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Dear Mr. Canfield:

We would like to inform you of an upcoming Bureau of Land Management (BLM) workshop regarding the regional mitigation pilot project for the Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone. On July 24, 2012, the Final Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) was published and can be accessed on the internet at (<http://solareis.anl.gov>).

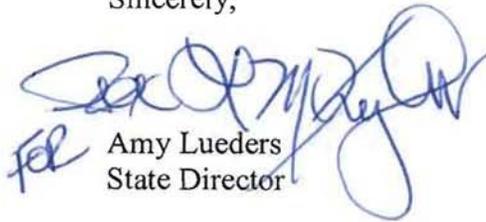
Comments on both the Draft Solar PEIS and Supplement to the Draft Solar PEIS showed significant public interest in working cooperatively to develop frameworks for regional mitigation plans for SEZs and on developing a long-term and scientifically-based environmental monitoring and adaptive management strategy for solar development on BLM-administered lands. The BLM, Nevada State Office, in continuing to undertake a Solar Energy Program in Nevada, is planning to conduct a regional mitigation pilot workshop for the proposed Dry Lake Solar Energy Zone (SEZ). The Dry Lake SEZ is located in Clark County in an undeveloped area in Dry Lake Valley in the Apex area. It is bounded on the west by the Arrow Canyon Range and on the southeast by the Dry Lake Range and is south of the Dry Lake itself. A map of the SEZ is enclosed for your review.

On August 29 and 30, 2012, the BLM will hold a public engagement forum and workshop at the Tuscany Suites & Casino, 255 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas [8 am – 5 pm]. At the meeting, we will ask the attendees to provide information on mitigation needs for the Dry Lake SEZ including cultural, vegetation, animals, recreation use, economics and visual concerns, and to discuss ideas about environmental monitoring and adaptive management strategies for the SEZ.

For more information on regional mitigation plans for SEZs and on environmental monitoring and adaptive management strategies for solar development on BLM-administered lands, please visit <http://solareis.anl.gov/index.cfm>.

If you would like further information or wish to participate in this forum and workshop, please RSVP at DryLakemitigation@blm.gov or you may also contact Mike Dwyer, Project Manager at (702) 515-5186. We look forward to working cooperatively to address your concerns. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


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State Director

Enclosure

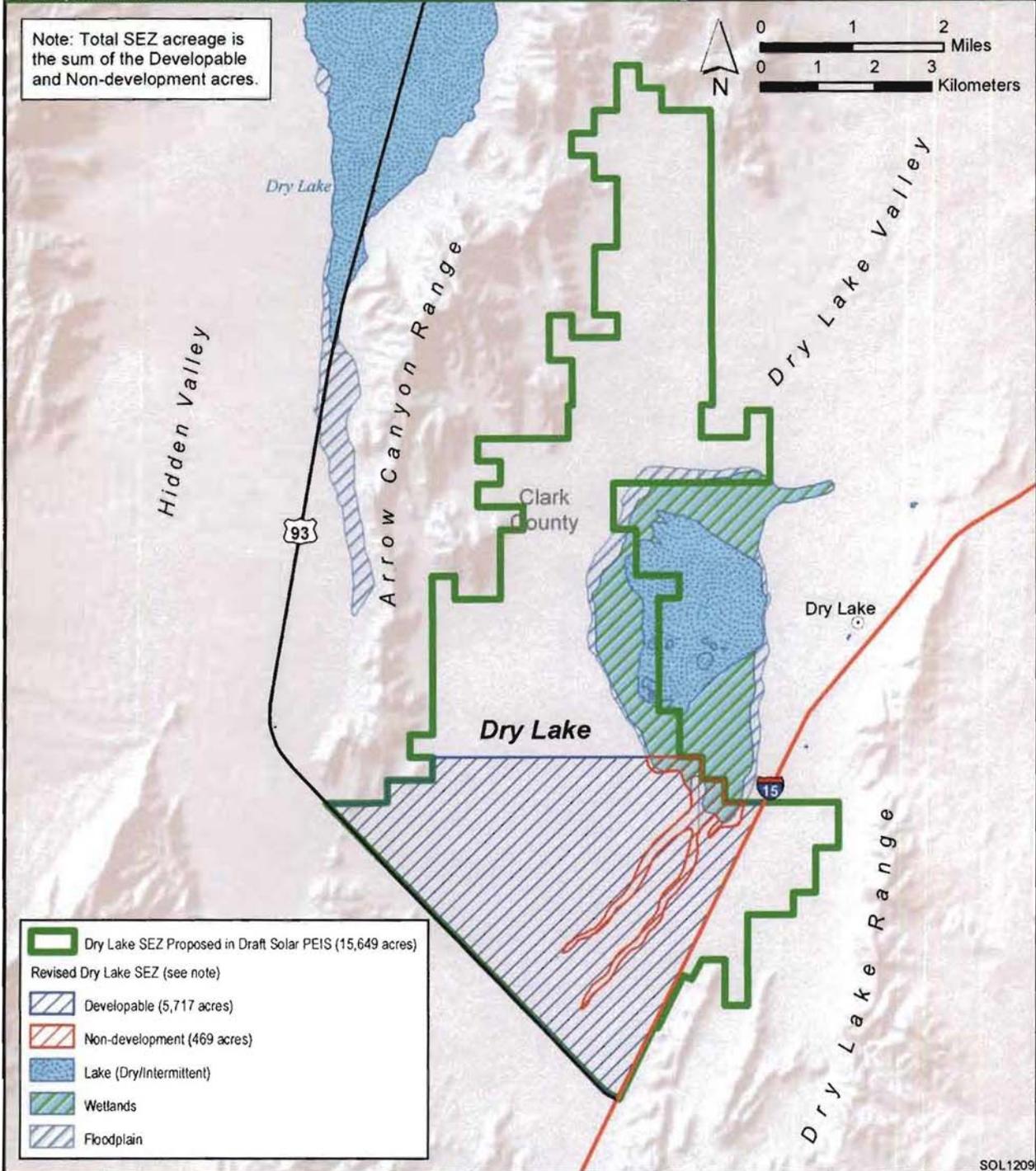
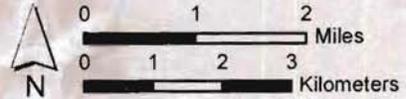
Developable Area for the Proposed Dry Lake SEZ

Map Prepared July 2012

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Note: Total SEZ acreage is the sum of the Developable and Non-development acres.



- Dry Lake SEZ Proposed in Draft Solar PEIS (15,649 acres)
- Revised Dry Lake SEZ (see note)
- Developable (5,717 acres)
- Non-development (469 acres)
- Lake (Dry/Intermittent)
- Wetlands
- Floodplain