting. As described below, the BLM and BIA will ensure that proposed actions comply with these “DOE Integral Elements” when relying on CXs adopted from DOE. The Department has determined that adoption of the CXs for the BLM’s and BIA’s use as described in this notice is appropriate.

DOE Integral Elements

When the BLM and BIA intend to rely on a CX adopted from DOE as described in this notice, the Responsible Official will evaluate the proposed action against the DOE’s Integral Elements, which are additional conditions for reliance on each CX. The Responsible Official will only rely on a CX adopted from DOE as identified in this notice if the proposed action complies with the DOE Integral Elements. The DOE Integral Elements are described in 10 CFR 1021 subpart D, appendix B. The BLM and BIA will use their respective environment, safety, and health protocols when using these CXs.

Consideration of Extraordinary Circumstances

In consultation with DOE and NTIA, the BLM and BIA evaluated the extraordinary circumstances to be considered when applying these CXs. When applying these CXs, Responsible Officials (43 CFR 46.30) within the BLM and BIA will evaluate proposed actions covered by the CXs to determine whether any extraordinary circumstances, listed at 43 CFR 46.215, are present that would preclude reliance on the CX. The Department’s extraordinary circumstances include, in part, consideration of impacts on public health and safety; natural resources and unique geographic characteristics such as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks, sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas; unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources; unique or unknown environmental risks; precedent for future decision-making; historic properties; listed species or critical habitat; low income or minority populations; access by Indian religious practitioners to, and for ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites and the physical integrity of those sites; and contribution to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of invasive weeds or non-native invasive species.

The Department’s list of extraordinary circumstances addresses those of the DOE found at 10 CFR 1021.410(b)(2) and those of the NTIA found at 89 FR 22688; therefore, BLM and BIA Responsible Officials intending to rely on these CXs will review whether the proposed action has the potential to result in significant effects as described in the Department’s extraordinary circumstances. If the Responsible Official cannot rely on a CX to support a decision on a particular proposed action due to extraordinary circumstances, the Responsible Official will prepare an EA or EIS, consistent with 40 CFR 1501.4(b)(2) and 43 CFR 46.205(c).

Notice to the Public and Documentation of Adoption

This notice identifies to the public that the BLM and BIA are adopting 11 DOE CXs and 6 NTIA CXs for the BLM’s and BIA’s use. The notice identifies the types of actions to which the BLM and BIA would apply these CXs. The documentation of the adoptions is available at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/what-informs-our-plans/nepa> for the BLM, <https://www.bia.gov/service/nepa-compliance> for BIA and at <https://www.doi.gov/oepe/nepa/categorical-exclusions>. The BIA and the BLM will add the adopted CXs to their respective NEPA DM Chapters, 516 DM 10 and 11.

Authorities

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Stephen G. Tryon,

Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Jove Solar Project, La Paz County, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision for the Jove Solar Project, located in La Paz County, Arizona. The

Record of Decision signed on January 3, 2025, constitutes the decision of the BLM, as approved by the Department of the Interior.

DATES: The Department of the Interior approved the BLM’s Record of Decision on January 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The Record of Decision, Final Environmental Impact Statement, and other documents pertinent to the Jove Solar Project are available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2017881/510>. Printed copies of the Record of Decision are available at the BLM Yuma Field Office, 7341 East 30th Street, Yuma, Arizona 85365.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Derek Eysenbach, Project Manager, at deysenbach@blm.gov, Bureau of Land Management, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, or by phone at (602) 417–9505. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Eysenbach. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of the Interior has approved the BLM’s decision to issue a right-of-way grant for an initial term of 30 years for construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a utility-scale solar photovoltaic facility, called the Jove Solar Project. The Project encompasses 3,495 acres of public lands administered by the BLM Yuma Field Office and 38 acres administered by La Paz County, located in southeastern La Paz County, Arizona, south of Interstate 10 midway between Phoenix and the California border, approximately 22 miles east-southeast of the community of Brenda and the I–10/Highway 60 junction, and 30 miles west of the community of Tonopah. The Jove Solar Project consists of up to 1.2 million solar photovoltaic modules and associated infrastructure, new and improved roads, and powerlines for collection and transmission of electricity to the Cielo Azul Switchyard adjacent to the Ten West Link 500-kilovolt transmission line and will have a generation capacity of 600 megawatts or more.

The decision to authorize this energy generation project on public lands is consistent with FLPMA and the BLM’s right-of-way regulations ((43 U.S.C.

1761) (<https://www.govinfo.gov/link/uscode/43/1761>); ((43 CFR part 2800) (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-2800>)). Approval of this right-of-way grant constitutes the final decision of the Department of the Interior and is not subject to appeal under Departmental regulations at 43 CFR part 4 (<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-43/part-4>).

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1761 and 43 CFR part 2800)

Raymond Suazo,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Records of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan for Bears Ears National Monument and Approval of the Amendment to the Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan in Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior; Forest Service, Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (USDA Forest Service) (jointly “the Agencies”) announce the availability of the Records of Decision (ROD) for the Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for BLM-administered portions of the Bears Ears National Monument (BENM) and a ROD for the Approval of the Amendment to the 1986 Manti-La Sal National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) that adopts the Approved RMP for USDA Forest Service-administered portions of BENM located in southeastern Utah. The Department of the Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management signed the BLM ROD, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately on BLM-administered lands. The Manti-La Sal National Forest Supervisor signed the USDA Forest Service ROD approving an amendment to the LRMP to adopt the Approved RMP. The amendment to the LRMP will become effective 30 days

after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The RODs and Approved RMP are available online at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020347/510>. Printed copies of the BLM ROD/Approved RMP are available for public inspection at the BLM Monticello Field Office, 365 North Main, Monticello, Utah 84535, and BLM Utah Public Room, 440 West 200 South, Ste. 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101 or can be provided upon request by contacting BLM Project Manager Jill Stephenson at jstephenson@blm.gov or 435-259-2141. The USDA Forest Service ROD/Approved RMP are available for public inspection at the Manti-La Sal National Forest Monticello Ranger District, 397 North Main Street, Monticello, Utah 84535 or can be provided upon request by contacting Michael Engelhart at michael.engelhart@usda.gov.

A copy of the Protest Resolution Report is available at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/protest-resolution-reports>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Stephenson, Project Manager, telephone 435-259-2100; address Bureau of Land Management Canyon Country District 82 E Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532; email jstephenson@blm.gov regarding the BLM ROD. Michael Engelhart, District Ranger, telephone 435-636-3341; address Manti-La Sal National Forest Monticello District PO Box 820, Monticello, UT 84535; email michael.engelhart@usda.gov, regarding the USDA Forest Service ROD. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Stephenson. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area encompasses approximately 1.36 million acres of Federal land administered by the BLM and USDA Forest Service in San Juan County, Utah. Presidential Proclamation 10285 directs the Agencies to “prepare and maintain a new management plan for the entire monument” for the specific purposes of “protecting and restoring the objects identified [in Proclamation 10285] and in Proclamation 9558.” The RMP’s purpose is to provide a management framework, including goals, objectives,

and management direction to guide BENM management consistent with the protection of BENM objects and the management direction provided in Proclamation 10285. The USDA Forest Service amendment’s purpose is to incorporate the approved BENM RMP and update land management allocations of the BENM boundary area into the Manti-La Sal LRMP.

The Approved RMP is based on the Proposed RMP from the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), with minor changes to management actions, goals, and best practices. All changes are described in each Agency’s ROD (section 1.2 in the BLM ROD and section 3 and 6 in the USDA Forest Service ROD). The Agencies were informed in the development of the Approved RMP by input from the public, including from the scoping and public comment periods on the EIS and from the protest period, cooperating agencies, State and local governments, including the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, government-to-government consultation with Tribal Nations, the Monument Advisory Committee, the National Historic Preservation Act consultation, the Endangered Species Act consultation, and the Governor’s consistency review. The Approved RMP includes designation of the Aquifer Protection Area of Critical Environmental Concern, retains other existing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and closes portions of BENM to recreational shooting, among other management direction.

The BLM and USDA Forest Service provided the Proposed RMP/Final EIS to the public on October 4, 2024, for a 30-day protest period and received 40 protest letters. The USDA Forest Service adopted the BLM’s administrative review protest procedures, as provided by 36 CFR 219.59(a). The BLM and USDA Forest Service jointly signed a memorandum documenting the resolutions of all protests for both Agencies. The BLM Assistant Director for Resources and Planning resolved all protests. Responses to protest issues were compiled and documented in a Protest Resolution Report (see **ADDRESSES**). While no protests were granted, the Agencies made several edits to the Approved RMP text to improve clarity based on input received during the protest period.

The BLM provided the Proposed RMP/Final EIS to the Governor of Utah for a 60-day Governor’s consistency review on October 4, 2024. The Governor’s Office identified concerns and inconsistencies between the Proposed RMP/FEIS and the State and local plans, policies, and programs in a