



Department of the Interior Recovery Investments *Investing in America's Economic Recovery*



Renewable Energy Authorizations

Need

The growing need for future energy will require aggressive development of alternative energy sources. BLM-Arizona is proposing to encourage this in two ways: 1) focused processing of rights-of-way for solar energy generation; and 2) redevelopment of damaged lands from past unregulated mining activities, known as the Brownfields projects.

Recovery Act Funding

These Arizona ARRA projects were allocated \$6.5 million to develop renewable energy programs and complete required environmental studies and analysis (NEPA) for projects. These projects are the foundation of Arizona's renewable energy program. Multiple contracts and incentives will be used to accomplish these goals.



Benefits

The projects will use the latest technologies and focus on renewable energy systems.

Solar Energy -Solar technologies will need to be considered based on other land uses and water availability at a particular site.

Wind Energy – Current proposed sites in Arizona experience more consistent, stronger winds than found in other Southwest locations. Monitoring of local weather conditions will be required to quantify the suitability of the sites for wind energy development.



More Information

There will be an opportunity in the near future for interested parties to engage in the Brownfields project.

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