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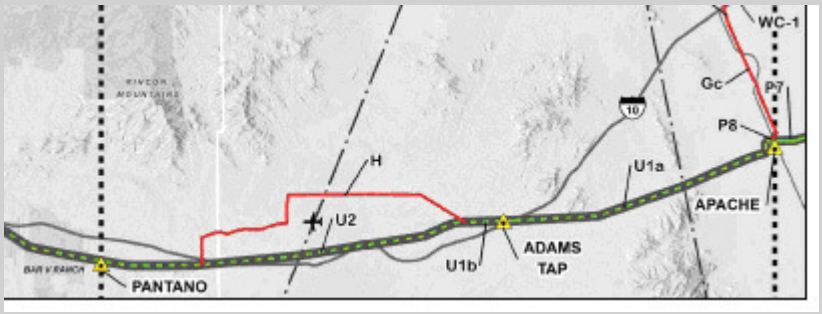
KEEPING THE NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMED!

TRI-NEWS CENTRAL
J-6 Mescal Skyline

PROCESS CONTINUES TO BRING SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION LINES THRU THE NEIGHBORHOOD



Illustrates the Proponent Preferred Route U2 (green dashes over black ribbon) that closely follows I-10 and the existing power lines thru Mescal. An alternative is also shown in red that bypasses the commercial and residential areas. Illustrated routes were derived from feedback by stakeholders, including feedback received during the May 20th Benson meeting.

Those living and visiting in the Mescal, J-6, Skyline areas may be directly impacted by the second segment of this 360 mile project. For this reason, CDO hosted a community meeting on Nov. 10th, 2011 so that Southline representatives could explain the initial proposal, answer questions, and receive feedback regarding local concerns before the NEPA process formally began.

BEAUTIFUL WEATHER OVER THE WEEKEND - RESIDENTS OUT AND ABOUT

VISITING CIENEGA FARM DAYS:

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POLITICING:

The Southline Project is expected to help sustain long-term growth and ensure reliability by replacing many older lines that are approaching the end of their useful generation while enabling renewable energy development.

Southline Transmission, LLC, proposes constructing, operating, and maintaining a high-voltage power line in two segments. The first segment would be a new double circuit 345-kilovolt line from a substation in Afton, New Mexico (south of Las Cruces), to a substation in Apache, Arizona (south of Willcox). This 225-mile segment would provide up to 1,000 megawatts of initial rated capacity.

The second segment would be an upgrading and rebuilding of about 130 miles of existing transmission lines. The Upgrade will pass through the tri-community area as it connects the Apache substation and the Saguaro substation, northwest of Tucson. It would provide capacity for an additional 1,000 megawatts of electricity.

The rebuild and upgrade segment of the Project would include tubular steel poles measuring 90 to 130 feet tall; the distance between structures would range from 700 to 1,100 feet depending on terrain and other factors. The existing Right of Way for the rebuild and upgrade segment is 150 feet wide. Click here to see additional

SHOWING CARS - BUTTERFIELD

ENJOYING PHOTO SHOW - COCHISE COLLEGE

simulation views for area. .

The Draft EIS can be reviewed by clicking here. A Draft EIS and Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment were released for public review and comment between April 2014 and July 10, 2014 by BLM New Mexico and the Western Area Power Administration, a power-arm of the Department of Energy. Local residents were invited to attend an informational meeting and public hearing held in Benson on May 20, 2014.

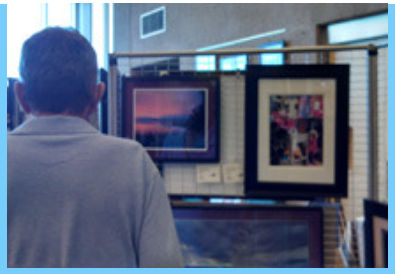
The Draft EIS analysis addresses 17 categories exploring both the short- and long-term effects of the proposed Project and alternative routes. Short-term effects, like those associated with construction, would occur within a 5-year time frame from the beginning of the proposed Project. Operation, maintenance, decommissioning, and abandonment effects are analyzed in the long term, which for transmission projects of this type is considered to be 50 years.

Noise and Vibration Health and Safety Visual Resources

Remaining categories include Air Quality, Geology and Mineral Resources, Soil Resources, Paleontological Resources, Water Resources, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Land Use including Farm and Range Resources and Military Operations, Recreation, Socioeconomic and Envir. Justice, Hazardous Materials and Waste, Transportation, and Intentional Acts of Destruction.

Click here to see Summary Table of Accumulative Effects.

The NEPA Process is expected to be completed and Records of Decision issued by the end of 2015.

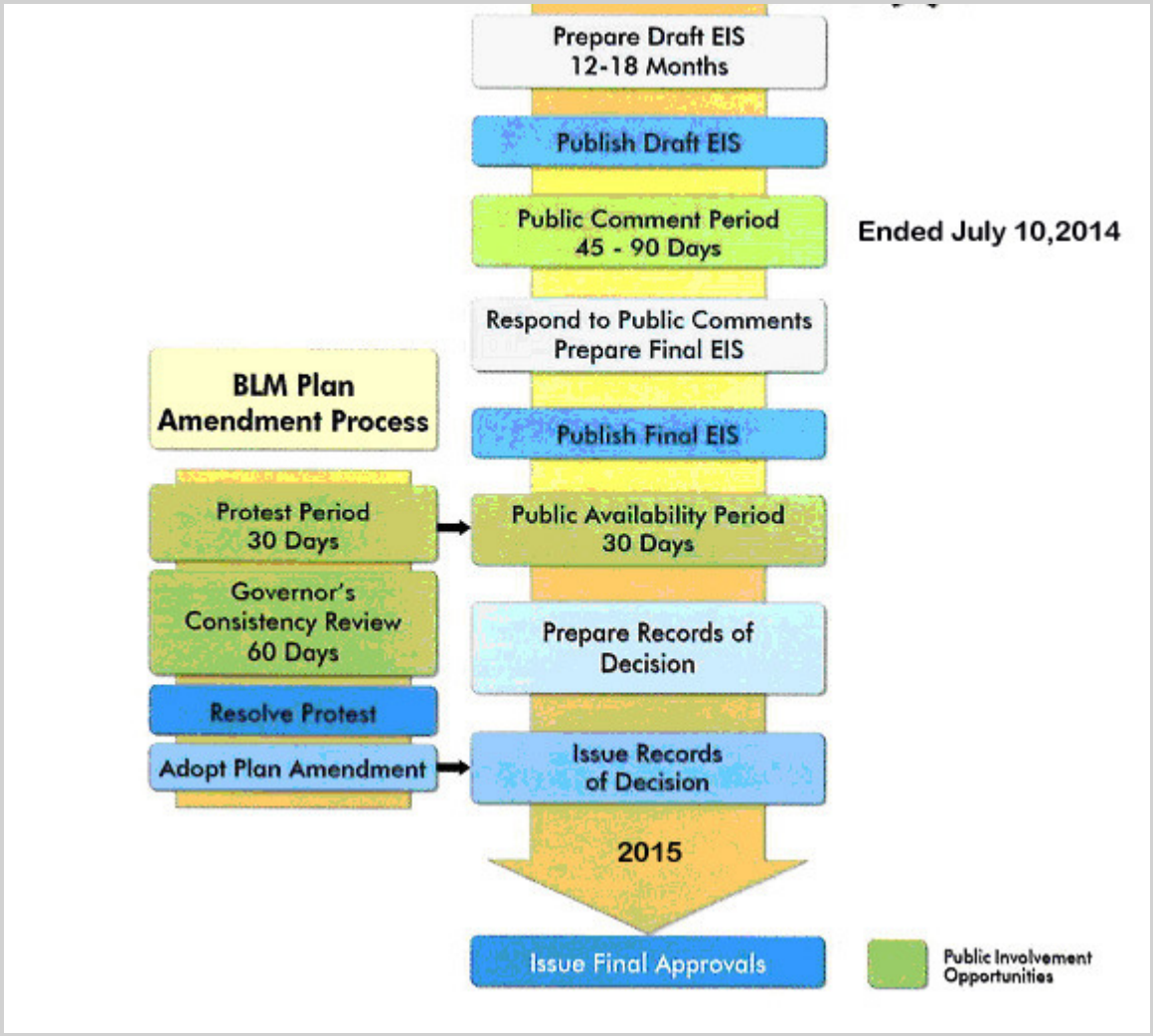


Photos on display until end of October. Can be seen Mon. thru Thursday from 8 A.M.-8:30 P.M. and on Friday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.

YARD SELLING - EMPIRE ACRES

OVER 14" OF RAIN RECORDED IN AREA

Residents posting on rainlog.org indicate a wet monsoon for the



Southline Transmission, LLC, is a subsidiary of Hunt Power, L.P., which develops and invests in entrepreneurial electric and gas utility opportunities. It is part of a larger privately held group of entities managed by the Ray L. Hunt family. Black Forest Partners, L.P., is the project manager for Southline Transmission, LLC.

area. Year to date readings range
from 8" to 16". Click here to see the totals near your home.

Information on the project is available from Mark Mackiewicz, BLM National Project Manager, at (435) 636-3616 or mmackiew@blm.gov. Additional information is posted at www.blm.gov/nm/southline.

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