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Indian Youth Service Corps Opportunity

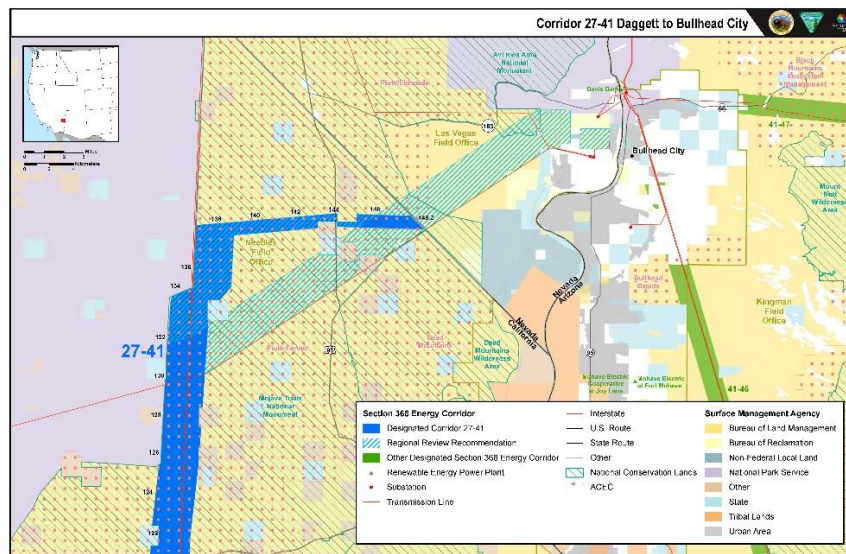


Following the York Fire which burned more than 8,000 acres within Avi Kwa Ame National Monument, an Emergency Stabilization and Rehabilitation Plan was developed to help stabilize and protect the burned area from further degradation. Through the Indian Youth Service Corps Program, the BLM would like to collaborate with eligible Tribal youth to implement stabilization and rehabilitation activities within the affected areas. Activities may include site monitoring, barrier construction, seeding and native species planting.

To learn more about the Indian Youth Service Corps Program, please visit <https://www.blm.gov/careers/students-and-grads/indian-youth-service-corps>

For more information about how to apply for this program, please mark your calendars for February 7 at 9:30 a.m. and register at <https://blm.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSfumprDsoGyw1Zm6ouSapC8R5JOvIrc8>

West-wide Energy/Section 368 Corridors – Comments Sought



The BLM National Headquarters hosted a public meeting on January 10, 2024 in Laughlin about the Section 368 Energy Corridors Regional Review Revisions across the West. The public comment period closes February 2, 2024

For more information, please visit website <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2022227/510> and <http://corridoreis.anl.gov>.

If you have questions, please contact Crystal Hoyt at choyt@blm.gov or 307-352-0322.

Restoration Project on the Horizon



Example before vertical mulching



Example after vertical mulching

Beginning in the second quarter, Clark County's Desert Conservation Program, in coordination with BLM, will implement restoration actions in the approved Piute-Eldorado Area of Critical Environmental Concern Management Plan with funding provided through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. The goal will be to restore, improve or enhance disturbed desert tortoise critical habitat and to minimize the potential of re-disturbance of the sites or creation of new sites. Restoration will focus on linear disturbances caused by unauthorized off-road vehicle use and within the Piute-Eldorado Valley Area of Critical Environmental Concern (almost entirely within Avi Kwa Ame National Monument.) This will include vertical mulching, native species planting and construction of barriers and fences.

PBS Outdoor Nevada

Great news! A segment on Avi Kwa Ame National Monument will be featured on Vegas PBS's Outdoor Nevada show. A date has not been released yet, but the show airs on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and is also posted on their website.

Jimmy Linares, former Interim Monument Manager for Avi Kwa Ame National Monument, talked about partnerships with the Tribes and National Park Service, how folks can enjoy the area safely, sights and animals they will likely see, his favorite spots, as well as the York Fire and how it impacted the monument. Lillian Setters, Las Vegas Field Office Natural Resources Specialist, discussed the wonders of the plants in Avi Kwa Ame National Monument and the Mojave Desert overall. Fort Mojave Indian Tribe also provided several spectacular interviews.



Any questions?

For general inquiries, contact the monument e-mail at blm_nv_avikwaame@blm.gov. If you are interested in scheduling a Government-to-Government meeting regarding any of these topics, please contact Kat Aben, BLM Southern Nevada District Tribal Liaison, at (702) 515-5044 or kaben@blm.gov.