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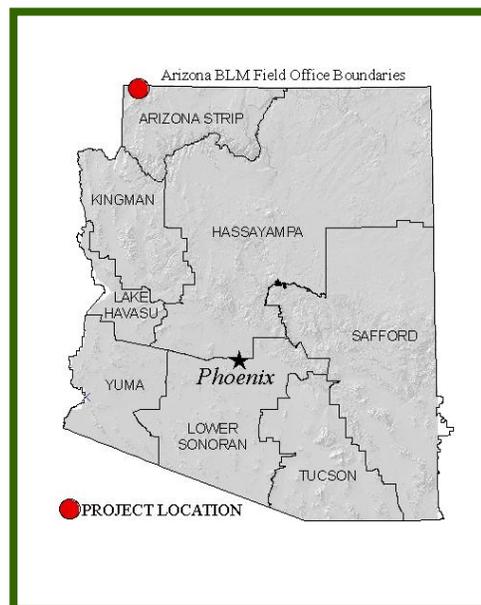
Virgin River Canyon Campground Solar Power Installation and Accessibility Improvements

Need

The Virgin River Canyon Recreation Area, located in northwestern Arizona along Interstate 15, is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Strip Field Office. The campground's solar power installation and accessibility improvements project will provide the 75-site developed campground and day use area with a 50-kilowatt solar power system. The project will also improve trails, campsites, picnic facilities and comfort stations to meet accessibility standards.

Recovery Act Funding

On March 31, 2010, a contract was awarded to Johnson Controls for \$530,000. Construction is estimated to begin in October, 2010 and be completed in December, 2010. A contract to construct the accessibility improvements was awarded to JNJ Engineering Construction for \$84,000; work is underway and is expected to be completed in October, 2010.



Benefits

The solar power system will provide an estimated 30 % of the electricity used in the campground operations and demonstrate the use of a renewable energy source at a popular federal recreation site. The accessibility improvements to campground and picnic facilities will allow increased public access and comply with federal accessibility standards.



More Information

The campground and comfort stations will remain open throughout installation of the solar panels, and there will be minimal electrical service interruption. Access to facilities may temporarily be restricted during the project.

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