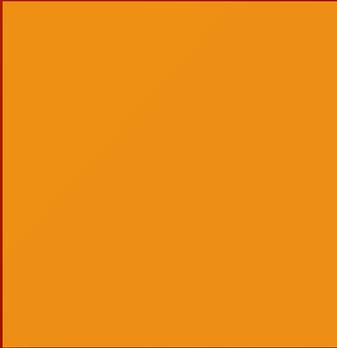


De Tilla Gulch SEZ



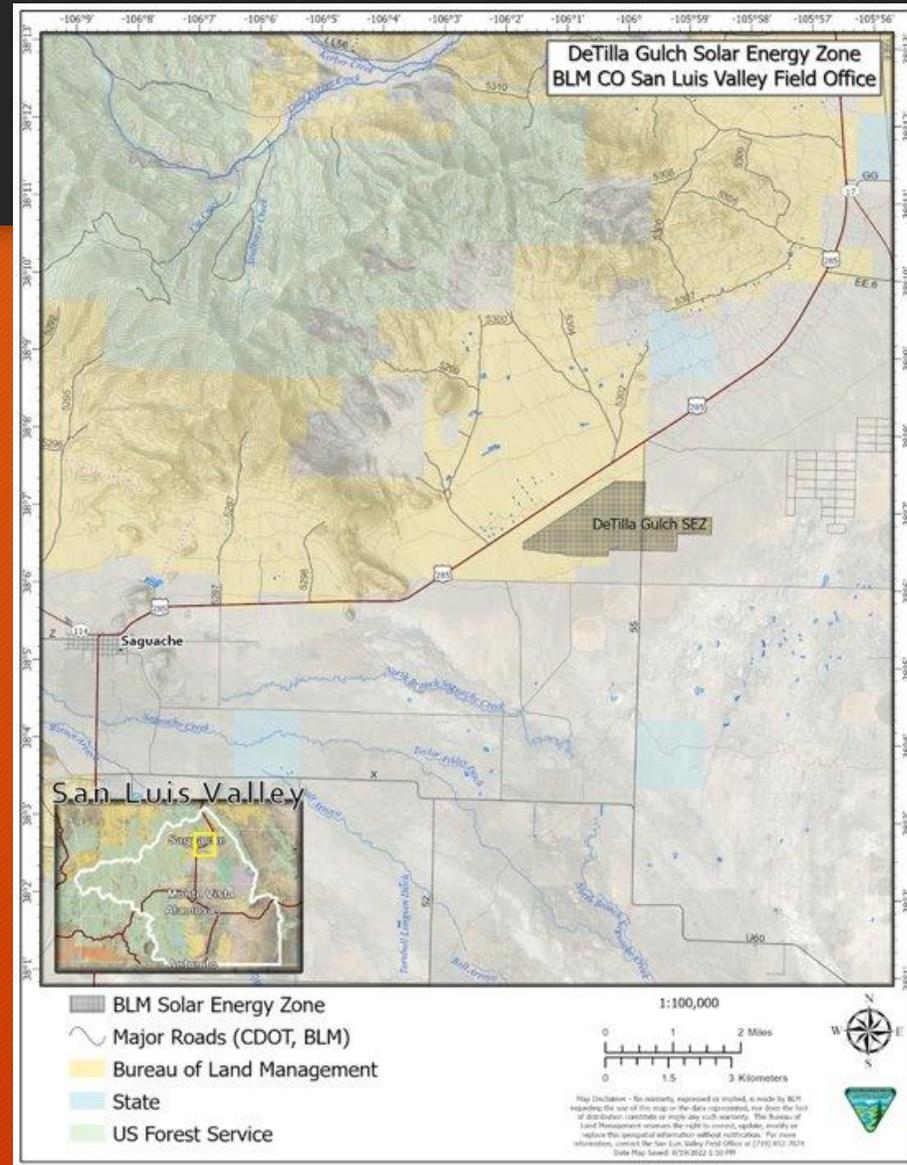
# How Are We Here?

- Solar Energy Zones (SEZ) - 2012
- Federal Register Notice (FRN) - 2021
- Interest Received - 2022
- Lease -2023

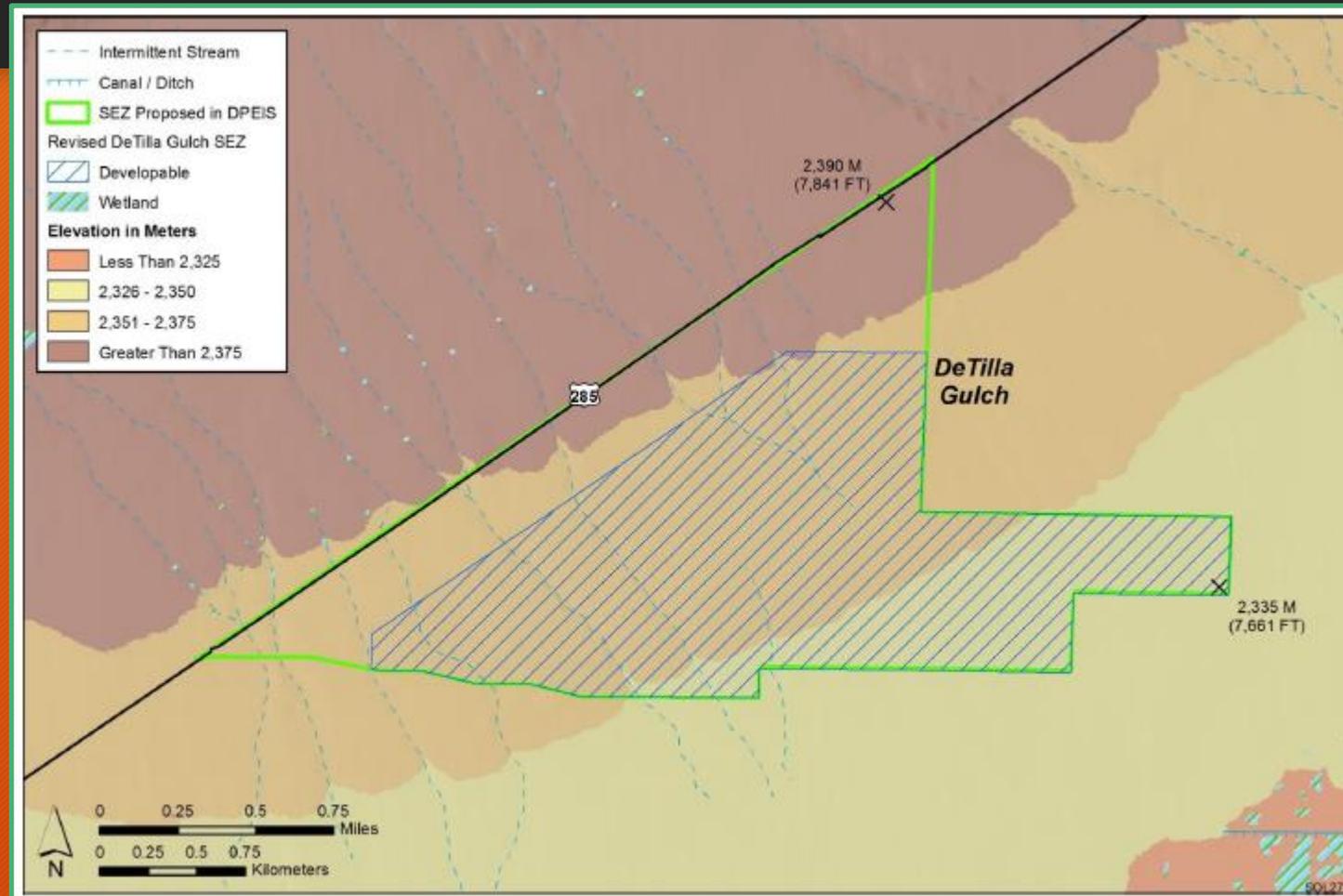




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# > De Tilla SEZ



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# > Federal Register Notice

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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**Call for Nominations or Expressions of Interest for Solar Leasing Areas on Public Lands in the States of Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of call for nominations and expressions of interest.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), State Offices in Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada are soliciting written expressions of interest (EOIs) or Nominations identifying tracts of land (parcels) for solar project development within the following solar energy zones (SEZs) on public lands: Antonito Southeast SEZ, DeTilla Gulch SEZ, and Los Mogotes East SEZ within Colorado; Dry Lake Valley North SEZ, Gold Point SEZ, and Millers SEZ within Nevada; and Afton SEZ within New Mexico. These SEZs have a combined total land size of approximately 89,589 acres.

**DATES:** The BLM will accept written expressions of interest or nominations through January 20, 2022.



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## *De Tilla Gulch SEZ*

The developable area includes 1,064 acres, more or less.

See legal description for the entire SEZ in Public Land Order (PLO) 7818, 78 FR 40501

<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2013-16215/p-294>

## > Interest

### EXPRESSIONS of INTEREST

- 6 for DeTilla Gulch SEZ
- 4 for all 3 SEZs
- 1 for Fourmile East SEZ - not listed in the FRN

### NOMINATIONS

- 2 DeTilla Gulch SEZ
- 1 for all 3 SEZs

# Resources Analysis

## Lands & Realty

- Solar energy development would preclude other land uses within the SEZ.
- ROWs for utility-scale solar energy development in SEZs would be given priority over all other ROW applications.

## > Resources Analysis

### Rangeland Resources & Vegetation

- Typically total removal of vegetation, which could result in increased risk of invasive species introduction, changes in species composition and distribution, habitat loss (e.g., dune or riparian areas), and damage to biological soil crusts.
- 38% of the Crow grazing allotment is within SEZ. Crow allotment is currently vacant.
- No SEZ-specific design features to protect livestock grazing have been identified in this Final Solar PEIS (2012).

# Moving Forward

- Lease for solar energy production
- For successful bidder,
  - then Plan of Development,
  - then Environmental Assessment

## >Successful Bidder...

### 43 CFR 2809

- Part 2809.18
  - Lease term is 30 years
  - Rent must be paid
  - Within 2 years of lease issuance date, A Plan of Development (POD) must be filed
  - Lessee must pay cost recovery for BLM to review and approve the POD
  - Bond required
  - Construction must start within 5 years
  - Generation of electricity must begin within 7 years
  - An extension may be granted for up to 3 years

## >Current Status

- April 2023- Pine Gate Renewables secured rights to develop utility scale solar energy
- 2024 - Working to secure Power Purchase Agreement

# Questions

