

## **Notice of Availability**

### **Draft Environmental Assessment for Railroad Valley Land Withdrawal**

#### **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that analyzes the environmental impacts of withdrawing approximately 22,684 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-managed lands on a dry lakebed, or playa, at Railroad Valley (RRV), Nevada. Under the Proposed Action, NASA has requested the Secretary of Interior to withdraw the lands from all forms of appropriation or other disposition under the public land laws, including the mining, mineral leasing, and geothermal leasing laws, for 20 years, subject to valid existing rights to preserve the integrity of the land surface in the withdrawal area for use in NASA's Earth-observing satellite calibration activities.

The EA evaluated the potential impacts associated with biological resources, geology, soils, and mineral resources, water resources, socioeconomics, and land use. The EA found that the Proposed Action would not result in, or contribute to, significant impacts to any of these resources, as there would be no changes to the current activities on the site and the land would continue to be managed by BLM.

Public comments will be accepted through July 24, 2022, and can be submitted via email to HQ-NASA-RRV-Environmental-Assessment@mail.nasa.gov, or by mail to: NASA Environmental Engineering and Occupational Health Office/AS10, ATTN: Amy Keith, Building 4249, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812. Copies of the Draft EA are available at the following library locations: Tonopah Public Library, 167 S. Central St., Tonopah, NV 89049; White Pine County Library, 950 Campton St, Ely, NV 89301; and Lincoln County Library, 121 Joshua Tree Street, Alamo, NV 89001. The EA will also be posted on the NASA NEPA Library on June 23, 2022 at <https://www.nasa.gov/emd/nepa-public-reviews>.