

BLM to hold public pre-application meeting on Shiprock Solar proposal

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FARMINGTON - The Bureau of Land Management invites the public to participate in an informational pre-application virtual workshop for the Shiprock Solar Project on May 27 from 6 pm-8 pm.

The proposed project area encompasses 1,980 acres of BLM-administered public lands and 555 acres of private lands that are located approximately 4 miles north of Waterflow, N.M., near the Public Service Company of New Mexico-operated San Juan Generating Station.

The proposed project would produce approximately 372 megawatts of electricity. It would connect to the existing Western Area Power Administration Substation via an approximately 1,400-foot 345kV transmission line, using a constructed Main Collector Substation Location near the WAPA substation, or approximately 2,600 feet to PNM's San Juan 345kV station as the second option, using an alternative location for the Main Collector Substation. Both substations connect the solar facility to regional electrical system grids.

The project would be within a variance area, which are BLM-administered public lands that are outside of a BLM solar energy zone identified in BLM's Western Solar Plan. Variance areas are potentially available for utility-scale solar energy development, but the BLM must consider projects proposed in variance areas by following the established BLM variance process.

Please register in advance for this workshop at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?pwd=ZURdeqtqDMrHdeLBsLRObo4Dy3NhhdXSGmK>