



# BLM Wind and Solar Leasing Rule

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"Our nation's public lands are vast and varied. We need to take a close look at these resources to determine where it makes sense to develop renewable energy and - just as importantly - where it does not."

- Interior Secretary Jewell, 2013

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*A Brighter Future:*

# shifting the way we develop renewable energy on public lands



# CLIMATE CHANGE AND PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ACTION PLAN

PRESIDENT OBAMA HAS ANNOUNCED A SERIES OF EXECUTIVE ACTIONS TO REDUCE CARBON POLLUTION, PREPARE THE U.S. FOR THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, AND LEAD INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO ADDRESS GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE.

**“We will respond to the threat of climate change, knowing that the failure to do so would betray our children and future generations.”**

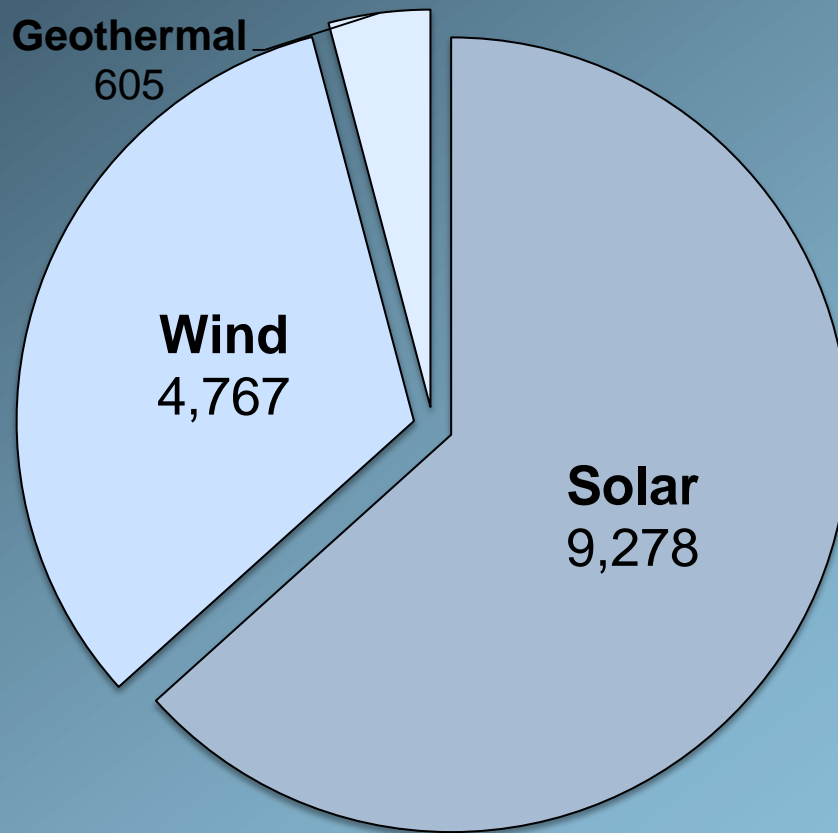
*—President Barack Obama  
January 21, 2013*



**20,000 Megawatts**  
approved on public lands by  
**2020**

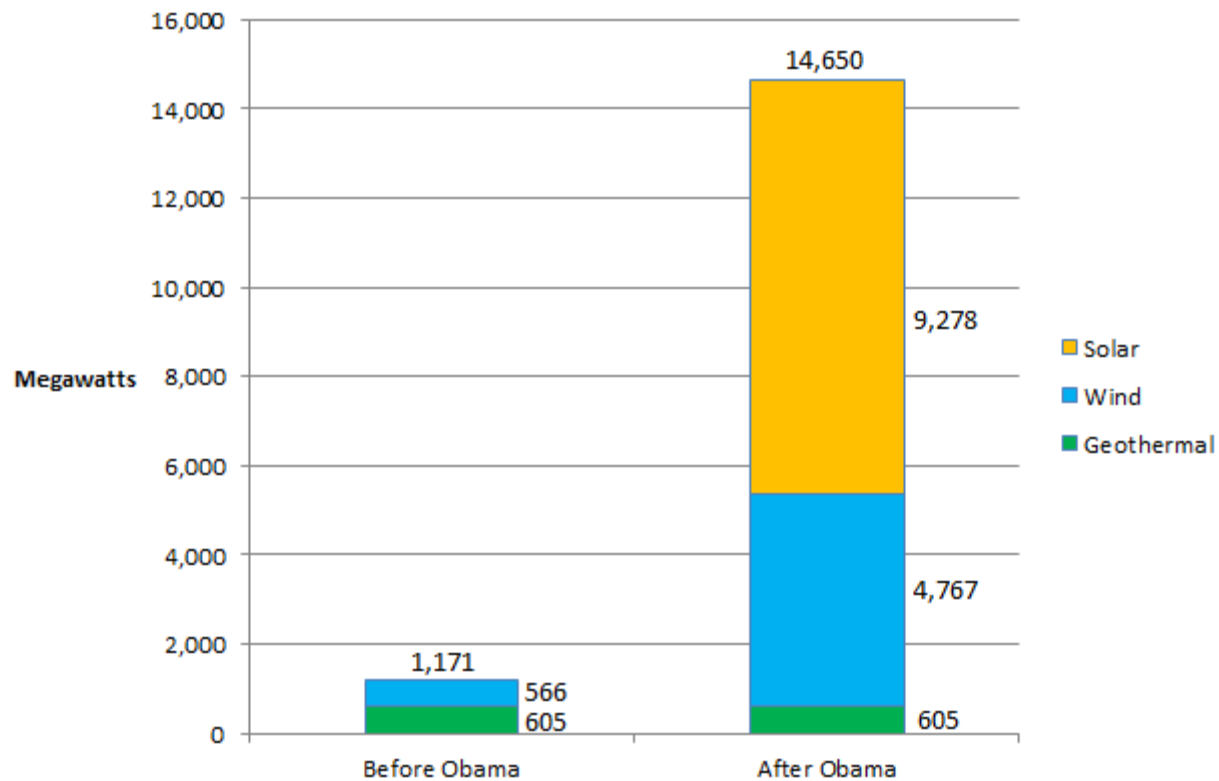
**6 Million Homes**

# Megawatts approved on public lands since President Obama took office



**73%**  
Of Climate  
Action Plan  
Goal Met

## Renewable Energy MW Approved on Public Lands Before and After President Obama

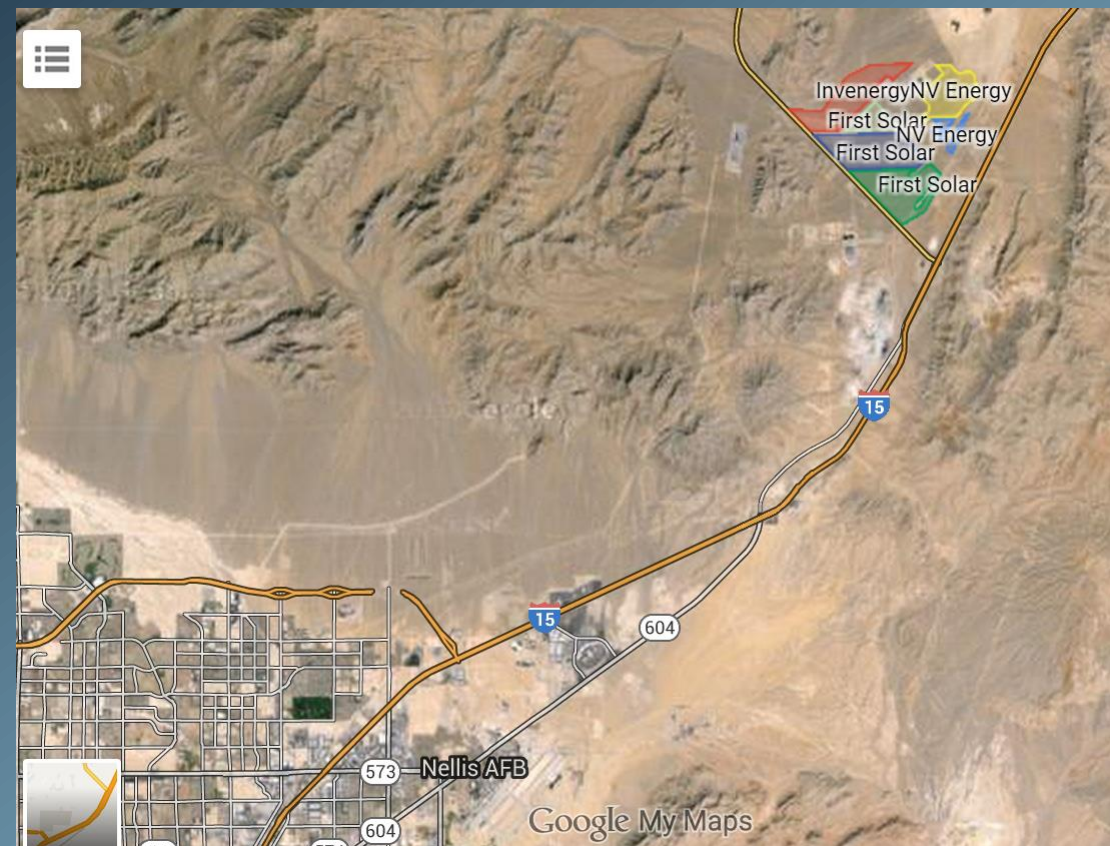


# Renewables permitted equivalent to BOR Hydropower









## Press Release



# Interior Department Approves First Solar Energy Zone Projects

**Three Nevada Projects to Generate 440MW of Clean Energy; Streamlined Review Process Speeds Permitting**

**06/01/2015**



- Finalize the Wind and Solar Leasing Rulemaking
- Finalize the DRECP



- Pass the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act (PLREDA)



- Implement the Western Solar Plan
- Publish and implement mitigation guidance
- Smart decisions on RE and Tx projects

# Benefits of Wind and Solar Leasing Rulemaking

- Establishes a consistent approach for how we develop renewable energy on public lands
- Modernizes leasing for wind and solar
- Incentivizes development in low-conflict, preferred areas setting a course for more successes like Dry Lake
- Cements renewable energy progress

# Finalization of Wind and Solar Leasing Rulemaking

- Status: draft rule published for comment in fall 2014; final rule expected winter 2015
- Rule is a priority for the administration, but they have a full plate with other rulemakings
- TWS and conservation partners looking to partner with wind developers on smart methods to identify wind Designated Leasing Areas



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