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To Persons Interested in the Palo Verde-Devers 500kV Transmission Line:

After analyzing the information in the final environmental statement for the proposed Palo Verde-Devers 500kV transmission line, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has identified its preferred route for the line, which is highlighted on the attached map.

BLM considered the following major points in identifying the preferred route:

1. Making the best use of existing roads and utility rights-of-way, thereby reducing the impacts of road construction and opening of new areas to vehicle access;
2. Avoiding, or reducing as much as possible, land use, social, and economic impacts on private lands and;
3. Avoiding direct impacts on proposed and established wilderness study areas.
4. Avoiding critical Bighorn sheep habitat.

BLM will deal with other potential impacts, such as effects on vegetation and cultural resources, as the specific tower sites and access roads are located on the ground.

BLM will work with Southern California Edison (SCE) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to examine this route in detail, allowing SCE to do the ground site location and survey work required to perfect their right-of-way applications.

The following steps will be taken in completing this project:

1. BLM, FWS and SCE will conduct field review of the preferred route.
2. SCE will submit a preliminary survey of centerline and aerial strip maps and will flag potential disturbance areas.

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3. SCE will apply to the Arizona State Siting Committee for approval of the segments of the line that have changed since the committee originally gave its approval.

4. BLM, SCE, and other affected parties will conduct field walk-through inspections of critical areas.

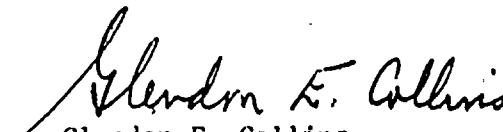
5. SCE will submit a perfected application to BLM, including cultural and botanical surveys. SCE will make a separate application to the FWS for that segment of the line across the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge.

6. BLM will issue a right-of-way grant for all areas except the segment crossing the KOFA National Wildlife Refuge, for which the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will grant the right-of-way. The Fish and Wildlife Service will impose such terms and conditions as are necessary, including siting, to protect the Refuge resources.

7. BLM and FWS will work with SCE in preconstruction activities and will closely monitor the entire construction process for compliance with the stipulations included in the right-of-way grants.

I hope that this brief summary will bring you up to date on the actions taken by BLM and those that we anticipate taking in the future in meeting BLM's responsibilities in this project.

Sincerely,

  
Glendon E. Collins  
Acting State Director

Enclosure  
Map

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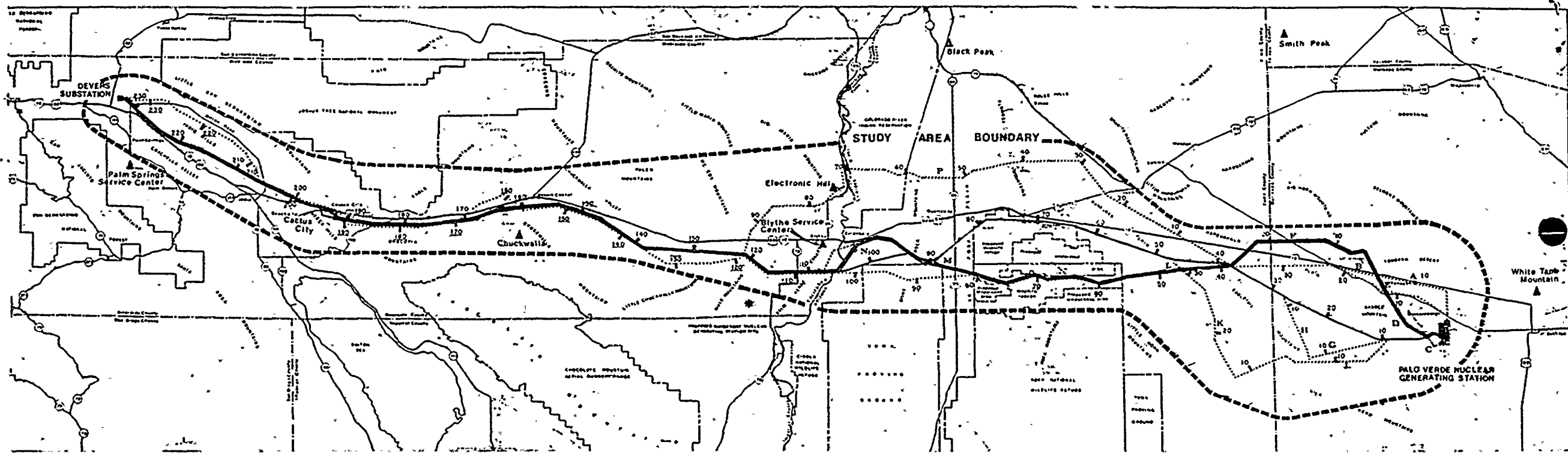
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PROPOSED  
PALO VERDE-DEVERS 500KV TRANSMISSION LINE

STUDY AREA

ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERRED ROUTE

SOURCE: BLM TEAM & APPLICANT

ROUTES UNDER STUDY  
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